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## Project promoters and start-ups, you have until the 19th of August to apply for and take part in the 23rd edition of Venture 5i

- ▶ One of the highlights of Forum 5i in Grenoble, Venture 5i® is a meet-up dedicated to innovative companies looking for sponsors

Venture 5i® is the funding forum of Forum 5i (innovation, industry, inclusion, investment, international), an event organised by Grenoble-Alpes Metropole. Over two days, this year the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of September, Venture 5i® gives innovative companies from the Alpine region that are looking for sponsors the opportunity to meet a variety of national and international investors. The event offers companies an ideal opportunity to raise funds for their projects thanks to the presence of over 50 investors.

### An event that is not to be missed for innovative Alpine start-ups looking for support

The aim of Venture 5i® is to identify a handful of companies from the Alpine region that are growing quickly. Over the two days, project promoters looking for financial support will have the opportunity to meet major national and international investors that are likely to help them with their expansion. Since its creation, this meet-up has helped over 130 start-ups to raise over one billion euros.

- ⇒ **Project promoters that wish to take part in this unmissable event and obtain financial support for their companies have until the 19th of August 2020 to apply:**

<https://venture5i-2020.insight-outside.fr/projet/>

The selection committee is made up of 23 renowned investors from 7 different countries: France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, the USA and Israel.

On the 28th of September, the project promoters pre-selected by the professional jury must give a 10-minute presentation in English to the investors participating in the event. The following day, the investors have the opportunity to meet the start-ups selected during individual 20-minute meetings.

The president of the 2020 selection committee is Benjamin Wainstain. A venture capital investor who has been working in the energy transition and environmental sector for 12 years, Benjamin has directly participated in more than 20 seed capital investments in companies such as NawaTechnologies, I-TEN, Zenpark and Ideol, for example. He was also an associate at Demeter, where he worked for 7 years, and is now launching a new European venture capital fund supported by EIT InnoEnergy.

« Having regularly participated in previous editions of Forum 5i, including as a member of the selection committee, I have seen for myself the originality of the event in the technological depth of the innovations that have been presented.



*The theme of this edition, “low-carbon innovations”, is of course close to the heart of many investors and of society as a whole at the moment. The jury is made up of 23 investors who bring a wide variety of skills, interests, geographical origins and professional experiences to the table. We can’t wait to find out more about the candidates participating in this edition and to exchange ideas with the winners during Forum 5i!”* explains Benjamin Wainstain.

Venture 5i® is a unique opportunity for companies to present their innovative ideas to the main players in the industry who shape the future of technology all around the world. In addition, the selected start-ups can also take part in Forum 5i and have their own stand near the technological showcase where they can discover new solutions proposed by innovative entrepreneurs and introduce their solutions to the public at a time where global markets are facing some extremely exciting challenges.

- ⇒ At the end of this jam-packed day, two trophies will be awarded:
- The “5i Trophy®” is given to the company that has submitted the most innovative project to the investors.
  - The “Public’s Favourite” trophy is awarded by the Forum 5i visitors.

**Call for applications – free registration**

**on the website [www.venture5i.org](http://www.venture5i.org) / <https://venture5i-2020.insight-outside.fr/projet/>**

**[www.forum5i.fr](http://www.forum5i.fr) and live on [@forum5i](https://twitter.com/forum5i)**

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