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The jury has decided: Edible spoons, brain food and natural sugar are the winners of the Startup Days at the Green Week 2019

The jury at the second Startup Day of the International Green Week Berlin had made their decisions: the winner was Spountainable (www.startnext.com/spountainable). This startup has developed sustainable, edible ice cream spoons made of cocoa fibre. They will replace plastic spoons and reduce waste, says Amelie Vermeer. Second place went to Hans Brainfood (<https://hans-brainfood.de>), a food bar made exclusively from shelled hemp seeds and honey. According to the company's founder Matthias Coufal, eating this snack helps to keep mentally fit. The bar contains Omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids, vitamin B, iron, magnesium and essential amino acids. Third prize went to De Caña Panela natural sugar (www.de-cana.com/). This sugar cane product is 100 per cent organic, is grown in the Colombian highlands, and is marketed in non-refined form to keep all its vitamins and minerals, says Anna Elisabeth Segovia, the company's founder and daughter of Colombian parents.

This was the second time that the International Green Week Berlin had focused on new food companies at the Startup Days. The aim was to bring new companies together with established food retail stakeholders and opinion-formers, enabling them to make contact with investors, project and sales partners.

50 companies had applied for the Startup Days at the Green Week, of whom 20 were chosen by Messe Berlin for the final round. Over two days at the Professional Center they each delivered a five-minute pitch in front of a six-member jury made up of representatives of the retail trade, experts from the food industry and organisations promoting startups.



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