



The European Forum for Young Innovative Enterprises

Innovact is a unique event in Europe, allowing young enterprises and innovative European project owners to find relevant solutions in terms of **business and development through training, partnerships, funding, technology transfer**...and by offering several options, such as business appointments, coaching, workshops and a funds forum... Each year, more than 2000 participants, and 200 innovative start-ups meet in Reims benefiting from the forum's various business opportunities.

In addition to meetings between European innovation entrepreneurs and actors in Reims each year, Innovact relies on partners across Europe to showcase its young enterprises, its partners, and its sponsors to key support actors for innovative start-ups in Europe.

Innovact thus contributes to building and mobilising a European support network for innovative-start-ups, to favour their creation and financing. For this, Innovact has the support of the European Commission and EBN (The European Business & Innovation Centre Network), as well as from European partners from the public and private sectors who organise events based on developing and financing innovation. Innovact benefits, inter alia, from RETIS (a network combining science parks, incubators, the CEEI, and higher-education establishments), EVM (the European Venture Market, a European forum for capital held annually in Berlin at the beginning of November) and Europe Unlimited, S.A. (advice, network, and events to encourage innovation in Europe).

Innovact benefits as well of many events organised with its partners such as the 1st **European "Carrefour des Possibles"** with the FING (the New-Generation Internet Foundation), which aims to seek out, encourage, and showcase innovation in digital services and uses. A regular date for innovators and users of information and communication technologies, the "Carrefour des Possibles" is a place to discover new ways of using ICTs, encouraging contacts, and stimulating creativity.

Innovact is also welcoming the semi-final of the **European Venture Contest 2010**, along with Europe Unlimited that is a competition to find, assess, and reward European companies that have an innovation with the potential to increase Europe's competitiveness and contribute to its growth. The European Venture Contest offers start-ups **chance to meet major support actors in order to speed up their development.**

This competition rounds off the **European Hopefuls of Innovation**, which is aimed at students and researchers from European universities and graduate schools. In order to encourage their projects, the 25 finalist candidates will be invited to come at Innovact on 2nd and 3rd March, and attend the prize-giving ceremony led by Philippe Vanrie, CEO of EBN.

All start-ups and innovation support experts are invited to participate and share their experience at the Forum's **14th edition, to be held in Reims on March 2nd and 3rd 2010!**

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