

Eurecan European Venture Contest for the first time in Poland

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On 23 December 2010, Poland for the first time will hold the semifinal of the Eurecan European Venture Contest, co-organized by MCI Management, the National Capital Fund and the Warsaw Stock Exchange. Honorary patrons of the event include the Vice Prime Minister, the Minister of Economy, Mr. Waldemar Pawlak and Mrs. Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, the President of Warsaw.

The event will take place on the Warsaw Stock Exchange. The official part will include two discussion panels with the participation of renowned representatives of the business world: investors, financial specialists and strategic specialists. In the following sections, the companies, which have qualified to the semifinal in Warsaw, will have the opportunity to present themselves before a panel of international experts. Each year the jury of the event includes numerous representatives of the best and the biggest investment funds from around the world. Therefore, it is a unique opportunity for the contestants to appear in the spotlight before European investors and key figures on the market and to raise additional capital and market prospects.

EEVC is an event, which has been developed in Europe for the last few years, aiming to identify leaders among innovative technological companies (lifescience, ICT and clean tech) at early stages of development. The competition identifies judges and awards innovative businesses, characterized by adequately large growth potential and level of technological advancement of products and services offered, which will cause them in the future to have a significant influence on their industry and contribute to increased competitiveness and economic growth in Europe. The Warsaw semifinal will choose 10 companies that will compete on the European forum. The best ones will have an opportunity to take part in the gathering of semifinalists in Düsseldorf (December 2010) and to present themselves before the Grand Committee during the December EEVC finals in Barcelona and compete for the prize of €90,000 (also December '10).

The organizers aim, in addition to seeking out prime picks among the most innovative companies from the ICT, biotech/lifescience and clean tech industries, to promote Polish companies and Polish entrepreneurship and innovation abroad, boost the attractiveness and competitiveness of the Polish capital market and to transform this event into a cyclical event covering the whole region of Central Eastern Europe (Central Eastern European EEVC semifinals), which will help Warsaw become the financial center of Central Eastern Europe.

For further information and applications for the audience of the conference part of the event: <http://www.konkurseevc.pl>.

This event is organized as a joint initiative of MCI Management SA, the National Capital Fund and the Warsaw Stock Exchange with the participation of ATM SA, Eficom SA, PKF Consult Sp. z o.o., Europe Unlimited, New Europe Events, the Polish Chamber of Information Technology and Telecommunications, the Polish Private Equity Association, the Polish Association of Listed Companies, the Association of Individual Investors and Technology Parks.