

# InnoEnergy launches sixth Investment Round for Innovation Projects

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InnoEnergy, the innovation engine for sustainable energy across Europe, has launched its 2017 Investment Round to discover, support and launch the next revolutionary technologies in energy innovation.

In its sixth year, the Investment Round – previously the Call for Innovation Proposals – is open to proven technology concepts that will help to change the future of the energy industry. By connecting successful applicants with InnoEnergy's pan-European network of industry experts, businesses and researchers, the round will help European businesses – start-ups, SMEs or larger, address the challenges faced when commercialising technology – shortening the journey from lab to launch.

Since 2011, the Investment Round has successfully supported projects to raise €1.2 billion (bn), with InnoEnergy investing €147 million and the remainder being funded by partner companies and investors. This has resulted in the creation of 250 project partners across Europe, with 78 products now commercially viable and linked to €3bn in forecasted sales.

Diego Pavia, CEO at InnoEnergy, says: "Sustainable energy innovation is vital to reduce emissions, slow climate change and provide affordable energy for countries worldwide. Our Investment Round for Innovation Projects has already facilitated a number of success stories and the impact of the technologies is clear – more than €3bn in forecasted sales. It's quite something."

This year's Investment Round has a simplified, streamlined application. The three-page questionnaire will make the round more accessible to an increased number of applicants and enable InnoEnergy to screen technologies based on specific criteria.

"InnoEnergy is at the forefront of today's sustainable energy sector. The Investment Round will enable us to achieve our objective and support more European businesses to commercialise the next big innovations in sustainable energy," Pavia continues.

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The Investment Round is open from 1<sup>st</sup> February until 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Businesses can find out more about the Investment Round and how to apply via this [link](#).

More information about the proposal process is also available via two free webinars. You can register to view them [here](#).

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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.