



# EUROPE KOREA BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

A model to connect the youth, private & public sector Marina Payen, Director, EUCCK

# 12 partnering companies

























**Financial support** 

PR & media

Mentorship

**Judging panel** 

# 40 supporting universities and institutions







































































Official endorsement

**Credit allocation** 

**On-campus promotion** 

Logistical support

# 345 students grouped in 102 teams



Engineering

**Economics** 

MBA

# 2011 Europe Korea BPC overview, a 5 month challenge

# **Objectives**

- 1) Stimulate entrepreneurship, creativity & innovation
- 2) Connect Korean top talent students with leading European companies
- 3) Engage youth, private and public sector
- 4) Prepare youth for real-world professional environment

# Marketing strategy

- Unique brand identify BELIEVE INNOVATION DE
- Integrated online/offline strategy, including SN engagement & dedicated website: www.europekorea-bpc.co.kr
- Official media partner: leading Korean economic daily

**Tracks** 



Mobile



Web/IT



Energy



Automobile



**Prizes** 

1st Prize: \$5,000 + Round trip ticket to Europe

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$4,000

3rd Prize: \$2,000

Most Market Viable: \$1,000

Most Creative: \$1,000

The Korea Economic Daily

Audience Favourite Pitch: \$500

# Multi-channel campaign to foster team formation across universities

# **Online Marketing Strategy**











### Offline Promotion

Media partner

**Teambuilding Events** 



Universities & Student panel

#### Students' Tasks

- Form multidisciplinary team (I engineer) per team)
- Brainstorm innovative business idea
- Reach a consensus on roles & responsibilities

# Skills Developed

Social Skills

Creativity

Flexibility

Interdisciplinary teams: majors & universities

Out-of-the-box application from theory to business models

Adapt to new working style



# Multi-channel campaign to foster team formation across universities



Student panel & Events



Flyers & business cards



Online & Social Media



X-banners



Print campaign

# Translating ideas to market viable business models

# **Key roles of BPC Organising Committee:**

- 1) Run competition operations & provide guidelines for business plan development
- 2) Manage social media channels & respond to information requests
- 3) Filter, select & announce qualifying teams and finalists

#### Students' Tasks

- Executive summary (3-page doc):
  - ✓ Product/service synopsis
  - ✓ High-level business model
- Business plan (20 page ppt):
  - ✓ Market & competitor analysis
  - ✓ Sales & marketing plan
  - ✓ Financial highlights & management team

# **Skills Developed**

Teamwork

Entrepreneurial spirit

Analytical skills

Apply individual strengths to group's common goals

Translate theory to real-world marketplace

Consolidate rigorous research & critical thinking



# Concept refinement & compelling presentation to large-scale audience

#### **Mentors - top industry experts**

Provide teams with:

- a) Real-world entrepreneurial advice
- b) Functional skills training

# **Judges - C level business leaders**

- · Rank finalists and present at finale
- Reinforce competition credibility
- Inspire the youth

#### Students' Tasks

- Visit companies and receive mentoring sessions by industry experts
- Prepare and rehearse final presentation
- Present to large-scale audience as entrepreneurs requesting funding

# **Skills Developed**

Confidence

Presentation skills

Self realisation

Interaction with top executives in non-native language

'Elevator pitch' training



Finale event public speaking





# In conclusion, Europe Korea BPC has established a strong legacy:

✓ For students... skills development and career opportunities

✓ For companies... connect to top Korean talent

✓ For government ... framework for changes in education policies

✓ For universities... credit allocation as practical course work

✓ For society... fostering innovation and entrepreneurship creation of real companies





# Thank you

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