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BeON Energy announced as the winner of the second annual KIC InnoEnergy Iberia Award

BeON Energy will receive €18,000 plus access to the prestigious KIC InnoEnergy Highway® acceleration programme

[KIC InnoEnergy](#), the innovation engine for Europe's energy industry, has today announced that [BeON Energy](#) has won the second annual [KIC InnoEnergy Iberia Award](#). Ampere Energy came second and [Eneida](#) came in third place. The competition aims to find the best potential sustainable energy start-ups which will have biggest social and environmental impact in Spain and Portugal.

BeON Energy's innovation Micro 0, is a plug and play solar system which can be plugged directly into any wall socket. It allows users to produce their own energy while still being connected to the grid. This means that with the Micro 0, anyone with a wall socket can create their own solar system in less than 30 minutes.

BeON Energy was presented with the award on 18th November at a Grand Final held at the [Smart City Expo World Congress](#) in Barcelona with the jury made up of a team of experts in the entrepreneurship field. Over 62 start ups submitted their innovation into the competition, with ideas coming from across the sustainable energy field, including energy storage, urban mobility, energy efficiency in buildings, smart grids, solar and smart cities.

Josep-Miquel Torregrosa, Business creation officer KIC InnoEnergy Iberia, congratulated BeON Energy on their win, stating: "BeOn Energy is a worthy winner of what was an extremely hotly-contested competition, with many game-changing ideas entered. This competition gives a platform for ideas which may otherwise have gone undiscovered - the creation of innovative sustainable energy start-ups in Iberia is vital to help the region to become economically and environmentally sustainable."

As the main keynote speaker of the event, Kenneth (Ken) Morse, Chairman and CEO, Entrepreneurship Ventures Inc. and Founding Managing Director, MIT Entrepreneurship Center (1996-2009), explained how to attract customers and reach sales.

Mr. Morse also congratulated the finalists by saying: "The overall quality of the companies and their presentations which I saw today were world class. It is impressive how the KIC InnoEnergy team has relentlessly recruited more and more top notch talent, and then coached them to excellence."

BeON Energy will receive €18,000 in cash and be invited to take part in the [KIC InnoEnergy Highway®](#), a programme that transforms business ideas into commercial reality. They will join over 90 other start-ups, being provided with exposure to a network of over 150 key players in the energy field, made up of industry partners, universities and research centres.



The runner-up, Ampere Energy will receive €5,000 and mentoring sessions from KIC InnoEnergy whilst third place's Eneida will receive €2,000.

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About KIC InnoEnergy (www.kic-innoenergy.com)

KIC InnoEnergy is the European company dedicated to promoting innovation, entrepreneurship and education in the sustainable energy field by bringing together academics, business and research institutes. KIC InnoEnergy's goal is to make a positive impact on sustainable energy in Europe, by creating future game changers with a different mind-set, and bringing innovative products, services and successful companies to life.

With its headquarters in the Netherlands, KIC InnoEnergy develops its activities across a network of offices located in Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Poland and Sweden. More than 150 partners contribute to KIC InnoEnergy's activities, forming a first class and dynamic network that is always open to new entrants. The company's 27 shareholders are committed to a 7 year industrial plan in which they pledge to mobilise €700 million of resources during the period 2011-2015 alone.

KIC InnoEnergy is financially supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and, while a profit-oriented company, has a "not for dividend" financial strategy, reinvesting all its profits back into the organisation's activities.