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2011 Civica European Venture Contest picks 3 final winners

The Belgian company IDES Technologies (in the Information and Communication Technologies – ICT stream), the Swedish company Othocone (in the Cleantech stream), and the British company Radius Diagnostic (in the Life Sciences stream) triumphed in Madrid at the Final event of the 2011 Civica European Venture Contest (CEVC). They won the prestigious Civica European Venture Contest Awards, each with cash prize of €30,000, offered by the Spanish bank Banca Civica.

The Final Jury was chaired by Mrs Diana Saraceni of 360° Capital Partners and involved some of Europe's most active venture capital funds. "This was the largest and best venture contest ever organised in Europe", commented Diana Saraceni. "The innovation and investment potential of the Finalists drawn from 807 applicants was truly outstanding", she continued.

The Contest staged 10 qualifying events across Europe where over 450 innovative companies were pre-selected to present their investment projects from a pool of 807 applications. The 10 qualifying events took place in Porto (PT), Reims (FR), Leuven (BE), Aarhus (DK), Luxembourg (LU), Pamplona (ES), Harwell (UK), Mons (BE), Copenhagen (DK), and Turin (IT).

From the qualifying events the Top 150 was selected by the investors and experts taking part in these events, reviewing and benchmarking the presentations on 7 different consistent criteria. Finally, the Top150 companies were reviewed online by the Final Jury and online and live by the 100 investors who took part in the European Venture Summit in Düsseldorf on 28 & 29 November 2011. Based on these results the Top 25 companies were invited to compete at the CEVC Final in Madrid (14 December 2010).

The Contest is powered by Europe Unlimited in association with Banca Civica and sponsored by madridEmprende and madrimasd. William Stevens, Founder and CEO of Europe Unlimited highlighted: "The increasing number and above quality of companies competing every year in the Contest demonstrates the significant potential which entrepreneurship still holds across Europe to impact more on faster growth and better jobs. We hope that many companies will raise investment so that they can bring their excellent innovations to the market."

Mrs. Laura Urquizu, director Seed Capital and Emerging Companies at Banca Civica concluded. "We thank and congratulate all the Finalists and wish them every success in raising investment, despite a very challenging venture capital market in Europe and internationally. We are sure that the recognition of being a Civica European Venture Contest Finalist will be an encouragement to potential investors to take a closer look at these excellent innovators."

About Europe Unlimited

Europe Unlimited powers a vibrant event and online innovation network across Europe, bringing together entrepreneurs and investors and working with partners and sponsors to benchmark and bring forward the most promising innovations in information and communications technology, clean technology and healthcare.

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


























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Winners & Runners Up – 2011 Eureka European Venture Contest Finalists

	ICT	Life Sciences	Cleantech
Winner	IDES Technologies [BE]	Radius Diagnostics [GB]	Orthocone [SE]
2. Runner Up	Phasor Solutions [GB]	Promethera Biosciences [BE]	Borit [BE]
3. Runner Up	Wazzup [NL]	Okapi Sciences [BE]	Greasoline [DE]
4. Runner Up	Optilab [SI]	ImmunNovative Developments [ES]	Skeleton Technologies [EE]
5. Runner Up	Internauto Gestion [ES]	Medical Device Work [BE]	Aquiloz [NO]

