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KIC InnoEnergy innovators compete for EIT Awards

Sensus Energy, Nawa Technologies, PLESMO, EOLOS and LED safari nominated as most innovative projects in sustainable energy. Winners to be announced at INNOVEIT 2015

[KIC InnoEnergy](#), the European company for innovation, education and business creation in sustainable energy, has nominated five innovators for the 2015 European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Awards that honour the most promising European innovations and entrepreneurs from the EIT's five Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs).

These nominees are among the 73 start-ups, 771 students and 14 innovations nurtured in KIC InnoEnergy's programmes in innovation, education and business creation since the company's inception in 2010. The winners will be announced at [INNOVEIT 2015](#) in Budapest, Hungary on 6th May.

"Our goal is to support innovation in Europe's sustainable energy sector, and to help it to thrive," says Diego Pavia, the CEO of KIC InnoEnergy. "The projects KIC InnoEnergy have nominated for the awards each demonstrate fantastic, state-of-the-art thinking and a commitment to advancing sustainable growth and competitiveness in the field of sustainable energy. We wish them all the very best of luck."

For the EIT Venture Award, which puts the spotlight on entrepreneurial start-ups, KIC InnoEnergy has nominated:

- Rolf Huiberts of Sensus Energy, which provides tailor-made solar solutions that allow for modularly designed solar systems
- Pascal Boulanger of Nawa Technologies, which makes innovative materials based on organised nano-structures, featuring three to five times more capacity compared to previously developed solutions

For the newly launched EIT Innovators Award, which recognises teams that have developed an innovative product, service or process in an exemplary manner with a high potential impact on society and economy, KIC InnoEnergy has nominated:

- Xavier Pain of PLESMO, a project that reduces the consumption of industrial plants by optimising stand-by modes
- Rajai Aghabi of EOLOS Floating Lidar Solutions, a project that has developed a floating laser radar buoy with a forecast model for wind, wave and current measurements of offshore wind farms

For the C.H.A.N.G.E category, which recognises the ideas of young graduates from EIT education and training programmes, KIC InnoEnergy has nominated:



- Govinda Upadhyay of Swiss-based social start-up LEDSAFARI. The nominee is a graduate from the KIC InnoEnergy Master School, and the project encourages communities worldwide, particularly in developing countries, to make their own solar lamps from sustainable materials

To see these and other cutting-edge innovations in sustainable technology register to attend the event in Budapest, Hungary on 6th May here: <http://eit.europa.eu/innoveit#register>

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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.