

The Top 25 Award Winners of the European Venture Contest announced

Over 100 VCs, CVCs and business angels chose the Top 25 emerging companies of the European Venture Contest 2014 at the continent's biggest venture market place, the European Venture Summit (EVS).

121 award winners from Europe Unlimited's 2014 forums and contests were invited to pitch at the EVS and the Top 25 were awarded.

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The 8th edition of the European Venture Summit (EVS), which took place on 8 & 9 December at the Congress Center Düsseldorf, united 121 upcoming entrepreneurs and 100 investors and industry representatives for a dynamic 2-day pitching, networking and idea-sharing event. . These 121 promising companies were selected from over 1000 applications and 600 pitches held throughout Europe Unlimited's 2014 calendar. Jury of investors at the Summit included NRW Bank, Logitech, Samsung, T-Venture, Telecom Italia, Medtronic, E.ON, Evonik, Niton Capital, Creathor Venture, Finnvera Venture Capital, Newion Investments, Seventure Partners, Target Partners, Novo Seeds, Capricorn Venture Partners, DSM, Icos Capital, Zouk Capital and many more.

After speaking at the European Venture Summit, Svenja Schulze, Minister of Innovation Science and Research of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia, commented: "Venture capital is a key driver of innovation and as such offers a surplus for society as a whole."

This year there was a special focus on Women Innovative Entrepreneurship within the European Venture Contest through a special qualifier as well as during the European Venture Summit. Svenja Schulze, also commented on this: "In an economy that relies not on natural resources but on brain power and innovation it is crucial to tap into the pool of potential female entrepreneurs."

Top25 Award Winners selection process

The 121 presenting companies at the European Venture Summit were invited as the top rated companies of the European Venture Contest, selected over a series of regional or sector-focused qualifying events. These 121 companies were reviewed online and onsite by the investor jury on 7 criteria. The Top 25 winners got the highest review ratings following the online screening and onsite pitches.

Europe Unlimited along with the hosts, the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Research, and the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Energy and Industry of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia and the City of Düsseldorf, congratulate the following 25 EVS award winners and wish them all the best:

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Cleantech Winners

- Advanced Materials [IT]
- Canatu [FI]
- Cityntel [EE]
- Elaphe Propulsion Technologies [SI]
- Nordic Power Converters [DK] Plantui Oy [FI]
- Skeleton Technologies [EE]
- Tyre Recycling Solutions SA [CH]

ICT Winners

- ATOSHO [DK]
- MADGIC [FR]
- Nallian [BE]
- PlagScan GmbH [DE]
- readfy GmbH [DE]
- Sensilab [LU]
- TM Vista d.o.o. [SI]
- Visitret Displays LLC [EE]
- WriteReader ApS [DK]

Life Sciences Winners

- AM Nutrition AS [NO]
- CluePoints [BE]
- CuraVac [BE]
- EyeTechCare [FR]
- Inflammalps SA [CH]
- InSphero AG [CH]
- Protectimmun GmbH [DE]
- Synoste Oy [FI]

About the European Venture Contest

The European Venture Contest finds, evaluates and awards the most promising entrepreneurs in the high technology sector by providing access to top-level international partners, advisors and financiers. The Contest, this year in its 9th edition, gathered over 800 companies and 600 venture capitalist and corporate investors from all over Europe. The Top 120 companies awarded at the qualifier events present at the European Venture Summit and Top 25 are awarded. www.e-unlimited.com/evc



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About the European Venture Summit

The European Venture Summit was organised at the Congress Centre Düsseldorf and hosted by the City of Düsseldorf and the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Research as well as the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Energy and Industry of the German State of North Rhine Westphalia. The European Venture Summit was sponsored by NRW.Bank and Gide and supported by EMMINVEST and ATALANTA.

About the Organiser

Founded in Brussels in 1998, privately-owned Europe Unlimited S.A. provides event and online matching platforms between emerging innovative companies and investors across Europe and its regions, sectors and stages, notably brought together in the European Venture Contest (in its 10th edition this year). Our clients are governments, public-private clusters, corporate and financial investors as well as advisory firms. www.e-unlimited.com

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