

Luxembourg, 4 March 2019

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

I am delighted to invite you to the second European Venture Debt Summit, which will take place in Luxembourg on Thursday 28 March 2019.

After three years of operations, thanks to the “Juncker Plan”, the European Investment Bank has become the largest venture debt provider in Europe, supporting highly innovative early-stage European companies in critical phases of their development. As of today, the Bank has financed more than 80 innovative companies across Europe, for a total of EUR 1.8bn, creating more than 8,000 highly skilled jobs and mobilising more than EUR 15bn of investments.

Last year, the first edition of the Summit was mostly dedicated to the EIB’s own clients and stakeholders. This year, the Summit aims at being a broader conference on the nascent European venture debt market. Innovators, financiers and advisors will have the opportunity to network, but the event will also establish the European Investment Bank – with the support of the European Commission - as a leading pan-European player in the provision of equity-risk capital to promising European fast-growing companies.

Various panels will focus during the day on the overview of the venture debt market in Europe, investment needs for innovation-driven companies, ways to realise investments, fragmentation of the European market, exit strategies, and much more.

The ceremony will bring together 200 guests, including CEOs/CFOs of portfolio companies, private funds sponsoring companies, financial advisers, European Commission staff members and the media.

The full conference programme is [here](#). Registration is mandatory via [this link](#). Participation to the conference is free of charge. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements (hotel information available [here](#)). Registered participants will receive a confirmation with more practical details.

I very much look forward to welcoming you in Luxembourg and to a successful summit with fruitful discussions.

Yours sincerely,|



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