

## **The Progress of Germany's Clean Energy Solutions Highlighted at Horizon18 Workshop in Boston**

The German American Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (GACC) in collaboration with the German Consulate in Boston organized a workshop titled "The German Perspective on Clean Energy Solutions", at Horizon18, on October 11, 2018.

The audience learned more about Germany's Energiewende and clean energy solutions made in Germany. Jens Acker, Counselor, Energy and Climate Policy at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany presented lessons learned from the German energy transition. Other speakers included Mike Erb from the energy storage company Fluence - A Siemens and AES Company, as well as Nick Rancis who introduced Fraunhofer's TechBridge Program. The session closed with Q&A's from the audience.

The German energy transition pursues ambitious goals in terms of greenhouse gas emission reductions, renewable energy production and energy efficiency improvements. Moreover, it reduces Germany's dependency on fossil fuel imports and therefore its exposure to price and supply risks. Against this background, Germany is pursuing international energy policy cooperations, with the goal of building trusting and lasting energy relationships with partner countries. The GACC as well as the German Consulates are supporting the German government in their aim to foster energy policy exchange with the US. The workshop at Horizon18 was funded through the Transatlantic Climate Bridge initiative.

Horizon18 is a global event-driven platform that harnesses the international movement towards a clean economy. From October 10-11, 2018, Horizon brought together customers, vendors and investors for to accelerate the deployment of leading-edge and current clean solutions. Boston, MA and the Northeast US were the hosts of the meeting with the purpose of developing and scaling new innovations, market models, financial products and business partnerships needed to transform the economy.