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PortXL is looking for new start-ups for the port of Rotterdam

Twelve port-related start-ups from around the world have settled in Rotterdam the last year. Six of these have a customer contract. Through this, the port accelerator PortXL has clearly proven itself in its first year. Today, November 1st, PortXL, together with its internationally recognized partners, is launching the new deadline for the start-up accelerator program.

A successful first year

Rotterdam harbour is a haven for port-lovers with innovative ideas and concepts. And the ambition to be the smartest port in the world is of paramount importance. For this reason PortXL was launched on October 29, 2015, the only start-up program with a focus on ports. More than 180 mentors and highly involved partners (Van Oord, Port of Rotterdam, EY, Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship, Vopak, Damen, Uniper, First Dutch, Rabobank, Boskalis, Innovation Quarter) offered twelve start-ups the opportunity to bring their technologies to a higher level. With success: from the twelve start-ups six have signed a customer contract. In addition, all startups have indicated they have the intention to stay in Rotterdam. For them, Rotterdam is the place to bring their start-up to a higher level.

PortXL is a hundred-day program where ten to twelve selected start-ups are intensively coached by mentors to jumpstart their concepts. Start-ups have the opportunity to pitch their technologies in three months to 250 port professionals and more than 20 CEO's. Through this PortXL is creating a bridge between start-ups and large enterprises.

Application

Currently PortXL is looking for the ten most promising port-related start-ups in the world for the 2017 program. The program selects teams with disruptive, scalable business propositions that can be launched within a year. PortXL focuses on Transport & Logistics, Energy, Chemical & Refining and Maritime sectors. On June 22, 2017 these startups will present themselves at the final event, Shakedown.

Startups can apply via the website: www.portxl.org