

InnoEnergy makes funding for innovation available year-round

Investment Round now open all year to shorten energy innovation journey from lab to launch

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[InnoEnergy](#), Europe's sustainable energy innovation engine, is making its [Investment Round](#), for supporting and launching revolutionary clean energy innovations, open year-round to offer flexibility to businesses to shorten the journey from lab to launch.

During 2017, the Investment Round has already supported seven new projects in the fields of renewables, smart and efficient buildings and energy efficiency – linked to €13.5 million in funding. Since the launch of its Investment Round in 2011, InnoEnergy has supported more than 90 projects with €170.5 million funding, resulting in €3 billion of forecasted sales. This has contributed to 77 patents and 323 project partners working on projects spanning [eight technology areas](#) across Europe.

The Investment Round is open to proven European technology concepts that will help to change the future of the energy industry. By offering funding and connecting successful applicants with InnoEnergy's network of industry experts, the initiative helps address challenges faced when commercialising technology to accelerate innovation.

Diego Pavia, CEO of InnoEnergy, says: "To create a sustainable energy future for Europe we need to propel proven innovations to market in a quicker timeframe. Moving to an all-year model will empower innovators to access the Investment Round's unique mix of technical and market expertise, financial support and commercialising partners when the time is right for their business."

"Working with innovators – SMEs, corporations and research bodies – we act as a commercial co-pilot. Our mission is to move as quickly as possible from application to first finance to fast-track successful innovations. The future of clean energy relies on more flexible and adaptable funding. That's what the Investment Round now delivers."

The Investment Round is open now for applications and businesses can find out more about how to apply via this [link](#). The cut-off for funding inside 2017 is October 23.

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About InnoEnergy

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 solution. New ideas, products and services that make a real difference, new businesses and new people to deliver them to market.

At InnoEnergy 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.