

**Subject: Apply for a presentation slot: Tech Tour 2017 NRW Venture Forum | 8 – 9 November, BioCampus Cologne. Application deadline: 10 October, 2017**

Dear CEO,

There are many companies with great ideas that lack exposure: pitching & networking opportunities, than can help them expand exponentially.

We are pleased to invite you to [Tech Tour 2017 NRW Venture Forum](#). This year's edition will take place on **8-9 November 2017** in BioCampus Cologne.

[Apply here](#) for a presentation slot at the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Forum and get opportunity to qualify for the [European Venture Contest Final 2017](#) in December (former European Venture Summit), the foremost investment conference in Europe, attracting over 100 top international active investors and 300+ total participants.

- Fine-tune your pitch presentation on 8 November and receive feedback from consultants, advisors and business coaches with experience in venture capital investment and/or corporate partnering
- Present & expose your company in front of top international VCs & leading actors from the high-tech scene
- Network with corporate investors, VCs and fast growing companies
- Get visibility through the website and conference book
- Attend the event free of charge

The event will bring together 30 selected companies from NRW region that bring innovation on the 'the table' active in ICT, Life sciences and Clean and Energy technologies sectors.

The contest provides start-ups based in North-Rhine Westphalia with an unmissable opportunity to qualify for the European Venture Contest Final 2017, in Dusseldorf - Europe's leading networking and investment event for young technology companies. The past three editions of EVC Final attracted over 350 companies, with 80 presenters from NRW Venture Forum and 13 award winners from the region.

If you are ready for the next step in the progress of your company, looking to secure next funding round, or simply partnership then submit your application on this link.

*\*Selection is free of charge, but merit base. Also, note that **applications and presentations should be in English only!***

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Feel free to contact me, should you need any additional information.

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Kind regards,