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Machine learning, energy transition, big data and cutting edge solar technologies on show at the 2018 Cleantech Summit Energy Transition

21 November 2018 – Tech Tour announces today the 30 scale-up cleantech companies who have been selected to present at the [2018 Cleantech Summit Energy Transition](#). These companies represent the very best investment opportunities within the cleantech sector in Europe and follow on from 8 successful past editions of the Summit where 205 companies have presented since 2013 and who have generated a total of €579 million in deal value. Past presenting companies generating upward of €20 million in investment following their participation include Avantium, Green Biologics, Glo AB and FRX Polymers.

With a special focus on Energy Transition, the [30 selected companies](#) are active in energy generation and storage, energy efficiency, big data and analytics, industry, offshore, smart cities, smart mobility and logistics. The companies come from across Europe with the majority based in the Netherlands (28%) and remainder from Germany (10%), Italy (10%), the United Kingdom (8%), France (5%), Sweden (3%), Portugal (3%), Norway (3%), Finland (3%), Denmark (3%) and Israel (3%).

Summit Vice-President, **Aruna Subramanian** (SABIC Ventures), who acted as head of the Selection Committee of the presenting companies had this to say: *“Energy Transition is more topical than ever before and the market is racing towards alternative solutions in every sector. As a selection panel, we have attempted to reflect current industry dynamics and challenges in the technologies we chose to showcase at this event”*.

The [City of Rotterdam](#) acts as the backdrop to this year’s edition and is a city which aspires to be a leading player in the Energy Transition, presenting a unique opportunity to set an example for how to manage this transition in close collaboration with the petrochemical sector which has a huge presence in the city/port.

Summit President, **Klaas de Boer** (Entrepreneurs Fund) noted: *“Every day there are headlines in the papers telling us why we need the energy transition now. My ambition for this Cleantech Summit is to help emerging European leaders in the space gain access to capital and other resources to bring their solutions to market at scale in as short a timeframe as possible.”*

The 2018 Cleantech Summit Energy Transition is complimented by a [diverse programme](#) to showcase industry insight and transnational collaboration happening in the cleantech domain including:

- **Scaling-up fast energy transition solutions**, fireside chat with Klaas de Boer (Entrepreneurs Fund Management), Chris Case (Oxford PV), Annemarie de Jong (sonnen GmbH), Guido van Tartwijk (Heliatrek), and Sytse Zuidema (New Motion)
- **Opening Welcome** by Barbara Kathmann (City of Rotterdam)

- **The energy transition will drive business and business will drive the energy transition**, keynote by Andre Faaij (University of Groningen)
- **Elevator pitches** by ten “wow-factor” early stage cleantech companies
- **Company presentation sessions** by the 30 selected growth stage cleantech companies
- **Business Forum Rotterdam, Singapore & The Netherlands: Opportunities for Trade & Investment**, featuring a VIP delegation led by the **President of Singapore Halimah Yacob** and **King Willem Alexander**, as well as speeches by the **Mayor of Rotterdam Ahmed Aboutaleb** and **HRH Constantijn van Oranje**
- **Energy Transition: Opportunities for Investments and Public Private Partnerships**, closing panel with Entrepreneurs Fund Management, the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Dutch Private Equity & Venture Capital Association, European Investment Bank, Clean Tech Delta, StartupDelta, and DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Media representatives will receive priority access to tech company CEOs and investors at the Summit for editorial staff on the 21st-22nd of November, with the opportunity to set up interviews with speakers, and complimentary access to all sessions. Media representatives can register on the [event's website](#) or at the registration desk onsite.

About Tech Tour

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About City of Rotterdam

Rotterdam welcomes entrepreneurs, corporations, and investors who are keen to seize the future. Daring to push the limits, and the longing for growth, are written into the city's DNA. Rotterdam reinvented itself in the past and is doing it again. With the emphasis on innovation and a can-do approach, things happen in Rotterdam that can't happen anywhere else. Rotterdam is a valuable partner for the market because it offers a short time-to-market. The city is gearing up to offer you high-level service. Investing in accessibility and the logistical quality of region remains a priority. It also offers access to relevant networks of business partners and knowledge centres and the public/private innovation and development funds relating to them. For more information please visit: www.rotterdam.nl

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