



Balkan Venture Forum

Seven Balkan companies taking part in prestigious European Venture Summit in Düsseldorf on December 9 & 10, 2013.

Brussels, November 26, 2013 – Seven entrepreneurs from the Balkan region will be travelling to Düsseldorf this December to take part in the [European Venture Summit](#). The Summit, is one of Europe's largest two-day gatherings of Europe's most promising high-tech companies, venture capital investors and corporate technology scouts.

Contrary to most industry events, the Summit is dedicated specifically to allow technology entrepreneurs to network in person with large corporate professionals and venture capital investors. The event's dynamic program caters to this need and allows for easy networking among representatives of over 200 large and small companies.

Each of these seven Balkan businesses was selected as an Award winner at one of the regional qualifiers of the *European Venture Contest*. These events, the Balkan Venture Forums in Sofia (May 21 & 22) and Tirana (November 14 & 15), allowed entrepreneurs from the Balkan peninsula a direct road to meeting international business contacts. The Forums target entrepreneurs with a scalable technology concept and the drive to grow their business internationally.

Taking part in 2014

Fast-growing high-tech companies from the wider SEE region (from Italy to the Bosphorus and from Hungary to Greece) that are eager to take part in similar investment Forums and the European Venture Summit will many have more opportunities in 2014. There will be two editions of the Balkan Venture Forum that will take place in the spring in Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina and in the fall in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Interested high-tech entrepreneurs are invited to contact adeline@e-unlimited.com.

Selected companies will receive free coaching, meetings with investors and a chance to present on stage just what makes their company something to keep an eye on.

The Balkan Venture Forum

The Balkan Venture Forum series of events is organized by *Balkan Unlimited*, a foundation dedicated to the advancement of entrepreneurship, innovation, venture capital and partnership in the Balkans; *Crimson Capital*, an international leader in emerging market development and *Europe Unlimited*, Europe's largest network of innovative companies and venture capital investors.

With four previous editions (Skopje, Belgrade, Sofia & Tirana), the Balkan Venture Forum series has gathered over 1.000 relevant industry participants. For more information, please visit <http://www.balkanventureforum.org>.

The Balkan Venture Forums are supported by the SEE Programme project VIBE (Venture Initiative in Balkan Europe), which is being co-financed by the European Union. The support of the Forum is one of the main objectives of VIBE, which is a regional eco-system accelerator that takes on the challenge of developing the



innovation and entrepreneurship system in the SEE. It does this through high-impact actions that enable a key financing process for innovation and entrepreneurship, which is crucial to the development of a knowledge-based economy in the SEE region.

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