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4th edition  
BkVF Tirana

## Europe Unlimited & Balkan Unlimited announce the 4th edition of the Balkan Venture Forum.

For the 4<sup>th</sup> time the Balkan Venture Forum will be organized and this time it will be held in Tirana on 14-15 November. Application for the Competition is open and Tickets are available now!

**Brussels, August 7, 2013** –After the successful Balkan Venture Forum in Sofia; showcasing 37 innovative, ICT start-ups, the 4th edition of the Forum is announced to take place on **14-15 November 2013**. This time the capital city of **Albania; Tirana**, will be the location promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in the Balkan region.

During these two days, The Balkan Venture forum, <http://www.balkanventureforum.org/>, will offer once again an exciting and diverse programme. A dynamic pitching competition is combined with interactive panels and thought-provoking speeches focused on the ICT field. Next to Balkan start-ups also regional and international investors, experts, and other key players from the ICT industry are invited to join this event.

For **start-ups** willing to pitch at the BkVF Tirana, the **application is free and open** now. From all the applications only the 30 most promising early-stage companies will be selected to present at the event. Being selected also means taking part in the **Venture Academy** (coaching session), on November 13. Both the pitching and coaching slot are free of charge.

- The selection is based on several requirements which are outlined here: [http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/view.aspx?events\\_pages\\_id=1833](http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/view.aspx?events_pages_id=1833)
- To apply for a pitching slot, start-ups should register and fill out a profile here: [http://www.e-unlimited.com/register/register.aspx?events\\_id=496](http://www.e-unlimited.com/register/register.aspx?events_id=496)
- More information on the Venture Academy can be found here: [http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/view.aspx?events\\_pages\\_id=1834](http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/view.aspx?events_pages_id=1834)

**Investors** interested in meeting and reviewing the top 30 start-ups operating in the ICT field can contact Adeline Kloosterman (see contact details below) for a request to take part in the investor jury.

All other parties, who wish to attend the Balkan Venture Forum, can buy **tickets** here: <http://www.balkanventureforum.org/book-tickets/>

Look forward to see you in Tirana!

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**Balkan Unlimited** is a regional network of organizations dedicated to:

- Supporting innovation and entrepreneurship development in the Balkans
- Promoting economical and cultural connections, community and network building in Balkans and South East Europe
- Supporting social innovation

As a grass-root initiative backed by entrepreneurs, investors, academics and policy makers, from all Balkan countries, it is uniquely positioned as a truly open regional organizational framework for the integrated development of innovation and entrepreneurship culture.

**Europe Unlimited** is a private Brussels-based champion in entrepreneurship support.

E-Unlimited is the organization behind the **European Venture Contest**, Europe's most effective contest for technology entrepreneurs seeking international venture capital; the **International Venture Club**, a global collaborative network of independent, corporate and institutional investors; the **TechTour**, Europe's leading platform for growth stage entrepreneurs and investors; and several other **pan-European initiatives** in collaboration with regional and national development bodies and the European Commission.

*Balkan Venture Forum in Tirana is one of the main objectives of the SEE Programme project VIBE (Venture Initiative in Balkan Europe) and is being co-financed by European Union. VIBE 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.*