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## CLEPA Innovation Awards 2018: application deadline extended till April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019



In order to allow more companies register for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive “CLEPA Innovations Awards” competition, the association has decided to **extend the application deadline with two weeks, from March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 13.**

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.

The CLEPA Innovation Awards 2018 Ceremony, on the evening of the 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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

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