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Biology, meet the data engineer

Nives Rombini — scientist, data strategist and founder of Navis Bio — on bridging molecular biology and advanced analytics, and a cosmopolitan path from telecoms to biomedical innovation.

Nives Rombini sits at an unusual intersection: molecular biology and immunology on one side, data engineering and AI on the other. She leads Navis Bio, a venture dedicated to harnessing data-driven insight for biomedical innovation, and her route there ran through Swisscom, where she honed the analytics craft before turning it on the life sciences. Italian by origin, Swiss by family, and fluent in four languages, she brings a genuinely cosmopolitan lens to her collaborations.



The interesting problems live where biology and data actually meet.

— Nives Rombini, on Pharma Prescribed

Two languages, one problem

The people who can speak both molecular biology and data engineering are rarer than either alone, and that bilingualism is Nives's edge. Biomedical questions increasingly stall not on the science or the analytics in isolation, but

on the translation between them — which is precisely the gap Navis Bio is built to close.

From telecoms to the lab

Cutting her teeth on data engineering and AI at Swisscom gave her a discipline that pure life scientists often lack: treating data as infrastructure to be built properly, not an afterthought to be cleaned up later. Bringing that rigour into biomedical innovation is a quiet upgrade.

A cosmopolitan advantage

Fluency across German, Italian, English and French isn't just a nicety in a field this international; it changes who you can collaborate with and how deeply. Nives embodies the kind of cross-cultural, cross-disciplinary scientist the industry increasingly needs and rarely trains deliberately.



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