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EIT AWARD WINNERS



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The EIT Awards reward the most promising innovators within the EIT Community – Europe’s largest innovation ecosystem. Our categories have evolved but traditionally include:

The EIT CHANGE Award for talented graduates of EIT education programmes

The Innovators Award for EIT Community teams that develop high-impact products and services for a sustainable future

The EIT Venture Award for successful start-ups and scale-ups powered by EIT Community business creation and acceleration programmes

The Public Award for the innovation that gets the most votes from the public



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The EIT is dedicated to advancing the role of women in the worlds of tech and business. To that end, we used a special EIT Award for women innovators and entrepreneurs to create role models for women and girls all over Europe and beyond!

This used to take the form of the **Woman or Women Leadership Award**. From 2024 onwards, the EIT will present the **European Prize for Women Innovators** jointly with the European Innovation Council (EIC). The finals for the European Prize for Women Innovators will take place at the EIC Summit.



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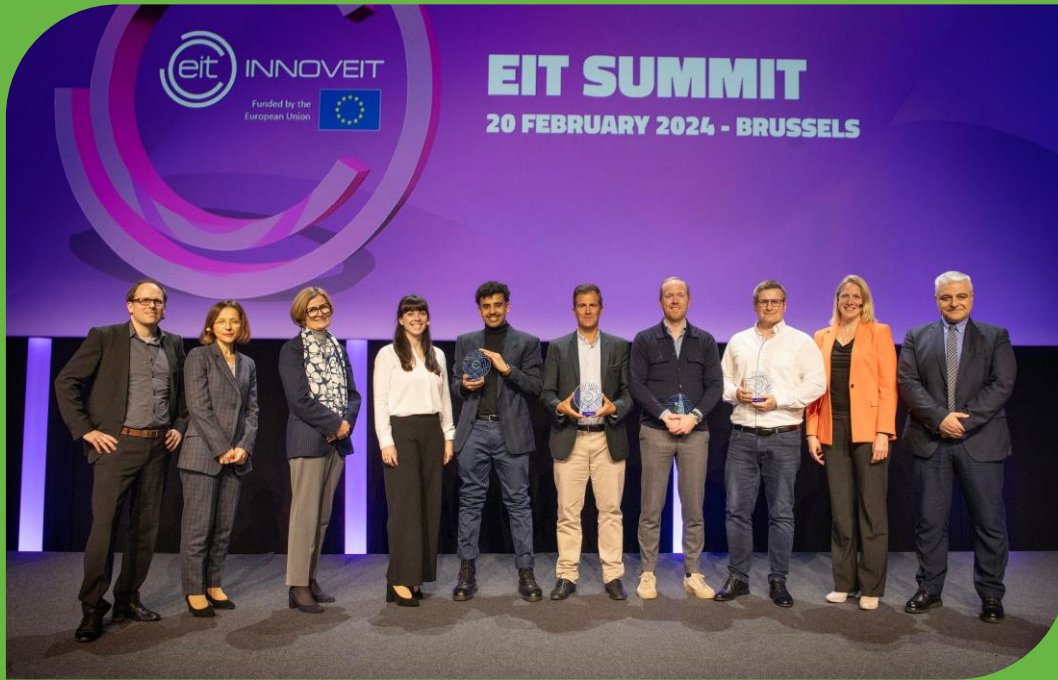
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EIT Changemaker Award: Mohamed Elamir, co-founder of Woamy (FI), for their cellulose-based biofoams, which provide a sustainable alternative to plastic foams with superior strength, insulation, and shock-proofing. Mohamed actively participated in EIT RawMaterials' entrepreneurial education activities and network.

EIT Innovation Team Award: Altris (SE) for their sodium-ion sustainable battery technology. EIT InnoEnergy and its network helped them with their IP strategy, equity investments, strategic partnerships, and funding rounds.

EIT Venture Award: Enline (PT) for their sensorless digital twin technology which forecasts and monitors landslides and vegetation. EIT InnoEnergy is helping them expand into the American market and has supported their business from funding to business development.

EIT Public Award: HiQ-CARB (DE) for their sustainable nanomaterials which can be used for high-performance batteries. EIT RawMaterials provided their team with networking, communications, and financial support. This support helped HiQ-CARB build and improve their products, network, and international standing.

EIT CHANGE Award: Anna Vanderbruggen (FR), researcher with ERZLABOR (DE), who developed an efficient recycling method for graphite and metal battery components. She completed the EMerald Erasmus Mundus Master from EIT Raw Materials programme, specialising in georesources engineering.

EIT Innovators Award: Bernhard Adler, founder and CEO of ecop Technologies GmbH (AT), for their Rotation Heat Pump, which provides cleaner, low-carbon industrial heat. EIT InnoEnergy assisted with expanding their business globally.

