



In Collaboration with **ActiveMedia** Digital Partner of Global Forum

Global Innovation Startup Competition (GISCO)

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Evoluon Center, Eindhoven, Netherlands

GISCO, Global Innovation Startup Competition at Global Forum 2016 in Eindhoven

The 2016 Global Forum featured many innovative speakers on digitization. It is the 25th Global Forum, befittingly gathered in Eindhoven, the Brainport of the digital eco - system. The conference featured an inaugural, collaborative event. There is no innovation without startups - so GISCO, the Global Innovation Startup Competition was added to the agenda.

17 companies competed. The jury consisted of pioneers in the startup industry in the EU and the US (Silicon Valley), including distinguished Global Forum speakers and steering committee members.

The winners are: LocaidMe (Prague/Silicon Valley), a safety app to detect threats in real time in public places in an actionable format. Second place went to Strategic Security (Virginia, USA), a network vulnerability scanning solution. Third place went to Semiotic Labs, an Amsterdam based equipment failure detection and monitoring solution company that works with private sector and government entities.

Jurors (By Alphabetical order)



Armando Castro - Partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, USA (via Skype)



Don Davidson - Deputy Director CS/Implementation & CS/Acquisition Integration, Office of the Deputy DoD CIO for Cybersecurity, USA (At the Global Forum in Eindhoven)



Randall Mark Foster - Venture Capital, Investor, Strategic Connector, Tech Entrepreneur, and Startup Advisor, USA (via Skype)



Jay Edwin Gillette - Professor of Information and Communication Sciences, Ball State University / Senior Research Fellow and Institute Secretary Digital Policy Institute, / Fullbright Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies, University of Oulu, Finland 2014-2015; USA (At the Global Forum in Eindhoven)



Pete Justen - CEO at Five Plus and Chairman of the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem, USA (via Skype)



Eric Legale - Managing Director Issy Media, City of Issy-Les-Moulineaux, France (At the Global Forum in Eindhoven)



Pierre Laffitte - President Sophia Antipolis Foundation, France (At the Global Forum in Eindhoven)



Julie Levenson - Partner and Co-Founder La Honda Advisors, USA (via Skype)



Sébastien Lévy - Vice-President Global Forum/Shaping the Future; Associated Partner of ITEMS International, France (At the Global Forum in Eindhoven)



Ewout Mante - Corporate Strategy & Innovation Management, Netherlands (At the Global Forum in Eindhoven)



Diana Rothschild - Founder of NextKids and CEO of Nextspace, USA (via Skype)



Niki. V Santo - Director at Brandman University, Chapman University System, USA (via Skype)



Michael Stankosky - Research Professor George Washington University, USA (At the Global Forum in Eindhoven)



Sylviane Toporkoff - President Global Forum/Shaping the Future/ Founder & Partner Items International, France At the Global Forum in Eindhoven)



Paul Wormeli - Innovation Strategist Wormeli Consulting / Executive Director Emeritus, Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute – IJIS, USA (At the Global Forum in Eindhoven)

AWARDS

GOLD MEDAL

Aakash Ravi Co-Founder and COO, locaid.me, USA

Prizes, Opportunities, and Resources First place winner:

1. Invitation to participate as a finalist at the **CES Matchfest business matchmaking and startup competition** in Las Vegas, January 2017, including full CES participation (**3 persons**).
Sponsored by the European American Enterprise Council and ActiveMedia.
2. Invitation to **pitch to the US Angels Investment Board**.
Sponsored by US Angels Network and the fundraising firm Crimson Growth Partners.
3. **One month business development support**, including any relevant market entry subjects, including business plan editing and writing, business development, competitive analysis.
Sponsored by the European American Enterprise Council and Virtualincubator.us.
4. A **digital footprint review**, including search engine visibility, social media footprint, online reputation management.
Sponsored by ActiveMedia.
5. A legal **review of your venture**, including advise about corporate structure to meet Silicon Valley expectations, IP review and transfer, and immigration roadmap to start operations in the US.
Sponsored by Pillsbury Shaw Pitman's Venture group and Virtualincubator.us.

SILVER MEDAL

Joseph McCray, CTO of SecureNinja & Founder & CEO of Strategic Security, USA

Prizes, Opportunities, and Resources Second place winner:

1. Invitation to participate as a finalist at the **CES Matchfest business matchmaking and startup competition** in Las Vegas, January 2017, including full CES participation (2 persons).
Sponsored by the European American Enterprise Council and ActiveMedia.
2. Invitation to **pitch to the US Angels Investment Board**.
Sponsored by US Angels Network and the fundraising firm Crimson Growth Partners.
3. A **digital footprint review**, including search engine visibility, social media footprint, online reputation management.
Sponsored by ActiveMedia.
4. A legal **review of your venture**, including advise about corporate structure to meet Silicon Valley expectations, IP review and transfer, and immigration roadmap to start operations in the US.
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BRONZE MEDAL

Simon Jagers, Technology Enthusiast & founder Semiotic Labs, The Netherlands

Prizes, Opportunities, and Resources Third place winner:

1. Invitation to participate as a finalist at the **CES Matchfest business matchmaking and startup competition** in Las Vegas, January 2017, including full CES participation (1 person). Sponsored by the European American Enterprise Council and ActiveMedia.
2. Invitation to **pitch to the US Angels Investment Board** (sponsored by US Angels Network and the fundraising firm Crimson Growth Partners).
3. A **digital footprint review**, including search engine visibility, social media footprint, online reputation management. Sponsored by ActiveMedia.
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Runner up to Finalist in Eindhoven (alphabetical order)

François Bordes, CEO WeSmart, France

Steven Carver, Start up Founder Street Scores, USA

Tibor Gajdar, CEO Intechsys, Hungary

Stéphane Herry, CEO - Co founder Gigatribe, France

Ali Kone, CEO/Co-Founder, Coders4Africa Inc, USA

Tamas Kovacs-Bernardt, ChimelIn.co, Hungary

Jerry Kürti, CEO Tabello, Hungary

Ákos Maróy, Founder Aero Glass, Hungary

Emil Munteanu, Ai Motion, Romania

Ildi Nagy, Co-Founder, Marketer, Sybrillo Inc., UK

Andras Takacs, Founder Commsignia Ltd, Hungary

Maarten van der Dussen, Managing Director/Owner, Productip, the Netherlands

Daniel van Lerberghe, Director & Co-founder InnoGage Ltd., UK

Daniel Vincz, Business Development Manager FITOREX Ltd, Hungary