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## KIC InnoEnergy launches The Call for Innovation Proposals 2016

*The Call for Innovations seeks businesses with a sustainable energy innovation*

KIC InnoEnergy, the innovation engine for sustainable energy across Europe, has launched the Call for Innovation Proposals 2016 in their bid to propel new innovations from the sustainable energy field to market.

The Call is seeking European businesses – start-ups, SMEs or larger, that have an innovation in sustainable energy but that need support commercialising their new service or product. The aim of the initiative is to accelerate the route of new sustainable energy concepts to market by providing support to innovators in developing their business concepts, strengthening their business models, building expert teams, and providing access to finance.

The Call is looking for applications relating to innovations in KIC InnoEnergy's eight "Thematic Fields":

- Clean coal and gas technologies
- Energy storage
- Energy efficiency
- Energy from chemical fuels
- Renewable energies
- Smart and efficient buildings and cities
- Smart electric grid
- Sustainable nuclear and renewable convergence

Proposals are being accepted from 15th January until 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Applicants will then be asked to present their proposals to two KIC InnoEnergy Assessment Committees. Successful applicants will be announced on 31st May and they will then begin their journey with KIC InnoEnergy to bring their innovation to market.

Diego Pavia, Chief Executive Officer of KIC InnoEnergy, said:

"We face a global challenge to reduce emissions and halt climate change at the same time as maintaining supplies of affordable energy for our homes and businesses. KIC InnoEnergy's Call for Innovation Proposals provides a gateway for finding new sustainable innovations and solutions to revolutionise the way all of us use and consume energy.

"Through our Call last year we helped to bring some truly sector-changing innovations to market - this year's Call is set to be even more exciting. Our aim is to further expand our outreach and



connect with the creativity of Europe’s innovators, who work on revolutionary projects every day. We want to help them bring their concepts to market quickly and effectively, shortening their journey from lab to launch, so that they can start making an impact on our relationship with energy as soon as possible. The Call’s aim is to expand the network of Europe’s sustainable energy innovations and maintain KIC InnoEnergy at the forefront of today’s sustainable energy sector.”

To further help those who are interested in applying, KIC InnoEnergy will also be hosting a webinar on the Call for Innovation Proposals 2016 and its application processes on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 12pm (GMT)/1pm (CET). Further information is available through the following weblink <http://goo.gl/Ctr5oo>

For more information and to register your interest with KIC InnoEnergy’s Call for Innovation Proposals, please visit: <https://cip.kic-innoenergy.com/>

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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.