EIT Venture Award: Christoph Berger (DE), developer of the Vilisto system, a self-learning thermostat that improves building energy efficiency. EIT InnoEnergy provided expertise in sales operations and access to key tech events.

EIT Women Leadership Award: Catherine Schreiber (DE), CEO and co-founder of ADVITOS, which developed a 4-in-1 organ support therapy for critically ill patients. EIT Digital helped her close a EUR 20 million financing round and provided her with a network assessment of her investor readiness, financial business plan, investor documents, and pitch deck.

EIT Public Award: Sabrina Maria Malpede (IT), co-founder and Managing Director of ACT Blade Ltd (UK), which develops the lightest, most controllable and sustainable wind turbine blade on the market. EIT InnoEnergy assists them with international business strategy and actions as well as network-building.



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EIT CHANGE Award: Chaitanya Dhumasker (IND) from MonitorFish (DE), which developed a digital assistant for aquaculture data collection. EIT Climate-KIC's accelerator programme assisted with their business plan, market entry strategy, and organisational structure.

EIT Innovators Award: Andreu Martínez Climent (ES) from Corify Care, which helps classify disease severity for patients suffering from atrial fibrillation and prescribe appropriate treatment. EIT Health provided essential insights and introductions to experts in investment, management, production, regulation, and market access.

EIT Venture Award: Filippo Bosco (IT) from BluSense Diagnostics, which developed a way to test for life-threatening diseases from a single drop of blood, providing laboratory grade results in a matter of minutes. EIT Manufacturing provided business model support, funding, expertise, and its network.

EIT Woman Award: Cristina Aleixendri Muñoz (ES) from bound4blue, which creates wingsail systems for maritime vessels that reduce engine power usage. EIT Climate-KIC boosted their business model and helped validate their core value proposition. This led to attracting additional capital, advancing the company to the next stage of business development.

EIT Public Award: Karthik Laxman Kunjali (IND) from Stockholm Water Technology(SE), which developed water purification technology with a low energy footprint, high flexibility in water quality, and high water recovery. EIT InnoEnergy assisted with essential financing and business advice, the provision of office spaces, the company's business plan, and outreach.

EIT CHANGE Award: Michael Dittel (DE) from [LeafTech](#), which uses a digital building twin to predict building user energy and comfort demands. EIT Climate-KIC provided in-depth knowledge of climate change, tailored skills, and boosts to their impact.

EIT Innovators Award: Marc Julien (FR) from [Diabeloop](#), which applies AI to insulin delivery, serving as a remote patient monitoring solution. EIT Health helped refine the project during its design phase. EIT Health's expansive network of partners enabled Diabeloop to elevate outreach and internationalisation.



EIT Venture Award: Matthew Dickson (GB) from [CorPower Ocean](#), which developed a Wave Energy Converter (WEC) to use ocean waves as an untapped renewable energy source. EIT InnoEnergy helped with business advice and essential funding, attracting additional investors. Its network and support facilitated the development of the WEC.

EIT Woman Award: Sara Guimarães Gonçalves (PT) from [Trigger Systems](#), which improves the management of irrigation systems with weather and plant condition calculation models. EIT InnoEnergy gave business skills training which played a crucial role in fostering both Sara's personal and professional development.

EIT Public Award: David Pistoni Perez (ES) from [Zeleros](#), which is designing hyperloop technology that minimises infrastructure costs while increasing passenger safety and facilitating maintenance. EIT Climate-KIC enabled the expansion and recognition of Zeleros within the European innovation landscape.

EIT CHANGE Award: Simone Accornero (IT), CEO and co-founder of [Flexidao](#), a software that automates energy data processing and exchanges. EIT InnoEnergy provided entrepreneurship skills and inspiration for how engineering could benefit the environment.

EIT Innovators Award: Ioannis Tarnanas (GR), President and CSO of [Altoida](#), which developed the Alzheimer's Disease Prediction Service (ADPS), one of the first validated solutions able to predict the risk of Alzheimer's for people over 50. EIT Health gave Altoida a comprehensive overview of emerging trends in their domain.

EIT Venture Award: Bieke Van Gorp (BE), Chief Business Development Officer and co-founder at [Qompium](#) NV, which developed FibriCheck, a mobile application that helps detect atrial fibrillation and take preventive action. EIT Health provided a network, pitching events, access to investors, and assistance with getting financial backing.

EIT Woman Award: Isabel Hoffmann (CA), CEO of [Tellspec LTD](#), which developed a rapid, portable, and affordable sensor to test for the quality of raw and frozen fish. Isabel was able to participate in three EIT innovation activity proposals on water and meat quality.

EIT Public Award: Laura Soucek (IT), founder and CEO of [Peptomyc S.L.](#), a peptide-based network for healthcare innovation solution that can serve as a new treatment option for cancer patients. EIT Health provided an expansive network, grant support, pitch training and growth acceleration.



