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INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

- INFINIT, Innovation Network for Information Technology: www.infinit.dk
- The innovation network Animation Hub: www.animationhub.dk

EXPERIENCE ECONOMY AND TOURISM

- InVio, Innovation Network for Knowledge-based Experience Economy: www.invio-net.dk

PRODUCTION, NEW MATERIALS AND DESIGN

- AluCluster, Knowledge and Technology Centre for Aluminium: www.alucluster.com
- Innovation Network for Lifestyle, Home and Clothing: www.innonetlifestyle.com
- Danish Sound Technology Network: www.lydteknologi.dk
- Danish Lighting Network: www.dansklys.dk
- The innovation network PlastNet: www.plastnet.dk
- The innovation network Robocluster: www.robocluster.dk

HEALTH/MEDICO

- BioPeople, Innovation Network for Biotechnology: www.biopeople.dk
- LEV VEL – Innovation for the Elderly: www.lvvl.dk
- UNIK, Innovative Solutions for the Chronically Ill: www.partnerskabetunik.dk

ENERGY

- Innovation Network for Biomass: www.inbiom.dk
- Offshore Center Danmark: www.offshorecenter.dk
- VE-NET, Renewable Energy Network: www.ve-net.eu

FOOD, PRIMARY SECTOR

- FoodNetwork, The Food Sector's Innovation Network: www.foodnetwork.dk

ENVIRONMENT

- Innovation Network for Environmental Technology: www.inno-mt.dk
- The partnership Water in Urban Areas: www.vandibyer.dk

CONSTRUCTION

- INNOBYG, Innovation Network for Energy Efficient and Sustainable Construction: www.innobyg.dk

TRANSPORT

- Transport Innovation Network: www.tinv.dk

SERVICE

- The innovation network Service Cluster Denmark: www.serviceplatform.dk
- Innovation Network for Market, Communication and Consumption: www.imkf.dk

Innovation Networks

– Equip your company for the future

Find business partners who will add new value to your company's innovation

Find inspiration on new trends and technologies to develop your company

Find help to make your ideas concrete and test them



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INNOVATION DENMARK

INNOVATION NETWORK EXPLAINS:

Popular incubator for new products

Companies queue up to get inspiration for their design and concept development from students at universities and business schools.

Make students from different educational institutions think innovatively about a lifestyle product or a business concept from your company. The offer is simply so good that soon, the Innovation Network Lifestyle – Home and Clothing will be able to host the Innovation Cup for the 20th time.

“The companies queue up to join in. Often we host the event several times within the same year, although originally, it was intended to be an annual event,” says Betina Simonsen, Director of the network.

As indicated by the name, Innovation Cup is a competition. The network is in contact with a wide range of Danish and foreign educational institutions that are relevant to the industry. This does not only mean students of design and architecture, but also engineers, production technicians and commercial programmes, among others. For the competition, students are divided into teams across the institutions. In the course of four to six intensive weeks, they work on an issue that has been defined by one or more businesses in the industry. It might be a new lifestyle product or a new business concept.

“Halfway through the competition, there is an evaluation where the students and the companies check that their expectations are along the same lines. This is not only an advantage for the companies, but also for the students. It is good for them to hear what the companies think of their ideas,” says Betina Simonsen.

A small handful of the products and concepts that have been developed during the competition have actually been realised and are now used by the companies, and the students receive royalties as a supplement to their students’ grants. However, this is not an object for success in itself, Betina Simonsen stresses.

“The most important objective is to link companies and knowledge institutions closer together. We would like to help companies realise new aspects of their innovation, so that they do not always approach the usual business partners. In this way, Innovation Cup helps develop the entire lifestyle industry.”

Each year, more than 120 companies participate in Innovation Cup or in one or more of the other projects under the auspices of the Innovation Network Lifestyle – Home and Clothing.



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Who can participate in innovation networks?

The innovation networks are open to all interested companies. The networks address both small and large companies.

Each network has a secretariat of competent employees associated, who know the challenges and competences of both companies and researchers.

The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation co-funds the innovation networks and is responsible for the Innovationsnetværk Danmark (Innovation Network Denmark) programme.

How can your company use innovation networks?

The network activities are always based on the interests and needs of the companies. This means that you and your company help decide which projects the networks should undertake.

The innovation networks...

- Help companies turn ideas into competitive products or services.
- Serve as sparring partners and advisors in relation to the development needs your company is facing.
- Provide access to an extensive network of experts and researchers at universities, technological service institutes and in other companies – also abroad.
- Host conferences and workshops where you can gain insight into the most recent technologies and have the opportunity to network with other companies, researchers and specialists.
- Help you find funding to realise your projects.
- Create access to new clients and suppliers.
- Offer help in relation to marketing and export promotion around the world.



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The lounge furniture NEST from Karup Partners has its origin in the Innovation Cup competition.