

Unique Business Platform to Bring Top European Investors to Warsaw and Sofia in June

Eastern Europe Tech Tour 2018 provides innovation showcase and funding opportunities for outstanding companies in the region

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PORTOLA VALLEY, Calif., April 12, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- The Eastern Europe Tech Tour 2018 (EETT) will bring tech innovators and investors together for a first-of-its-kind set of events June 11-12 in Warsaw, Poland and June 12-13 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

The EETT 2018 is organized by Tech Tour, with initial support from Almaz Capital and the Bulgarian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (BVCA). The goal is to introduce entrepreneurs and investors and pave the way for a full journey of innovation, from initial concept all the way through to valuation.

Eastern Europe is the focal point this year. The region is producing one of the highest economic growth rates and has generated \$5 billion in liquidity back to investors in the past few years.

EETT 2018 will feature 30 of the most promising high tech companies – 15 from Central Eastern Europe: Poland, Belarus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Ukraine; and 15 from South Eastern Europe: Bulgaria, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Macedonia (FYROM), Moldova and Montenegro.

Over 200 entrepreneur-led companies will go through a rigorous review process and be assessed based on the uniqueness of their technology, the strength of their business model, vision, capability to execute on the business plan, and the quality and track record of their management. Selected companies will present to an invited delegation of 40 international investors active in the region as well as 40 local investors and regional key players.

EETT 2018 is led by:

Alexander Galitsky, EETT President and co-founder and managing partner of Almaz Capital;

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- o Marcin Hejka, Head of Selection Committee for Central Eastern Europe and founding partner at OTBVentures;
- Evgeny Angelov, Head of Selection Committee for Southern Eastern Europe, chairman of BVCA and partner of PostScriptum Ventures.

The Tour is a great chance for entrepreneurs to present their businesses to venture capitalists and spend several days with investors as one team, taking part in interactive sessions, dinners and special events. The event will bring many opportunities for networking between participating parties, companies and investors, as well as for sharing comprehensive information about the investment process. The official language of the Eastern Europe Tech Tour 2018 is English.

All startups can participate in EETT 2018 free of charge. The application deadline is April 13, 2018. The early-bird registration deadline for event passes is April 12, 2018.

Media can attend free of charge. For registration, please contact hhristov@techtour.com or Irina@almazcapital.com by June 11, 2018 for Warsaw and by June 12 for Sofia. Partnership packages are also available.

About Tech Tour

Founded in 1998, Tech Tour is a community with strong positions in the venture capital market. We promote innovative companies and their projects at 25 networking events each year. We have 20years of experience across Europe and the Middle East and present a unique cross-border platform for innovative tech companies – from idea to success story. Visit: www.techtour.com.

About Almaz Capital

Almaz Capital is an international Venture Capital firm investing in early stage, capital efficient technology companies. A unique bridge fund headquartered in Silicon Valley, Almaz Capital connects Eastern European engineering and entrepreneurial talent to the U.S. market and helps build global businesses. Visit: www.almazcapital.com.

About BVCA

The Bulgarian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association is a focal point of private investors, venture capital funds and the entrepreneurial community in Bulgaria. BVCA works alongside its members to improve the business environment and to drive innovation and growth in the country and the CEE region. Visit: http://bvca.bg/en/.

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