

# InnoEnergy and EBAN unveil EBAN Energy to drive more sustainable energy innovations to market

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[InnoEnergy](#), Europe’s largest sustainable energy accelerator, and EBAN, the European trade association for Business Angels, Seed Funds and Early Stage Market Players, have entered into a partnership to create EBAN Energy, a network that will drive more sustainable energy innovations to market.

The collaboration was unveiled this morning by Diego Pavia, the CEO of InnoEnergy at the [2017 EBAN Annual Congress](#) in Malaga, Spain. EBAN Energy will establish more successful sustainable energy innovations by alleviating common investment challenges, including the long lead-time to market, the capital-intensive nature of the industry and strict legislation.

The partnership will give EBAN’s network of business angels and InnoEnergy’s 170+ pan-European sustainable energy start-ups a networking platform, paving the way for future investments and in turn increasing the number of commercially successful sustainable energy businesses. This will provide InnoEnergy’s start-ups with direct access to funding, helping to reduce the time to commercialisation. InnoEnergy and EBAN will also educate EBAN’s business angels to ensure better understanding of the complex regulatory challenges associated with the sustainable energy industry.

Elena Bou, Innovation Director and executive board member at InnoEnergy, says: “There are challenges for start-ups in any industry, but sustainable energy innovators are faced with a much longer list of hurdles that can make it difficult to achieve market potential.

“Despite these challenges, sustainable energy has a huge impact on society, making it an attractive industry for the brightest entrepreneurs. The launch of EBAN Energy will enable us to provide further support to our high-potential start-ups, helping to drive them to commercialisation.”

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EBAN Energy's aims are threefold: to increase the number of sustainable energy funding applications (and the number of successful sector applications), improve the sustainable energy knowledge of EBAN's business angels to support more informed investment decisions and provide a platform for networking between the EBAN business angel community and InnoEnergy's start-ups.

Candace Johnson, President of EBAN, says: "Our goals are clear. We want to democratise access to sustainable energy by investing in green assets and encouraging entrepreneurs and investors to be active in building sustainable and green development capital. And we want to inspire the global entrepreneur, innovation and early stage investment communities to develop sustainable and green capital."

EBAN will also attend InnoEnergy's events, including the annual [The Business Booster \(TBB\) event](#). TBB is taking place in Amsterdam, The Netherlands from 25 – 26 October, where attendees will have access to more than 160 sustainable energy start-ups in the exhibition.

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## About InnoEnergy

InnoEnergy is the innovation engine for sustainable energy across Europe.

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

We work in three essential areas of the innovation mix:

- Education to help create an informed and ambitious workforce that understands the demands of sustainability and the needs of industry.
- Innovation Projects to bring together ideas, inventors and industry to create commercially attractive technologies that deliver real results to customers.
- Business Creation Services to support entrepreneurs and start-ups who are expanding Europe's energy ecosystem with their innovative offerings.

Bringing these disciplines together maximises the impact of each, accelerates the development of market-ready solutions, and creates a fertile environment in which we can sell the innovative results of our work.

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## About EBAN:

EBAN (The European Trade Association for Business Angels, Seed Funds and Early Stage Market Players) is the pan-European representative for the early stage investor community, gathering 197 member organisations in 59 countries today. Established in 1999 by a group of pioneer angel networks in Europe with the collaboration of the European Commission and EURADA, EBAN represents a sector estimated to invest 6,1 billion Euros a year and playing a vital role in Europe's future, notably in the funding of SMEs. EBAN fuels Europe's growth through the creation of wealth and jobs.

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