



Launch
4th edition
BkVF Tirana

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

For the 4th 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
- 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
- More information on the Venture Academy can be found here: 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.

