



Dear Mr/Ms,

I am pleased to invite you as an Expert Jury member to the 2nd edition of the <u>Balkan Venture Forum</u>, which will take place on **22 and 23 November 2012** in Belgrade (Serbia). The BkVF is now held twice a year on rotating basis throughout the region and quickly becoming the leading initiative to innovation in the region.

The first edition of the Forum took place at the Metropolis Arena in Skopje under the auspices of the President of Macedonia, Dr. Gjorge Ivanov. For this second edition we have set up an ambitious programme with strong pitching sessions with companies from the region's many countries and many challenging discussion panels.

30 Start-up companies will be selected by a selection committee to present at the Forum. The selection committee selects the companies by reviewing their 2-page, online, application profile.

Accepting the role as Expert Jury will include the following:

- Gain access to the business profiles of the presenting start-up companies prior to the event
- **Network** freely with dynamic entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, corporates and key players at the event
- Take part in pre-arranged One2One meetings
- Get your picture and biography published on our event website and in the conference binder
- Take active part in one of the Company Showcase as a member of the Expert Jury

Furthermore we want to give you the opportunity to:

- Become a Coach at the Venture Academy, prior to the event, aiming to coach the selected start-up companies in their preparation for their participation in the Venture Forum.
- Take part in a challenging <u>discussion panel</u> on various topics, **subject to confirmation**. And get involved with corporate, government, tech transfer and accelerator programmes.

In the meantime, if you would like to nominate companies who you think should present, please reply to this email with their contact information and my colleague Valery Bejenuta (valery@e-unlimited.com) will make sure to invite them to apply.

Looking forward to hear from you,

Yours sincerely,

