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CLEPA Innovation Awards 2018: call for applications now open



For the third year in a row CLEPA – the European Association of Automotive Suppliers – is organising the celebrated “CLEPA Innovation Awards” competition, and applications are now open!

The initiative, supported by management consultancy Deloitte, will mark outstanding and innovative achievements made in the automotive supply industry, celebrating its excellence in the four categories of Environment, Safety, Connectivity & Automation and Cooperation.

This year, for the first time, a special price is open in each category to SMEs, acknowledging their important contributions to the sector’s achievements in making mobility sustainable, safe and smart.

An excellent panel of judges will examine the applications to assess the ambition, market relevance, impact and quality of the solutions provided today by automotive suppliers for tomorrow’s mobility challenges.

The CLEPA Innovation Awards 2018 Ceremony, on the evening of the 13th of June 2018, which will bring together senior executives from the industry and stakeholders. Place of celebration is The Hague, marking the anniversary of the Dutch association RAI, established 125 years ago.

The deadline for applications is the 31st of March 2018.

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Note to Editors

CLEPA is the European Association of Automotive Suppliers. Over 120 of the world's most prominent suppliers for car parts, systems and modules and 23 National trade associations and European sector associations are members of CLEPA, representing more than 3 thousand companies, employing more than 5 million people and covering all products and services within the automotive supply chain. Based in Brussels, Belgium, CLEPA is recognised as the natural discussion partner by the European Institutions, United Nations and fellow associations (ACEA, JAMA, MEMA, etc.).

Facts about the European automotive industry

- Some 12 million people are employed in the European automotive industry
- European automotive suppliers directly employ 5 million people
- European automotive suppliers invest more than €20bn in RDI per year. They are the biggest private investor into research and innovation
- Per year, 18 million vehicles are manufactured in Europe, contributing to the stability and growth of the European economy