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# Innovator Support Overview

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This document provides an overview of the key resources and support available to innovators navigating the journey from idea to business-as-usual (BAU) deployment.

While the information here focuses on energy sector specific support available from the Energy Innovation Centre (EIC), Ofgem, Innovate UK, Innovate UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), Energy Systems Catapult (ESC) and the Energy Networks Association (ENA), additional support may also be available from other organisations.

INNOVATOR SUPPORT	OFGEM	UKRI & Innovate UK (Business Growth)	ESC	ENA	THE EIC
GENERAL INFO & PRE-ENGAGEMENT					
Regulatory support for new products & services	 <a href="#">Fast frank feedback</a>				
Information to help innovators navigate and innovate with the UK energy networks		 <a href="#">Intro to SIF</a>  <a href="#">Intro to the energy networks</a>	 <a href="#">Innovator landscapes</a>	 <a href="#">Industry process</a>	 <a href="#">Ultimate guide</a>  1:1 support
Information on innovation projects & activities carried out by network companies		 <a href="#">SIF show &amp; tell</a>		 <a href="#">Smarter Networks portal</a>	 <a href="#">Case studies</a>
Overview of funding available to support the development of ideas		 <a href="#">Innovation hub</a>		 <a href="#">Industry process (Section 1.7)</a>	 <a href="#">Funding overview</a>  1:1 support
INDUSTRY CHALLENGES VISIBILITY					
Visibility of industry problems, challenges and priorities for innovation	 <a href="#">SIF challenges</a>	 <a href="#">SIF challenges</a>	 <a href="#">Ad-hoc challenge calls</a>	 <a href="#">Basecamp</a>	 <a href="#">Problem statements</a>

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<b>IDEA SUBMISSION, PITCHING &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>					
Evaluation of ideas & development ahead of potential submission to networks		 <a href="#">Expression of interest</a>	 <a href="#">Ad-hoc challenge calls</a>		 1:1 support
Pitching guidance & support		 <a href="#">Expression of interest</a>	 <a href="#">Ad-hoc challenge calls</a>		 <a href="#">Guidance</a>  1:1 support
Support with development of an innovation proposal - scoping (following network interest)		 <a href="#">Expression of interest</a>	 <a href="#">Ad-hoc challenge calls</a>		 1:1 support
Legal support & IP guidance		 <a href="#">Expression of interest</a>		 <a href="#">Industry process (Section 8)</a>	 <a href="#">Guidance</a>  1:1 support
Energy regulation sandbox	 <a href="#">Energy regulation sandbox</a>				
<b>SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT</b>					
Innovation project delivery support		 SIF projects oversight			 1:1 support
Visibility of testing & demonstration facilities			 <a href="#">Live map</a>		 <a href="#">Live map</a>
















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<b>BAU DEPLOYMENT &amp; SCALE UP</b>					
BAU deployment guidance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">Playbook</a></li> <li> <a href="#">Culture of innovation</a></li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">Deployment guidance</a></li> <li> 1:1 support</li> </ul>
Innovation commercialisation & scale-up support		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">Innovation UK business growth</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">Whole energy system accelerator</a></li> </ul>		
Procurement guidance					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">Procurement guidance</a></li> <li> 1:1 support</li> </ul>
<b>INTERNATIONAL EXPORT</b>					
International development / export support		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">1:1 support</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">International support</a></li> </ul>		
<b>FEEDBACK</b>					
Escalate an issue or provide feedback to the industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">Ofgem email</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">Feedback - SIF email</a></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">Contact form</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <a href="#">Feedback form</a></li> <li> 1:1 support</li> </ul>

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