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## The Top 25 Award Winners of the European Venture Contest announced

**Over 100 investors and business angels chose the Top 25 emerging companies of the 2016 European Venture Contest at the continent's biggest venture market place, the European Venture Summit (EVS).**

*110 European Venture Contest finalists from Europe Unlimited and TechTour's 2016 forums were invited to pitch at the EVS and the Top 25 were awarded.*

7 December 2016, Brussels/Düsseldorf - The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the European Venture Summit (EVS), which took place on 5 & 6 December at the Congress Center Düsseldorf, united 130 upcoming entrepreneurs and 120 investors and industry representatives for a 2-day pitching, networking and idea-sharing spree. These 110 promising companies were filtered from over 1000 applications and 500 pitches held throughout Europe Unlimited and TechTour's 2016 calendar. The Jury of investors at the Summit is available at: [http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/view.aspx?events\\_pages\\_id=7734](http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/view.aspx?events_pages_id=7734)

### Top25 Award Winners selection process

The 110 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 which composes the Contest. These 110 companies were reviewed online and onsite by investors and the investor jury on 7 criteria. The Top 25 winners got the highest review ratings following the online screening and onsite pitches.

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

([http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/awards\\_winners.aspx?events\\_id=1741](http://www.e-unlimited.com/events/awards_winners.aspx?events_id=1741))

### Cleantech Winners

- **aQysta** [NL]: aQysta has developed an award winning hydropowered water pump, which does not require any fuel or electricity and hardly any maintenance.
- **BroadBit Batteries** [FI]: Breakthrough sodium based battery innovations replacing and surpassing current lithium based batteries in terms of cost, energy, power, longevity and environmental friendliness.
- **Electrochaea** [DE]: Electrochaea's proprietary power-to-gas process converts CO<sub>2</sub> and excess electricity into biomethane for injection into the gas grid, thus enabling utility-scale energy storage.
- **HeatMatrix group** [NL]: HeatMatrix has developed a unique polymer heat exchanger which is corrosion resistant and therefore can recover this heat.
- **Inmold** [DK]: Inmold provides a ground-breaking technology for barcoding of plastic products - solving Industry 4.0 traceability and counterfeit problems with one strike.

- **NexWafe** [DE]: NexWafe commercializes kerfless wafer technology to supply to solar cell manufacturers high quality mono-crystalline Si wafers as a drop-in replacement for Czochalski Si wafers at a fraction of the cost.
- **Spinnova** [FI]: Spinnova makes sustainable textiles directly from natural fibres.
- **Xnext** [IT]: XSpectra<sup>®</sup> is the most advanced real time scanner for defects and contaminants detection.

### ICT Winners

- **DigitArena** [CH] : DigitArena delivers a unique sports arena advert replacement technology which re-populates physical banner content with other advertising content based on geo-localisation.
- **Fastree3D** [CH]: Fast 3D imaging sensors subsystem for automotive safety and autonomous robots.
- **Luz Wavelabs** [ES]: Disruptive signal generation technology to provide actual optical fiber bandwidth in wireless communications.
- **Optinvent** [FR] : Optinvent is a leading maker of smart wearable display products based on a patented see-through optical technology.
- **PIQ** [FR] : PIQ Sport Intelligence is the leading European start-up in sports robotic changing, from today on, the definition of connected sports.
- **Piql** [NO]: Ultra-secure data storage and long-term digital preservation provided as a managed service.
- **Singa** [FI]: Building the future of karaoke.
- **Terabee** [FR]: Enabling smarter and faster robotics and drones, by making the fastest and lightest 3D sensors in the world, and the intelligence for fully autonomous navigation and 3D mapping.
- **Wirepas** [FI]: Wirepas is focused on providing the most reliable, optimized and scalable device connectivity to its customers.

### Life Sciences Winners

- **Biomatics Technology** [DK]: company specialized in solutions for automation and advanced real-time monitoring in Biotech, Pharma and Foodtech manufacturing.
- **Diptera** [IT]: Diptera uses insects to manufacture sustainable animal feed ingredients.
- **Eucardia** [IT]: Eucardia develops a new patented cardiac medical device intended to provide a simple, quick and cost effective solution to treat patients affected by advanced heart failure.
- **Forendo Pharma** [FI]: Forendo Pharma is a drug discovery and development company, focused on novel therapies for women's and men's health.
- **OrgaMime** [LU]: Emulating the human gastrointestinal tract on a chip, OrgaMime offers the microGUT platform to design better food targeting the human gut microbiome
- **Respinor** [NO]: Respinor has broad medical device experience making the first ultrasound sensor that can stick to the skin.
- **TellSpec** [GB]: TellSpec offers affordable real-time food testing, food-safety and food-authenticity.
- **ViroVet** [BE]: Providing innovative virus control solutions to secure and improve the health and value of livestock.



## Note to the editors

### 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 10th edition, gathered over 1000 companies and 600 venture capitalist and corporate investors from all over Europe. The Top 100 companies awarded at the qualifier events present at the European Venture Summit and Top 25 are awarded.

### About the European Venture Summit

The European Venture Summit was organised at the Congress Centre Düsseldorf and hosted by the City of Düsseldorf, the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Research of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia, and Ministry of Economic Affairs, Energy and Industry of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. The European Venture Summit was sponsored by NRW.Bank, BioCampus Cologne, IHK and Orrick.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> edition this year). Our clients are governments, public-private clusters, corporate and financial investors as well as advisory firms. [www.e-unlimited.com](http://www.e-unlimited.com)

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