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## Tech Tour to provide platform in London for European innovators in AI, Big Data, Security and IoT to meet international investors

The Deep Tech Summit annually showcases the best investment opportunities within the digital industry

The combination of home-grown talent, a technology ecosystem and end markets are transforming Europe into an **international innovation hub for deep tech**, and recently, London is the heart of this trend. Over the past several years, Europe has accelerated funding of domestic technology innovation. Venture capital investments in Europe grew significantly from  $\notin$ 4.1B in 2012 to  $\notin$ 19.1B in 2017, with deep tech funding rising even faster by nearly 10x over the same period. These significant investments create companies, keep talent local, generate returns, and most importantly, continue the virtuous cycle by spawning a new batch of start-ups.

**Past ICT-focused editions of the Deep Tech Summit** have helped presenting companies raise nearly EUR 124 million, with overall funding exceeding EUR 1.7 billion through the last 4 editions alone. Building on 11 previous successful editions in the sector, the <u>2018 Deep Tech Summit</u>, happening on the 9-10 October, will focus on digital technologies including **AI, Big Data, Security and IoT**.

The Summit will unite 100+ investors and corporate players with scale-up pitches from 23 growth and 10 emerging companies disrupting the digital industry. The Summit will open with a welcome from **Rajesh Agrawal**, **Deputy Mayor of London**, highlighting London as an important ecosystem that can continue in this role even after Brexit, where technology transcends politics. **Bruno Maisonnier, CEO and Founder of AnotherBrain** will enlighten the audience during a fireside chat **"From Robotics to Self- Learning: The Future of Artificial Intelligence"** using his experience from building success story Aldebaran Robotics which presented at a Tech Tour in the past.

Nish Kotecha, President of the 2018 Deep Tech Summit commented: "It's a pleasure to support and lead the 2018 Deep Tech Summit in London at a time when the European tech community needs to come together to demonstrate that our European bridges are stronger than those of our political counterparts. Europe is at the heart of deep tech. Our start-ups today will become the economic engines for our future."



**Media representatives** will receive priority access to tech company CEOs and investors at the Summit for editorial staff on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, with the opportunity to set up interviews with speakers, and complimentary access to all sessions. *Media representatives can register* on the event's <u>website</u> or at the registration desk onsite.

<u>Registration</u> for general participants interested in attending the 2018 Deep Tech Summit is still available up until the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.

## **About Tech Tour**

Founded in 1998, Tech Tour is a community with strong positions in the venture capital market. We promote innovative companies and their projects through our online community platform and in person at 25 networking events that we organise each year. We have 20-years of experience across Europe and the Middle East and present 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. For more information please see: www.techtour.com

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