

# InnoEnergy and WindEurope to hold first joint hackathon, 'Hack the Wind'

## €20,000 competition to solve industry challenges with innovations that could lead to new start-ups

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[InnoEnergy](#), Europe's sustainable energy engine supported by the [EIT](#), and [WindEurope](#), the voice of the European wind industry, today announce that they will host their first joint hackathon. *Hack the Wind* aims to help shape the future of wind energy by facilitating the development of innovative new technologies.

The hackathon will be held on the first two days of the 2017 WindEurope Conference and Exhibition, the biggest European wind energy event, which will run from 28-30 November at the Amsterdam RAI Exhibition and Convention Centre.

**Malgosia Bartosik, WindEurope Deputy CEO, says that** "every year, we look to make our conference better, with new ideas that can lead to meaningful change for the industry. We are excited to work with InnoEnergy on our first at-event hackathon to drive innovation and new partnerships in the space."

Participants in the hackathon will be split into teams, competing for a share of a €20,000 prize. They will be judged by a panel of WindEurope and InnoEnergy partners on their solutions to two pressing challenges facing the wind power industry – one of which will be chosen by leading global renewable energy company [EDP Renewables](#).

The teams will develop their ideas using [EnOS](#), the smart scalable and open platform that is enabling the Internet of Things for Energy, created by renewable energy innovator, [Envision Energy](#).

**Diego Pavía, Chief Executive Officer at InnoEnergy, says:** "We are proud to attend WindEurope with our partners, where we are able to showcase their innovative products and learn from the rest of the sector. With Hack the Wind, we are going one step further by fostering new innovations, which will ideally lead to the creation of new innovative start-ups."

**Sebastian Lara, Performance Management Director at EDP Renewables, says:** "We are delighted to be able to partner with WindEurope and InnoEnergy in this first of a kind Hack the Wind. As WindEurope's member, we know and appreciate the high value provided by their events; with Hack the Wind, our expectations are even greater in terms of learnings and networking."

In addition to hosting Hack the Wind, InnoEnergy is also exhibiting at WindEurope this year, along with some of its partners' products and solutions, including:

- [EOLOS FLS200](#): A fully-equipped floating LIDAR for wind, wave and current measurement
- [Koala Lifter](#): Innovative climbing device for exchanging the main components of wind turbine generators (blades, gearbox, generator, etc.)
- [Pro-Drone](#): Automated aerial inspections of energy infrastructure, focusing on wind blade inspections
- [WindFloat](#): A floating foundation for offshore wind turbines with a simple, economic design
- [Smartive](#): Advanced IoT cloud solutions to monitor, diagnose and control wind turbines

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## About InnoEnergy

InnoEnergy is the innovation engine for sustainable energy across Europe supported by the EIT.

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 maximizes 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 WindEurope

WindEurope is the voice of the wind industry, actively promoting wind power in Europe and worldwide. We have over 450 members, active in over 50 countries. In addition to wind turbine manufacturers with a leading share of the world wind power market, our membership encompasses component suppliers, research institutes, national wind and renewables associations, developers, contractors, electricity

providers, finance and insurance companies, and consultants.

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## About EDP Renewables

EDP Renewables (Euronext: EDPR) is a leading, global renewable energy company devoted to value creation, innovation and sustainability.

We develop wind farms since 1996 and were first listed publicly in June 2008. Our renewable energy business now comprises the development, construction and operation of wind farms and solar plants to generate and deliver clean electricity.

EDPR operates in markets around the globe and is continuously looking for opportunities to expand its business in the regions where it already operates along with new regions, whenever long-term investments conditions are met.

EDP, a vertically-integrated utility company, headquartered in Lisbon, Portugal, is the majority shareholder of EDPR. EDP is Portugal's largest industrial group and one of Europe's primary energy companies. Currently, it has business interests in generation, distribution and supply of electricity and gas and is present in 14 different countries.