



Balkan Venture Forum Tirana, 2013

7 Albanian companies Awarded Best Presenter at Balkan Venture Forum Tirana to continue in European Venture Contest

Brussels, November 18, 2013 - The Balkan Venture Forum Tirana on November 14 & 15 showcased 28 regional entrepreneurs to an audience of international venture capital investors. The presenting companies, selected from over 100 applications by an international jury, were selected based upon merit in the following categories:

- **Business potential**
- **Team experience**
- **Product / technology**
- **Competitive position**
- **Investment potential**

Participating entrepreneurs included representatives from Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia & Slovenia. On November 14 & 15 the jury of investors and industry experts reviewed and rated every presenting company and the 7 Award Winners of Balkan Venture Forum Tirana, were announced at the closing and award ceremony.

The following seven companies were selected as winners of the Balkan Venture Forum Tirana 2013:

- [123 Albania shpk.](#)
- [TM Vista d.o.o.](#)
- [ENERGOMECHANIC](#)
- [LEEVI](#)
- [iVote](#)
- [EPIKINONIA LTD](#)
- [SmartROFO](#)

Each of these selected companies will continue to participate in the European Venture Contest, Europe's largest contest for high-tech entrepreneurs seeking investment capital. As Award winners, they are automatically selected to the prestigious European Venture Summit (www.e-unlimited.com/evs) that takes place on 9 & 10 December in Dusseldorf. The Summit is the finale of the Venture Contest and gathering point for some 120 award-winning companies and 100+ venture capital investors.



Five of the Award Winners and Mrs. Milena Harito, Minister for Innovation and Public Administration of the Republic of Albania

About 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 three previous editions (Skopje, Belgrade & Sofia), the Balkan Venture Forum series has gathered over 1.000 relevant industry participants. For more information, please visit <http://www.e-unlimited.com/bkvftirana>.

The Balkan Venture Forum in Tirana was 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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