Europe Unlimited seeks 30 most promising early stage companies of Switzerland and the Alpine region

**Call for Applications for the Alpine High-tech Venture Forum**

*Brussels, 3 March 2015* - The fourth edition of the Alpine High-tech Venture Forum will be held on the 24th & 25th of June, in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Alpine High-tech Venture Forum is co-hosted by Canton de Vaud & the EUREKA Swiss chairmanship with the main aim to **promote a dynamic and professional image of innovative entrepreneurship and venture capital of the Alpine area and the rest of Europe**. The Alpine Venture Forum will be an efficient occasion for the most promising **Life Sciences**, **Clean Technology** and **Information Technology**emerging entrepreneurs from Switzerland and its surrounding regions to meet and present themselves to active international investors and corporations seeking investment and partnership opportunities.

**The 60 most promising early stage companies**

Companies from across the technology spectrum of Life Sciences, Clean Technology and Information Technology based in Switzerland, surrounding regions and part of the EUREKA network can apply to compete to become one of the 60 selected companies.

Out of the 60 companies that will participate in the Alpine High-tech Venture Forum, 30 companies reside within Switzerland and its surrounding regions, and 30 companies belong the EUREKA network. Presenting companies will be chosen from a pool of over 100 applicants.

Selected companies will not be charged to apply or present. The deadline for applications is April 30th, 2015.

The Jury includes – among others - investors from BASF Venture Capital GmbH [DE]; Wellington Partners [DE]; Breslin AG [CH]; Investiere [CH]; Acton Capital Partners [DE]; Verdexus [GB]; Aster Captital [FR].

**For a full list of Jury Members and their biographies, visit:**

<http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/view.aspx?events_pages_id=6133>

**Benefit for applying companies of the Alpine High-tech Venture Forum:**

* **No charge** for selected companies to attend the event.
* Companies are selected by an **Investor Jury**, according to their business potential, team experience, product / technology merit, competitive position, investment or partnering interest, project profile quality.
* Selected companies will be **presenting to an international Investor Jury** composed of Venture Capital and Corporate investors, Business Angels and relevant key industry players.

**Registration**

Applicants can register for the event online at:

http://www.e-unlimited.com/register2/0-register.aspx?events\_id=626

**Registration deadline:**

* Presenting companies: 30/04/2015
* Delegate registrations: 07/06/2015

**Rewards for Selected Companies**

The selected 60 companies will each have a 15 minutes slot to present their business plans to and answer questions from Venture Capital and Corporate investors, Business Angels and relevant key industry player. In addition, they will benefit from networking opportunities, local and international media exposure and potential opportunities to secure funding. The best 25% of presenters will be awarded and continue to European Venture Summit.

**Event Website:** <http://www.e-unlimited.com/ahvf>

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**Note to the editors**

**About Europe Unlimited**

[E-Unlimited](http://www.e-unlimited.com) is a private Brussels-based champion in entrepreneurship support. E-Unlimited is the organization behind the [European Venture Contest](http://www.e-unlimited.com/evc), Europe’s most effective contest for technology entrepreneurs seeking international venture capital; the [International Venture Club](http://www.iventureclub.com), a global collaborative network of independent, corporate and institutional investors; the [TechTour](http://www.techtour.com), Europe’s leading platform for growth stage entrepreneurs and investors; and several other [pan-European initiatives](http://e-unlimited.com/events/list-upcoming.aspx) in collaboration with regional and national development bodies and the European Commission.

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**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 reaches this year its 10th edition, and in the past years gathered over 800 companies and 600 venture capitalist and corporate investors from all over Europe. The top 100 companies awarded at the qualifier events will present in December at the European Venture Summit in front of an audience of 150 top European investors, in Dusseldorf.