CEVC Top25 Finalists

		Stefan Hultberg Accumulate - Stockholm [SE] <i>Technology leader in mobile financial services and mobile security</i>	
		Olivier Delangre Amoobi - Nivelles [BE] <i>Indoor analysis of visitors flow in the retail sector</i>	
		Cristina Soviany IDES Technologies - Braine-l'Alleud [BE] <i>IDES Technologies introduces eyeDES - an innovative technology to replace 20 year old legacy systems in the financial sector, that will help banks, credit card schemes and merchants to reduce their daily card fraud losses</i>	
		Lucio Roman Internauto Gestion - BARCELONA [ES] <i>LOW COST INSURANCE SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY</i>	
		Antoine Perdaens Knowledge Plaza - Mont Saint Guibert [BE] <i>We are a company working on innovative enterprise 2.0 solutions</i>	
		Stefan Furlan Optilab - Ljubljana [SI] <i>We help insurance companies save money from fraud</i>	
		Will Adisson Phasor Solutions - London [GB] <i>Affordable phased array antennas</i>	
		Enrique Vilar Gietz Production Lifecycle Management, S.L. - Barcelona [ES] <i>Visualnet.com, the leading Film, TV and Video Production directory siteworldwide, is now creating a SaaS platform and marketplace to facilitate more efficient equipment and facility rentals, a \$40B market opportunity in the US alone.</i>	
		Gerben Nijmeijer Wazzup Inc. - Arnhem [NL] <i>We automate realtors from A to Z</i>	
		Jonas Heilskov Graversen Cytoguide - Aarhus C [DK] <i>Targeting macrophages to combat inflammatory diseases</i>	
		Ulf Pommerening EBS Technologies GmbH - Kleinmachnow [DE] <i>Non-invasive, patient-individualized, electrical brain synchronization device for the treatment of neurological disorders after stroke or brain injury</i>	
		Josep Lluís Falco ImmunNovative Developments - Barcelona [ES] <i>Immunnovative Developments (IND) is developing a new antimicrobial non-antibiotic treatment for multiresistant infections.</i>	
TOP 25 cont.			
		Herbert Kontges Medical Device Works NV - Brussels [BE] <i>Organ Isolation Technologies</i>	
		Erwin Blomsma Okapi Sciences - Heverlee [BE] <i>Okapi Sciences is the first company in the world to develop and commercialize antiviral drugs for animals</i>	



		<p>Eric Halioua Promethera Biosciences - Mont-Saint-Guibert [BE] <i>Promethera® Biosciences' mission is to discover, develop and commercialize cell therapy products to treat liver diseases in an innovative way using stem cell from healthy human livers.</i></p>	
		<p>Mark Evans Radius Diagnostics - Harwell [GB] <i>Radius is developing 'MAX', an 'X-ray source on a chip' that will transform the economics, deployment and applications of X-ray in clinical, security and industrial markets that exceed \$5bn annual revenues.</i></p>	
		<p>Wolfgang Goetz Transcatheter Technologies - Regensburg [DE] <i>Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation</i></p>	
		<p>Gunnar Egidius Aquiloz AS - Bergen [NO] <i>Aquiloz will develop the next generation of Wind Power Prediction & Trading Information system for wind park owner and grid operators.</i></p>	
		<p>Dominique Surinx borit - geel [BE] <i>Manufacturer of sheet metal products and assemblies for the fuel cell and heat exchanger market. The innovative Borit hydroforming technology guarantees optimal product design possibilities, the best product quality, combined with a high productivity.</i></p>	
		<p>Peter Haug Greasoline GmbH - Oberhausen [DE] <i>Biofuels from bio-based non-food resources and residues - the licensing-orientated start-up Greasoline</i></p>	
		<p>Simon Daniel Moixa Energy Holdings - London [GB] <i>Energy R&D - Vision "To Organize the future of Electricity"</i></p>	
		<p>Agustin Lozano OLAX 22 - Alfarrasí (Valencia) [ES] <i>Olax 22 is a spin-off company working in waste recycling from printing graphic industries and energy recovery from food processing industries and waste water treatment plants.</i></p>	

Top 25 cont.



Anders Bohman

Orthocone - Gothenburg [SE]

We are developing a new liquid crystal technology that will bring a revolution to future products in imaging and photonics



Taavi Madiberk

Skeleton Technologies - Tartu [EE]

Skeleton Technologies has developed a disruptive 50-80% cheaper ultracapacitor product for a rapidly growing market. It will solve crucial energy storage problems in transportation, renewable energy, power quality and the industrial sector.



Alain Lunati

SP3H - AIX-EN-PROVENCE [FR]

Fuel Quality Sensor : Reduction of the consumption, pollutants and CO2 emissions of thermal engines (passenger cars, trucks, marines, off-road, planes...)

