

## Who will be the best startup of 2018?

Blastoff contest 2018 is accepting applications until April 22

**Blastoff Startup Contest 2018, a competition for local and international startups is now accepting applications. Top winners will head off on a trip to international success powered by a funding of EUR 150,000 from Power Angels, a 6-month accelerator program membership by OXO Labs and special prizes by Google, EURid and Impact Works.**

This year, startups from Central and Eastern Europe have the opportunity for the 4th time to participate in one of the region's largest startup competitions, which aims at providing a chance for the best ideas and business plans to get executed. Last year, the competition featured 114 applicants, with 91 Hungarian and 23 international teams and had winners like Chempass, Smartill, vHeart, and Kontrachess. 3 of last year's winners received significant funding after the competition by OXO group and its partners. OXO Labs and Power Angels provided a total of HUF 80M in funding.

Applications for the 2018 competition are accepted until April 22. Applicants are required to fill in the application form and submit a short introduction video in English. In the second round, contestants will have to participate in a video interview to introduce their companies. The 10 most promising projects will be selected by an expert jury and scheduled to compete live on the first day of Brain Bar on June 1.

The winner will receive an investment offer of EUR 150,000 from Power Angels and participate in OXO Lab's 6-month accelerator program. Special prizes include an opportunity to take part in the .eu Web Awards show organized by EURid, communication coaching by Impact Works and Google Cloud credit in the worth of USD 3,000 offered by Google.

### **OXO Labs**

OXO Labs has one of the most experienced accelerator team in the CEE region. Our expertise covers technology, product development, business strategy, financial planning, sales, marketing and communication and many further areas.

### **Power Angels**

Power Angels is a leading business angel network focusing on Central Europe and providing seed funding as well as mentoring and acceleration services to tech startups. Our angels have different professional background from the technology, financial and creative industries, we support our portfolio with mentoring, business network and investors relationship besides the angel funding.

### **EURid**

[.eu@EUregistry](#) is the proud registry manager of .eu and .eu domain names, giving Europeans the ability to represent their business with a trustworthy and secure online presence. The .eu and .eu community sits at over 3.8 million users and counting, many of which represent SMEs and corporations alike. As experts in the digital sphere, they know how important an effective online presence is.

### **Brain Bar**

Named Hungary's most inspiring event, [Brain Bar](#) festival features the bravest and edgiest thinkers of our time to discuss the most exciting and controversial topics shaping our future

### **Blastoff**

Full-service creative agency. They have been organizing one of the largest startup competitions of the region attracting the most promising startups in the CEE region.

For more information and application:

<http://blastoff.eu/>