Eastern Europe's fastest-growing tech companies attract European Venture Capital leaders to Warsaw and Sofia*

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The first ever Eastern Europe Tech Tour (EETT) will bring focus to the region as one of the most attractive places for risk investments in fast-growing tech companies

Eastern Europe's 50 fastest-growing tech companies are presenting at the first ever <u>Eastern Europe Tech Tour</u> (EETT) in Warsaw (11-12 of June) and Sofia (12-13 of June) to showcases the region as one of the most attractive places for risk investments in fast growing tech companies.

A dedicated <u>Selection Committee</u> of experts have chosen the final 30 presenting companies, who went through a vigorous application process competing with over 150 applicants for a chance to present to European Venture Capital leaders, local and international funds and policy makers.

The chosen companies have been narrowed down to 15 from Central Eastern Europe, presenting in Warsaw, and 15 from Southern Eastern Europe, presenting in Sofia. An additional 21 companies have also been chosen to participate in shorter format elevator pitches in both cities.

Of the 30 companies, 30% come from Bulgaria, 27% from Poland, 10% from Ukraine, 7% from Slovenia, 7% are based in the USA, and 7% in the UK but originally hail from Eastern Europe, and 3% each come from the Czech Republic, Romania, Serbia and Switzerland but originally from Eastern Europe.

The main sectors represented are ICT (65%), Cleantech (27%), and Life Sciences (8%).

The leadership of the Forum is driven by known names in the world of Venture Capital and Private Equity. They represent top investors from different backgrounds and sustained experience in the region.

Alexander Galitsky, Co-President of the Eastern Europe Tech Tour

Galitsky is a Managing Partner at Almaz Capital Partners, an international venture fund with its head office in Portola Valley, CA, which invests in early stage deep tech companies. Alexander is a well-known innovator, entrepreneur and investor in the USA and Europe.

Pavel Bogdanov, Co-President of the Eastern Europe Tech Tour

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Alawar Entertainment, AlterGeo, Flirtic and Nival. Previously, he led deal execution for Jelastic, Parallels, Acumatica, Alawar, and other Almaz companies. He was a partner at Russian Technologies (RT), an early stage venture capital fund in Moscow.

Marcin Hejka, Head of Tech Tour's <u>Selection Committee</u> for Central Eastern Europe

Hejka is a Co-Founder and General Partner at OTB Ventures. In the past he has worked at Intel Capital, first as Investment Director responsible for CEE investments and then as Vice-President and Managing Director for EMEIA. Marcin has been the Vice-Chairman of the Polish PE and VC Association.

Evgeny Angelov, Head of Tech Tour's <u>Selection Committee</u> for Southern Eastern Europe

Angelov is Chairman of the Bulgarian Private Equity and Venture Capital Association and a Partner at PostScriptum Ventures. Previously, he was an Economic Advisor to the President of Bulgaria and the Deputy Minister of Economy.

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