2016



EIT Venture Award: Florian Schneider (DE), co-founder and COO of Nerdalize, which heats houses with computer power, saving homeowners around EUR 300 a year on their heating bill. Nerdalize developed their business skills and network within the EIT Community.

EIT CHANGE Award: Allen Mohammadi (SE based), CEO and co-founder of Hippogriff AB, which developed an accurate, non-invasive and inexpensive tool for the screening and early diagnosis of heart disease. EIT InnoEnergy supported Allen with a scholarship while he learned in their master's programme, where Allen gained new skills and perspectives.

EIT Innovators Award: Norbert Kuipers (NL), representing WE4CC-II, worked with EIT Climate-KIC to develop a system that uses waste heat to create high quality clean water and indoor air. EIT Climate-KIC provided funding and Norbert participated in its dissemination and education activities.

EIT CHANGE Award: Florence Gschwend (CH), co-founder and Director of Operations of Chrysalix Technologies, developed BioFlex, a process turning waste wood into cost-effective fuels. EIT Climate-KIC support, including funding for her PhD and the Greenhouse Programme, fueled her entrepreneurial journey.

EIT Innovators Award: Martin Steinberg (SE), Project Leader at the Karolinska Institute for the Stockholm3 Test (STHLM3), a non-invasive cancer-detecting blood test which reduces the number of unnecessary biopsies by 50% compared to current clinical practice. EIT Health helped with the test validation process, which brought in partnerships.

EIT Venture Award: Hans Constandt (BE), founder and CEO of Ontoforce, for their search tool DISQOVER, a search tool for swift and accessible medical data retrieval.

EIT Audience Award: Carsten Mahrenholz (DE), co-founder and CEO of COLDPLASMATECH GmbH, for the “Plasma Patch” – a device that uses cold plasma to kill multi-resistant bacteria and treat chronic wounds. EIT Health helped with network building, access to EU markets, communications, and access to press events.



2015

EIT CHANGE Award: Govinda Upadhyay (IND), a graduate from KIC InnoEnergy SELECT Master Programme and co-founder of [LEDSafari](#), developed an affordable, locally-assembled solar lamp. EIT InnoEnergy's SELECT program grew Govinda's business skills and emphasised a community-owned approach to providing electricity to un-electrified areas.

EIT Innovators Award: Rajai Aghabi (ESP) representing [EOLOS Floating Lidar Solutions](#), whose EOLOS FLS200 hard-weather device is powered by renewable energy to gather reliable assessments of wind energy potential. EIT InnoEnergy's guidance in organisational structure, talent management, and strategic alliances played a crucial role in EOLOS' international consolidation and positioning as a leader in offshore wind measurements.



EIT Venture Award: Regnar Paaske (DK) representing Nordic Power Converters, which produces a power converter that is a fifth the current commercially available size, half as expensive to produce, and can increase lifetime by up to five times the current offering.

EIT Venture Awards:

2013

Climate-KIC: Dominik Peus (UK), founder of [Antaco](#), whose technology turns organic waste into bio-coal, making biomass conversion available on a global scale.

EIT ICT Labs: David Tacconi (IT), founder of [CoRehab](#), created CoRehab Riablo, merging gaming technology with orthopaedic rehabilitation. EIT ICT Labs helped with internationalization and growing their network.

KIC InnoEnergy: Lionel Chaverot (FR), co-founder of Enerstone, whose technology prolongs battery lifespan and reduces the environmental impact of their products.



C.H.A.N.G.E. Awards:

Climate-KIC: Kate Hofman (UK), co-founder of [GrowUp](#), a London based initiative that demonstrates a sustainable commercial model for urban agriculture and aquaponics.

EIT ICT Labs: Dorottya Maksay (UK), founder of the Homebuddy, which provides social interaction and care for elderly people by matching them with students who need accommodation. EIT ICT Labs provided funding, market visibility, guidance on IP protection, organisational registration, and tailored marketing strategies.

KIC InnoEnergy: Eduardo Appleyard (UK), founder of the Solar Lighting for Africa project, which develops solutions for [SolarAid](#), a charity specialising in clean affordable solar product distribution.

Climate-KIC Award: Christophe Williams (UK), founder of Naked Energy, which with Climate-KIC support developed cheaper and more efficient solar panels. The EIT Community helped them close a funding round at GBP 1.1 million (EUR 1.2 million).

EIT ICT Labs Award: Trifense (DE), a cyber-security company that focuses on unknown threats and risk detection. EIT ICT Labs helped them grow a network that contributes to its growth and development.

KIC InnoEnergy Award: Rosa Vilarasau (ES) and Pol Guiu, founders of Think CO2, which produces energy-efficient, pre-fabricated, and modular homes that use minimal energy.

