

# MY-GATEWAY project launches an open call for 22 CEE and Western Balkan startups to attend Startup Europe Summit in Sofia, Bulgaria.

- **MY-GATEWAY is after twenty-two CEE and Western Balkan startups to attend Startup Europe Summit in Sofia, 15<sup>th</sup> November**
- **Travel and accommodation costs are covered**

In total twenty-two startups, twelve from Central and Eastern Europe and ten from the Western Balkans, will be selected to attend this year's edition of '[The European Startup Event](#)'. A committee comprised of leading startup support organizations from the CEE and Western Balkan countries will select the startups through specific criteria.

**Great opportunity ahead!** Central-Eastern Europe and Balkan startups, MY-GATEWAY is looking for you!

Startup Europe Summit

Apply by **29th** October

Join us at Startup Europe Summit in Sofia!

StartupEurope CEE Network

Startup Europe WESTERN BALKANS NETWORK

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Selected startups will be given the possibility to meet high-profile people such as Prime Ministers and European Commission policymakers to discuss European entrepreneurship and new opportunities. The one-day Summit will be filled with workshops on how to access venture capital, business angel funding, EU funding

and panel talks on how to scale-up. Travel and accommodation expenses of one representative per selected startup selected will be reimbursed by the European Commission.

Take a look at the Summit's agenda [here](#).

Would you like to apply? Click [here](#).

*'We need to create programs and policies to connect ecosystems, founders and startups at European level.'* - Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, and also key-note speaker at the Summit, said at her [speech on Masters of Digital](#). - *'This is with a view to accelerate growth, cooperation and diversity.'*

In order to be considered for the application process and be eventually selected to attend Startup Europe Summit, startups need to have a high growth potential, a prototype or viable business plan and a unique business idea.

### **What is Startup Europe Summit?**

Startup Europe Summit is a European Commission event which aims to bring together startup founders and policy makers. More than 400 people will attend this year's Bulgarian edition to learn about new funding opportunities, meet entrepreneurs and ecosystem builders and benefit from the possibility of closing a business deal.

Check out the agenda [here](#).

### **What is MY-GATEWAY?**

[MY-GATEWAY](#) is an initiative of Startup Europe that aims to strengthen the capacities of high-tech start-ups and innovative SMEs in the CEE region to become better connected, gain higher market exposure, and have improved streamlined access to funding opportunities and talents.