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Europe's leading Investors' Conference is looking for the 40 best High-tech Ventures

- **Call for Projects for HIGHTECH VENTURE DAYS 2018 (#HTVD18) opens**
- **European high-tech start-ups and growth companies looking for capital are invited to apply**
- **application phase open until May 31st, 2018**
- **HIGHTECH VENTURE DAYS on October 17th and 18th, 2018 in Dresden**
- **150+ international investors will meet the 40 best startups and growth companies from the high-tech sector at the #HTVD18**

Dresden/Berlin, February 26th, 2018. Searching for the unicorn. In order for young European high-tech companies to grow and survive in an international context, they need smart investors who support young companies with knowledge, networks and, last but not least, capital. Where can innovative companies find those investors in a format designed specifically for them? At the HIGHTECH VENTURE DAYS 2018.

Today, HighTech Startbahn opens its Call for Projects for the HIGHTECH VENTURE DAYS 2018 – Europe's leading investors' conference in the high-tech sector. High-tech start-ups and growth companies seeking capital may apply to participate in the #HTVD18 until May 31st, 2018. On October 17th and 18th, 2018, 40 selected ventures will be given the opportunity to present themselves to international investors (business angels, VCs, corporate VCs, family offices and "investing SMEs").

The focus is exclusively on high-tech companies from the fields of environmental & energy technology, ICT, micro- and nanotechnologies, life sciences, mechanical & plant engineering, materials science and transport & logistics.

On February 26th and 27th, 2018, the high-tech runway will be located at the SuperVenture in Berlin. Everybody interested is welcome to talk to the team or make an appointment in advance.

HIGHTECH VENTURE DAYS in figures:

In the last five years the HIGHTECH VENTURE DAYS have been the stage for 206 pitching companies from 34 European countries. Thirty percent thereof were growth companies (sales over EUR 1 million or more than five years old). So far, the participating companies have been able to close 55 financing rounds (2013 to 2016). The published funding volume from 32 of the 55 rounds currently amounts to EUR 294.4 million. 153 international investors from 14 countries attended the #HTVD17 and they reported 9 follow-ups on average.

About HighTech Startbahn:

The HighTech Startbahn supports young companies from the high-tech sector in developing and expanding their business by actively arranging contacts with investors, mentors, industrial partners and service providers. In addition to event formats that facilitate the mutual exchange of experiences, the work focus is the establishment of a lively start-up scene, coaching and consulting, as well as fundraising, company building and corporate growth of these high-tech companies. Investors and industrial companies are supported by CVC services, scouting, screening and project development in portfolio building and innovation management.

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