

InnoEnergy announces inaugural call for French start-ups

€500K investment available to sustainable energy innovators with a digital focus

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[InnoEnergy](#), Europe's largest sustainable energy innovation engine, today launches its first call for start-ups in France. The accelerator is offering investment and business support worth up to €500K for the best digital and hardware technology clean energy entrepreneurs and small businesses.

The rise of digitalisation in the French energy sector has sparked InnoEnergy's call for start-ups in the region. In particular, InnoEnergy is searching for sustainable energy companies working in big data to artificial intelligence, blockchain to cybersecurity and virtual reality to robotics to accelerate the energy transition.

A notable InnoEnergy success story is French AI company [DCbrain](#). DCbrain, is a big data solution provider for industrial networks such as gas, water and electricity companies. It has been backed by the Highway® acceleration programme since 2015 through mentorship, investment, sales and marketing support in France and Europe, and now has clients such as ENEDIS, ENGIE, and GRDF.

Successful call applicants will also gain access to a network of more than 350 partners and InnoEnergy's European VC community; board-level advice and mentorship; and a front-row seat at European energy events, including [The Business Booster](#) – InnoEnergy's annual networking event where companies across the energy value chain attend to meet innovations under one roof.

Pedro Riera, Business Creation Officer France at InnoEnergy, says: "As the energy industry changes, so does the technology needed to make it a success. From cybersecurity extraordinaires to blockchain experts, we are looking for the best and the brightest from France. By working together, we can create transformational digital technologies to spur a low-carbon future. And in turn we'll offer them more than just funding but access to our unique business support network. We are searching for start-ups who want that backing to make a sustainable energy future happen today!"

This support is available both through the InnoEnergy Highway® programme for early stage start-ups with products ready to be in the market in less than 2 years, and the InnoEnergy Boostway®, designed to accelerate the growth and enhance the performance of sustainable energy businesses as they scale through sales growth, industrialisation and internationalisation.

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The call for start-ups is open until 30th of June and is available for businesses working with digital and hardware technologies in one of InnoEnergy's eight areas of focus:

- Renewable energy
- Electricity storage
- Energy efficiency
- Hydrogen, Energy from chemicals fuels
- Smart electric grid
- Smart and efficient buildings and cities
- Clean coal technologies
- Nuclear instrumentation

To apply for the call for start-ups visit: <http://www.innoenergy.com/call-for-energy-startups>

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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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