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70 active international investors and **50** companies active in *Healthcare, Food & Nutrition, Material & Manufacturing and Smart Services* will take part in traditionally popular business event in Maastricht this November. **Benelux Venture Forum** (BVF) supports regional innovation startups for the last 18 years. The 2018 edition will take place on **13-14 November in Maastricht**.

The Netherlands' centuries-old tradition of creativity, pragmatism, entrepreneurship, openness and collaboration forms a perfect fit for business innovations. These qualities make the whole region the perfect place to find solutions to the challenges society is facing today. Moreover, the regional start-up business climate is currently ranked first in Europe. An emergent European Silicon Valley, the Netherlands' tech start-up scene has seen huge developments in Cleantech, Healthtech, and 3D printing in recent years.

Benelux Venture Forum 2018 is welcoming the internationally renowned speaker and innovator in the world of finance and Venture Capital <u>Marcel Prins</u>. Working with Stanford University, he recently published a scientific article on using Alternative data in Institutional Investing.

More highlights of the Programme of Benelux Venture Forum 2018 this year:

- Partnering opportunities for entrepreneurs, investors and corporations;
- Highly-specialized, structured business presentations with direct feedback from experts;
- Roundtable discussions on cutting edge topics with active European experts;
- Ample networking time to establish new contacts and follow-up existing ones;
- One2One meetings between investors and entrepreneurs;
- Networking dinner at <u>Bonnefantenmuseum</u>.

The <u>registration</u> deadline for participants interested in attending Benelux Venture Forum is up to 12 November 2018.

<u>Media representatives can register for BVF 2018 free of charge up to 13 November 2018</u> on the event's <u>website</u> or at the registration desk onsite.



About the organisers of Benelux Venture Forum

Tech Tour

Founded in 1998, Tech Tour is a unique cross-border platform for growing and emerging innovative tech companies on their way to investment and funding – from the idea to the success story. The platform supports innovative companies and their projects through online community space and in person at 25 networking events that we organise each year. Tech Tour is well known in the venture capital market with its 20-years of experience across Europe and the Middle East, and planning to enlarge our scope of work to China. For more information please visit: https://www.techtour.com/

Brightlands

Brightlands is an open innovation community of more than 20.000 entrepreneurs, scientists and students at four campuses in the province of Limburg, the Netherlands. Joint focus is health and sustainability. Brightlands combines science, business and education in materials, health, food and smart services. The campuses offer state of the art facilities to support research, development, innovation and growth.

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