

# InnoEnergy to enhance education proposition with senior appointment

## Education Director to boost digital learning and links in sustainable energy

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InnoEnergy, the European innovation engine for sustainable energy, has appointed Frank Gielen as Education Director to strengthen the company's education programmes – including its Master's School and PhD School– through blended and digital learning and boosting links with industry.

Based in Brussels, Gielen joins InnoEnergy from his position as Head of EIT Digital's Professional School. Gielen also brings extensive software expertise from his senior role at iMinds, the Flanders digital incubator and business accelerator to support the digitalisation of learning.

Gielen will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of InnoEnergy's education proposition including its Master's School and executive education initiatives. By combining entrepreneurship and innovation into scalable digital and blended learning courses, InnoEnergy aims to encourage the development and adoption of sustainable energy technologies in Europe.

Diego Pavia, InnoEnergy CEO, says: "It's a real coup to have someone of Frank's calibre leading our education initiatives. His vision and passion for the future of higher education will help to boost the unique combination of entrepreneurship, innovation and business content our students receive.

"As InnoEnergy continues to work towards reducing energy bills, lowering carbon dioxide emissions and enhancing energy security through our innovators, it will be crucial to have the right talent and technologies across the sector to make this a reality."

Gielen adds: "I'm thrilled to play a part in realising Europe's sustainable energy future. My vision is to increase technology adoption in Europe by cementing the link between industry and higher education through digital and blended learning. This means we can deliver what industry needs while ensuring energy organisations have the best talent in place to be more competitive globally."

InnoEnergy recently launched its new 'Call for professional digital learning' to search for course ideas such as massive open online courses (MOOCs) or small private online courses (SPOCs) in

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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.

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