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Launch of the "Decarbonathon" a Competition to find Innovations that mitigate CO₂ Emissions and Global Warming

The Decarbonathon is a competition created at the initiative of the Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum, which aims to develop innovations that mitigate CO₂ emissions arising from cities in order to fight global warming.

Several global organizations have been involved in the organization of this event including ENGIE, the Centre for Carbon Measurement of the National Physical Laboratory, Climate-KIC and the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI).

Participants are invited to propose solutions in several areas: sustainable mobility, energy efficient buildings, sustainable energy production and consumption. Their solutions should be applicable at city level by municipalities or by private citizens in a short period of two to five years.

Registrations can be made until November 22, 2015 on www.decarbonathon.org. The teams selected, coached by experts, will have three weeks to refine their project ideas before the final hackathon will be held January 14 and 15 2016 in Paris. Following further coaching by science and business coaches at the event, teams will have 10 minutes to present their projects and convince the jury.

The winners will benefit from publicity around the project and direct contact with potential investors. They will also be eligible for a start-up acceleration program of two to six months with the support of several partners of the event, to get these new technologies on the market quickly, in addition to in kind prizes including electric bikes and eco-friendly trips.

Gérard Mestrallet, Chairman and CEO of ENGIE, said: "With our partners, we are fully committed to support this initiative of Young Global Leaders, which demonstrates our involvement to bring out the most advanced solutions in terms of energy efficiency. Within the ENGIE group, we aim to stimulate innovation in all its forms, we have therefore launched dynamic policy on the matter, either to develop new ideas internally or to support innovative start-ups. After a first hackathon on "smart energy applications" in 2014 and a second on drones this year, this "Décarbonathon" is particularly important to us, as it deals with the fight against climate change, on which the Group is fully committed. As a partner of COP21, we would indeed mobilize all energies to find solutions to reduce CO₂ "









About ENGIE

ENGIE is committed for several years to combatting climate change and has set ambitious objectives with the aim of reducing greenhouse gas emissions:

- a 10% reduction in the Group's specific CO₂ emissions by 2020,
- a doubling of the proportion of renewable energy in its generating facilities in Europe by 2025,
- developing financial resources for its renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

ENGIE develops its businesses (power, natural gas, energy services) around a model based on responsible growth to take on the major challenges of energy's transition to a low-carbon economy: access to sustainable energy, climate-change mitigation and adaptation, security of supply and the rational use of resources. The Group provides individuals, cities and businesses with highly efficient and innovative solutions largely based on its expertise in four key sectors: renewable energy, energy efficiency, liquefied natural gas and digital technology. ENGIE employs 152,900 people worldwide and achieved revenues of €74.7 billion in 2014. The Group is listed on the Paris and Brussels stock exchanges (ENGI) and is represented in the main international indices: CAC 40, BEL 20, DJ Euro Stoxx 50, Euronext 100, FTSE Eurotop 100, MSCI Europe and Euronext Vigeo (World 120, Eurozone 120, Europe 120 and France 20).

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About Climate-KIC

Climate-KIC is the major EU initiative for climate innovation. It is the largest European public-private innovation partnership dedicated to mitigating and adapting to climate change. Climate-KIC is composed of businesses, academic institutions and the public sector. The organization has its headquarters in London in the United Kingdom, and operates national and regional centers across Europe to train students and professionals, support new companies and bring partners together on innovative projects to promote creative transformation of ideas and knowledge into products and services to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Climate-KIC is supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a European Union structure.

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About the National Physical Laboratory (NPL) and the Center for Carbon Measurement

The National Physical Laboratory (NPL) is the UK's National Measurement Institute and a world-leading centre of excellence in developing and applying the most accurate measurement standards, science and technology available. NPL delivers world-leading measurement solutions that are critical to commercial research and development, and support business success across the UK and the globe.

http://www.npl.co.uk/

The Centre for Carbon Measurement at NPL reduces uncertainties in climate data, provides the robust measurement that is required to account for, price and trade carbon emissions and helps develop and accelerate the take up of low carbon technologies.

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About the INPI (National Institute of Industrial Property)

The INPI is the patents and trademarks office in France. It is a fully self-funded public institution under the supervision of the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Digital Technologies. It grants patents, trademarks, designs and models and provides access to all information about industrial property and businesses.

It actively participates in the development and implementation of public policies in the field of industrial property and anticounterfeiting.

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