

# The facts about European venture capital

The European venture capital industry has reached an acceleration point. Europe's highly experienced VCs are creating global leaders across a variety of sectors, from technology and life sciences to consumer and business services.



Europe's entrepreneurial hubs and clusters are thriving with an A to Z of opportunities from Amsterdam to Zurich. (Source Invest Europe)

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Eight of the world's ten most innovative markets are in Europe, with the top three places held by Switzerland, Sweden and the Netherlands. (Source: Global Innovation Index)



## €6.4bn

Europe's VCs raised €6.4bn in 2016, a nine-year high, with larger funds gaining momentum. 13 of the 45 funds raised closed at €100m or more. (Source Invest Europe)



## 12%

Of the total amount raised came from investors outside Europe; North American investors alone accounting for 9% of funds raised. (Source: Invest Europe)



## €4.3bn

European VC investment into European companies has increased year on year reaching €4.3bn in 2016. (Source: Invest Europe)

## 44%

Of the total capital invested in 2016 went to ICT and

## 27%

to the Biotech and Healthcare Sectors.



## 18 vs 46

European VCs are able to fund companies at lower valuations than their US counterparts. US unicorns are valued at an average of 46 times the annual revenue compared to 18 times for their European equivalents. (Source: GP Bullhound)

**“Europe is home to the largest single market in the world. New EU initiatives are set to boost VC fund sizes and attract larger private investors. Now is the time for global investors to look to Europe and harness the opportunities on offer”.**

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