

Press release

The next VentureConnect edition will take place on 3 June 2015, in partnership with the Business Incubator of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE)

Bucharest, 3 February 2015. The **VentureConnect** Foundation announces that the 11th edition of **VentureConnect** will take place on 3rd June 2015, in partnership with the **Business Incubator of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE)** and with the support of Biris Goran law firm.

The Business Incubator is an ASE project to be launched at the end of February that was created with the purpose of fostering the entrepreneurial spirit of students, master students and PhD students of the academy and to provide them with support in their entrepreneurial activity.

The 11th edition of **VentureConnect** will be hosted in ASE's Aula Magna and will stand out by a new approach, but also with the support of some notable guests, business angels and investment funds from the American Continent. Moreover, the **VentureConnect** Foundation opens the session for this event's pitches submissions.

The entrepreneurs willing to present their business in front of some of the most important investment funds, accelerators, incubators in Romania and Europe can submit the projects until 13th May 2015 on the event's website: www.ventureconnect.ro. Before the event, **VentureConnect** Foundation shall organize two mentoring sessions to support the finalist entrepreneurs with respect to efficiency and structure of the pitch, public speaking skills and discourse elaboration.

The **VentureConnect** event shall include two pitching sessions: the first part shall be dedicated to students and early-stage companies in search for seed investment, and the second part shall be dedicated to more mature companies in search for a more substantial capital input.

*"After more than four years since we launched the project, we take pride in a community of over 400 companies which visited **VentureConnect** and came in touch with investors. We are glad to be able to offer the Romanian entrepreneurs access to an important network of contacts in Romania, Europe and the American continent, and that **VentureConnect** is the place where investments happen", states Ana Maria Andronic, co-founder of **VentureConnect**.*

For more details on how to participate to **VentureConnect**, visit www.ventureconnect.ro.

About VentureConnect:

The **VentureConnect** program was launched in 2010 by **Ana Maria Andronic** (Partner and Head of IP, IT and Media practice with Biris Goran) and **Daniel Vişoiu** with the support of the law firm Biris Goran, together with a group of renowned IT entrepreneurs such as **Marius Ghenea** (entrepreneur and business-angel), **Radu Georgescu** (Chairman GECAD Group), **Orlando Nicoară** (online entrepreneur), **Péter Barta** (CEO Post-Privatization Foundation) and **Dragoş Rouă** (online entrepreneur).

About Biriş Goran

Biriş Goran is a Romanian law firm founded in 2006, with a team of 35+ attorneys including seven partners, with a blend of Western and local experience and foreign language skills. Biriş Goran is able to provide a full range of legal services with a particular focus on tax, real estate, competition/antitrust, IP, IT and Media, litigation, insolvency, corporate and energy. Famous legal directories as Chambers Europe and Legal 500 have listed Biriş Goran as top practices in Romania for the areas of specialty. In addition, Romanian and foreign media outlets routinely also award Biriş Goran with distinctions such as "law firm of the year" when it comes to the "bread-and-butter" practice areas.

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