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InnoEnergy launches Game-Changing Impact programme with The GC Index

Initiative to bridge the gap between education and enterprise to support Europe's sustainable energy future

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InnoEnergy, the European innovation engine for sustainable energy, has partnered with The GC Index®, an assessment tool to identify Game Changers, to launch the Game-Changing Impact programme. The new initiative will equip students for the world of work to boost European energy innovation and support the region's sustainable energy future.

To bridge the gap between education and enterprise, InnoEnergy developed the 18-month programme in partnership with The GC Index®. The GC Index® is an assessment tool that identifies key roles required to transform the future of businesses and provides students with the framework to maximise their impact in the workplace.

This year's InnoEnergy Master's School students will work closely with a personal coach to develop their core skills to revolutionise the energy sector. This will see them engage in team exercises, work on real-world examples and gain access to influential business expertise to make a positive industry impact.

Commenting on the launch, Frank Gielen, Education Director at InnoEnergy, says: "We're proud to be working in close partnership with The GC Index® to pioneer a new approach to sustainable energy education. People are the lifeblood of innovation and its key that our graduates have the right skills to help Europe achieve a sustainable energy future.

"The new programme supports both students and their future employers. Industry needs an informed, engaged and ambitious graduate workforce to achieve success. Our focus is to equip students with the essential workplace skills needed to make a smooth transition from education to industry."

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Nathan Ott, CEO of The GC Index, adds: “We’re firm believers that whilst not everyone is a Game Changer, everyone can make a game-changing impact. We are delighted to partner with InnoEnergy to help energy students identify how they can make a real difference and thrive – driving ideas forward and achieving their full potential as the innovators of the future.”

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About InnoEnergy

Achieving a sustainable energy sector in Europe is a triple challenge: ensuring security of supply, reducing costs to eliminate fuel poverty and reducing environmentally damaging emissions.

InnoEnergy was established in 2010 and is supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) to address this challenge. Like all Knowledge and Innovation Communities established by the EIT, InnoEnergy brings together the three elements of the so-called Knowledge Triangle - higher education, research and industry – to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing Europe today.

By connecting the elements of the knowledge triangle with Europe’s entrepreneurs and innovators, InnoEnergy plays a critical role in increasing sustainable growth and competitiveness in Europe, reinforcing the innovation capacity of the EU Member States, creating the entrepreneurs of tomorrow and preparing them for innovative breakthroughs in the future.

InnoEnergy works with universities, research centres and industry partners across Europe. It helps connect ideas, experience and skills across the continent to help create new employees, new technologies, new products and new businesses that will create a sustainable energy sector along with jobs and growth opportunities for Europe.

About The GC Index

The GC Index® was developed from work initially undertaken by Dr John Mervyn-Smith, Chief Psychologist at The GC Index®, and Adrian Furnham, Management Expert and Professor of Psychology.

It provides a digital language and framework, which assesses the genuine and potential contribution of individuals. The GC Index®

- Is the first online assessment tool to identify Game Changers
- Measures how individuals are going to make an impact
- Enables organisations to create game-changing teams

Its scientific framework allows individuals to understand how they can make an impact and helps organisations develop teams to drive performance and achieve innovation goals.

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