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## **École Polytechnique and KIC InnoEnergy invite applications for entrepreneurship in renewable energy**

[École Polytechnique](#), one of France's top engineering schools, and [KIC InnoEnergy](#), the innovation engine for Europe's energy industry, are opening their certificate programme for [entrepreneurship in renewable energy](#) for the first intake of students in November 2016.

The certificate programme from École Polytechnique and KIC InnoEnergy, designed with the collaboration of [HEC Paris](#) was launched in September last year. It will provide participants with the unique opportunity to develop skills in renewable energy engineering and entrepreneurship. The course will be showcased at an [event on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016](#) in Paris at the Maison des Polytechniciens from 17:30 to 19:00.

[Applications](#) for the part-time course close on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The programme features eight days of classroom instruction at the École Polytechnique campus, a five-week small private online course, and an eight-week group project.

Isabelle Schuster, France Education Director at KIC InnoEnergy, says:

“One of the biggest challenges faced by markets the world over is integrating the growing number of renewable energy sources into national and local energy mixes. This course doesn't just develop students' engineering skills. It will provide them with the commercial acumen to take renewable energy ideas to market and equip them to support the transition to a more renewable energy mix.”

The course has been designed primarily for three audiences:

- Entrepreneurs working on or considering a start-up project in renewable energy,
- Engineers and intrapreneurs in companies considering a move to the renewable energy sector,
- Technical staff of public institutions supporting entrepreneurship in new renewable energy projects.

Frank Pacard, Vice President for academic affairs at École Polytechnique, adds: "Innovation and commercial awareness do not always go hand in hand but this combination of skills is essential for the sector of renewable energies to flourish. This one of a kind programme is designed to create a new breed of entrepreneurs in renewable energies. It meets the expectations of the industry and will set our students up to support one of the fastest growing energy sectors."

All of KIC InnoEnergy's online courses are available to view on [Institute of Sustainable Energy \(iSE\) - by KIC InnoEnergy](#) – the new portal for professional online learning in sustainable energy.

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**About KIC InnoEnergy** ([www.kic-innoenergy.com](http://www.kic-innoenergy.com))

KIC InnoEnergy is the innovation engine for sustainable energy across Europe.

The challenge is big, but our goal is simple: to achieve a sustainable energy future for Europe. Innovation is the answer. New ideas and new solutions and products that make a real difference, new businesses and new people to deliver them to market.

At KIC InnoEnergy we support and invest in innovation at every stage of the journey – from classroom to customers. With our network of partners we build connections across Europe, bringing together inventors and industry, entrepreneurs and markets, graduates and employers, researchers and businesses.

We work in three essential areas of the innovation mix:

- Education to help create an informed and ambitious workforce that understands what sustainability demands and industry needs – for the future of the industry.
- Product innovation to bring together ideas, inventors and industry in collaboration to enable commercially viable products and services that deliver real results.
- Business creation to help entrepreneurs and start-ups who are creating sustainable businesses to grow rapidly to contribute to the global energy ecosystem.

Together, our work creates and connects the building blocks for the sustainable energy industry that Europe needs.

**About École Polytechnique**

École Polytechnique is the leading French institute which combines top-level research, academics, and innovation at the cutting-edge of science and technology. Its various graduate-level programmes – Bachelor's Degree, Ingénieur Polytechnicien, Master's, Graduate Degree, PhD programme and PhD – are highly selective and promote a culture of excellence with a strong emphasis on science, anchored in humanist traditions. As a widely internationalized university, École Polytechnique offers a variety of international programmes and attracts a growing number of foreign students and

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researchers from around the globe (currently 30% of students and 39% of faculty members).

École Polytechnique offers an exceptional education to prepare bright men and women to excel in high-level key positions and lead complex and innovative projects which meet the challenges of 21st century society, all while maintaining a keen sense of their civil and social responsibilities. With its 22 laboratories, 21 of which are joint research units with the French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), École Polytechnique Research Center explores the frontiers of interdisciplinary knowledge to provide major contributions to science, technology, and society. École Polytechnique is a founding member of Université Paris-Saclay.

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