Report : Scottish Brokerage Event

Date : 15th September 2016

On 15th September 2016, Technology Scotland held a Scottish Brokerage Event for Innovate UK's Compound Semiconductor Applications (CSA) Competition, in conjunction with similar brokerage events in Birmingham and Cardiff. Following the event, presentations between all 3 events were shared with attendees.

Background

Innovate UK is to invest up to £4 million in innovative projects that help to speed up the use of compound semiconductors. This is in areas such as power electronics, RF/microwave, photonics and sensors. They are seeking proposals with large and scalable commercial potential. The aim of this competition is to ensure that UK businesses can respond to market opportunities in compound semiconductors. Projects may lead to future collaboration with the new Compound Semiconductor Applications Catapult.

Projects are expected to range in size from total costs of £50,000 to £500,000. Projects should last between 6 and 15 months. You must complete the work, and incur, pay and claim for all costs before the end of March 2018. A business must lead the project. Projects with costs of £100,000 or above must be collaborative
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Scottish Brokerage Event

Following a successful Compound Semiconductor Applications (CSA) Funding Call in Glasgow in July, Technology Scotland, in association with Innovate UK hosted a CSA Brokerage Event to represent Scottish interest in the competition.

This event featured guest speaker Andy Sellars, Lead Technologist – Manufacturing and Materials at Innovate UK, in addition to presentations from Alastair Wilson of CST Global and David Hamilton of ATEEDA.

Following a short competition brief, industry and academia had the opportunity to present a short pitch to attendees. This was an excellent opportunity to:

- Present the company/organisation and its projects to a range of potential collaborators
- Identify potential partners with whom attendees could apply to the CSA competition
- Participate in a 1-2-1 meeting with Andy Sellars of Innovate UK
- Meet and network with a range of industry and academia working in Compound Semiconductor Applications.

Useful Links:

- Competition page of Compound Semiconductor
Apps: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/funding-competition-compound-semiconductor-applications

- Registration link to the Compound Semiconductor Apps
Competition: http://engage.innovateuk.org/technologystrategyboardlz/lz.aspx?p1=T052S03841474 7&CC=&p=1&cID=0&cValue=1

- The recording of the Webinar for the Compound Semiconductor Call
Briefing: http://bit.ly/2aIvKIM

- Innovate UK Delivery Plan: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/innovate-uk-delivery-plan-2016-to-2017