

InnoEnergy start-up wins \$100k at Ocean Exchange final

European sustainable energy innovator honoured with prestigious USA award

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[Turbulent](#), a sustainable energy start-up supported by [InnoEnergy](#) – the innovation engine for sustainable energy across Europe – has won the WWL Orcelle award at the finals of the prestigious USA [Ocean Exchange](#) competition.

Held last week in Savannah, Georgia, the awards are part of Ocean Exchange’s annual Call for Solutions. 15 finalists, including four InnoEnergy-backed start-ups, competed for the Gulfstream Navigator and WWL Orcelle awards.

The WWL Orcelle award recognises technologies that make shipping and logistics more sustainable by advancing zero emissions. Turbulent, a Belgian developer of decentralised, small-scale hydropower plants, received one of the two \$100,000 prizes for its technique to deliver affordable renewable energy.

Jasper Verreydt, co-founder at Turbulent, says: “We’re thrilled to win this award and be recognised at an international level for our contributions to advancing zero emission technologies. Our plan is to use the \$100,000 to further scale our business in Chile.”

Elena Bou, InnoEnergy’s Innovation Director, adds: “Turbulent’s solution really addresses the need for effective hydropower technologies and we’re delighted they’ve been recognised for this.

“The fact that over a quarter of this year’s finalists for the Ocean Exchange competition are start-ups we’ve supported, demonstrates not only the quality of our start-ups but the fact that we are addressing the needs of the global market, ensuring both the competitiveness and sustainability of our ventures.”

Based in the USA, Ocean Exchange is an international platform that works to accelerate the adoption by industry of innovations that positively impact environments, economies and health, while respecting cultures around the world.

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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.

About Turbulent

Turbulent offers a micro hydropower plant (5-100kw) to harness renewable energy from low head streams. The developed technology is easy to install and will deliver stable renewable energy in a cost-efficient way.