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Benelux Venture Forum 2014

2014 edition of the annual Forum highlights diversified investment opportunities in Benelux innovation and technology landscape

Brussels, July 3rd , 2014 – The Benelux Venture Forum on June 18th served as a springboard for 44 Benelux high-tech companies to showcase just how they will grow into the next billion-dollar company. Set up to highlight innovative business concepts to 45 international investor groups, the Forum allowed entrepreneurs with a chance to raise capital to fast-track their growth plans.

With a modest 240 attendees, event organizer Europe Unlimited seeks to achieve what most conferences miss: a chance to identify easily and meet in person with international investors, corporate groups and industry experts or other startups. As a real match-making platform, the Forum was filled with presentations and networking opportunities; with one-to-one meetings and ‘elevator pitches’ happening across the hallways and corridors.

Through specialized sessions in different high-tech sectors, the Forum was able to attract some of the best investment groups as Jury Members to review investment opportunities in up-and-coming companies from the Benelux region. The 12 best presenting companies were selected by this Investor Jury as Award Winners; allowing them free entry to the grand finale of the *European Venture Contest*; a pan-European Summit which will showcase the 120 best fast-growing companies across the continent.

From the Benelux Venture Forum, the 12 top-rated companies that will continue in the Venture Contest are:

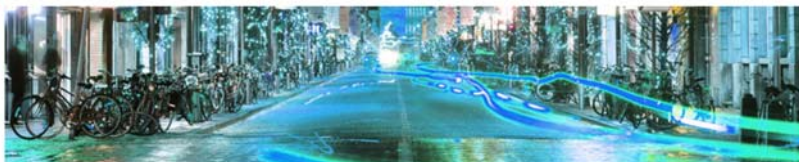
Nallian	CluePoints	The Moneyer	Right Brain Interface
Posios	Ontoforce	VOXDALE	Sensus Energy
Hemics	Sign2Pay.com	Trineuron	FORMAC Pharmaceuticals

Highlighting also from the investor’s perspective the various options in raising capital for a growing business, many panels outlined opportunities in working with business angels, crowdfunding platforms and accelerators, but also less trendy topics such as government financing schemes and corporate groups investing in growing companies. Speakers such as Christian Homsy (*Cardio3Biosciences*) and Marc Moonens (*BNP Paribas Fortis*) added to the mix by sharing experiences on how to successfully expand internationally and adding how more capital can be made available to achieve this.

The Benelux Venture Forum 2014 is hosted by the *Flemish Agency for Entrepreneurship, Capricorn Venture Partners, iMinds, KU Leuven R&D and Leuven.Inc*, as well as sponsored by *BDO, Flanders Investment & Trade, KIC ICTLabs, KIC InnoEnergy* and the *Province of Flemish-Brabant*.

About the organizer:

E-Unlimited is a private Brussels-based company supporting technology entrepreneurs and investors. 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



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growth stage entrepreneurs and investors; and several other pan-European initiatives in collaboration with regional and national development bodies and the European Commission.



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