The Execution of Innovation

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Truths about innovation

"Focus is shifting away from ideas as they are in abundance. Now, the front end of innovation is the easier part and the execution is what really matters. We have begun the transition phase.

The language of innovation and how people understand the term is vague and fuzzy at best; dangerous at worst.

This can cripple organizations.

Corporate transformation is key and new thoughts on innovation can help ignite this. However, corporate innovators must step up their game and be ambitious to play a role in this.

There is a lot of change coming"

Global megatrends drive innovation: faster, connected, transparent

When the term "innovation" no longer matters

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"You need to speak the same language if you want to get internal and external stakeholders onboard.

This starts with a clear agreement on how innovation — internally as well as externally focused - fits the specific situation of your company."

- Stefan Lindegaard

What open innovation means

Open innovation at Tate & Lyle means partnering with external innovators to bring products to market faster and develop innovations we cannot create alone.

In short, the aim of open innovation is to deliver faster growth.

John Stewart, Head of Open Innovation



This happens by...

- partnering with companies (large and small) to bring new products to market
- helping to grow our innovation pipeline with externally-sourced products and technologies
- finding new products and technologies we cannot create alone

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What it does NOT mean...

- Contract research
- Academic collaborations into basic research (our technical teams do this directly)
- Joint Ventures (other teams manage these directly)
- Spinning out technologies or companies

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Two key questions:

- What is your motivation for pursuing (open) innovation?
- Why is (open) innovation relevant to your company, its present situation, and its mission and vision?

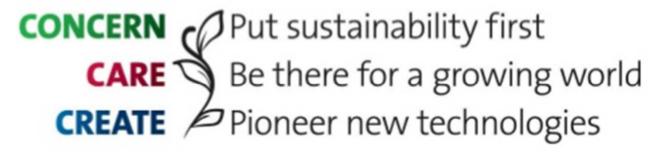
Tie this into your strategic purpose and innovation mandate!



GRUNDFOS LOOKING AHEAD

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The Grundfos Intent.

BE>THINK>INNOVATE>

GRUNDFOS

Born 2008. Lots of interesting initiatives, efforts. Not enough traction. Dead 2013. New CEO, re-organization.

Today: Few employees can state a corporate understanding of innovation.

Future: Grundfos faces the "1 and ½ chance trap".

The front-end of innovation is the easy part

Case Study

Bombardier

Bombardier looks to the next generat

The challenge:

- 15,000 knowledge workers globally
- Fast growing low-priced competitors in China
- A need for growth and protection of market share
- Focus on being smarter and more innovative than the competition

The outcome:

- Implemented 'Innovation Express', a Bombardier branded version of HYPE to all knowledge workers
- In just 7 months, 500 ideas were submitted for 11 focused idea campaigns; over the same time period, engagement grew by 2 ½ times.
- 30% improvement in information sharing and the flow of ideas in 2011
- Generated ideas are included within new products from 2012.

People first, processes next, then ideas

People and Projects Projects Discovery Incubation Acceleration Thoughts on creating people pools: Why:

Discovery – Incubation – Acceleration: Have the right people for the right ideas at the right time! Build the people pools!

Corporate transformation: Let's stop talking about innovation and just execute!

Entrepreneurial Organizational Culture

- People and empowerment focused
- Value creation through innovation and change
- Attention to the basics
- Hands-on management
- Doing the right thing
- Freedom to grow and to fail
- Commitment and personal responsibility
- Emphasis on the future

Credit: Stephen McGuire

Talk less about innovation to get better at

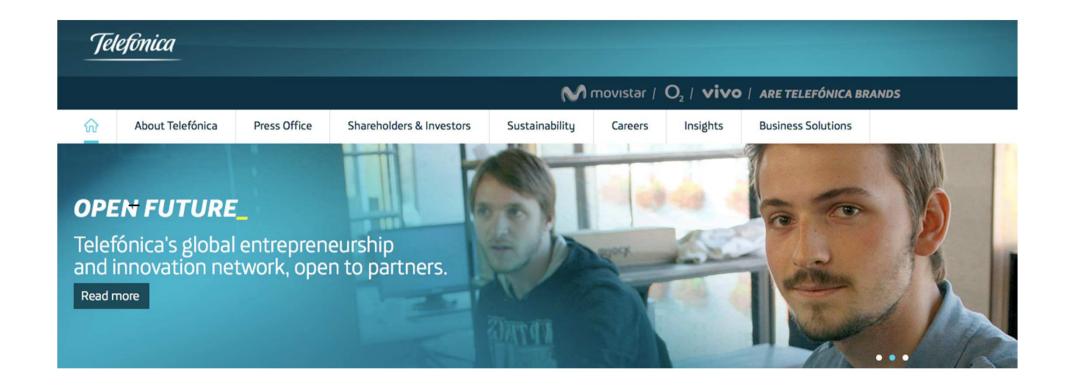
- Does this make sense for business functions such as finance, supply chain or engineering that are not necessarily focused on innovation (at least in the context of new products, services or technology)?
- Could it be better to drop all this talk about innovation since the term itself is losing its value?
- Should we talk less about innovation to get better at it?
- What does it take to develop a strong corporate culture in the coming years?

A strong organization has to...

- **listen** better to internal and external stakeholders, markets and other places with influence on your business
- adapt fast to opportunities and threats
- **experiment** with approaches on the above as well as the below...
- execute well on chosen projects

A key question: What is the role for corporate innovators in this?

Transition is key...time for some inspiration



300,000 employees – an innovation engine with 6,000 employees.

"Execution is what really matters with regards to innovation." Fernando Burgos, VP at Telefonica O2 (2013)



An insight-driven growth engine to execute on the potential and opportunities in Asia.

Corporate accelerators are popping up everywhere.

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FirstBuild is an online and physical community dedicated to designing, engineering, building, and selling the next generation of major home appliances. **Sign up today** to bring your innovations to market at unprecedented speed.

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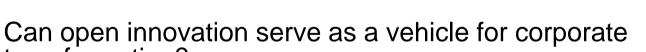
transformation?



Make Us A Drink Challenge

Five drinks have been chosen as the best submissions in the Make Us A Drink challenge! In no particular order, the finalists are...

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Focus on learning and better/faster execution.





ChillHub

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Ideate

Ideas are the starting point for solving the challenges in developing major home appliances. These ideas can come in the form of a drawing, a design, or a thought. Sharing your idea is the first step towards making it a reality.



Evaluate

A dialogue in the form of voting and commenting is the backbone of the FirstBuild community. It is how your good ideas turn into great ideas, and it is what determines which ideas go on to become products.





Make

The making phase is a critical step in the creative process. We believe that the best way to learn about a problem or a product is to build it.

FirstBuild provides the space, tools, and resources to build and prototype the appliances of your dreams.



Produce

Rapid and advanced manufacturing techniques at the FirstBuild Microfactory can produce products quickly and on a small scale. This gives customers the ability to provide quick feedback and influence the design.



Sell

FirstBuild will then help sell and promote your great ideas online through a dedicated web store and on physical shelves, including ones at the Microfactory.

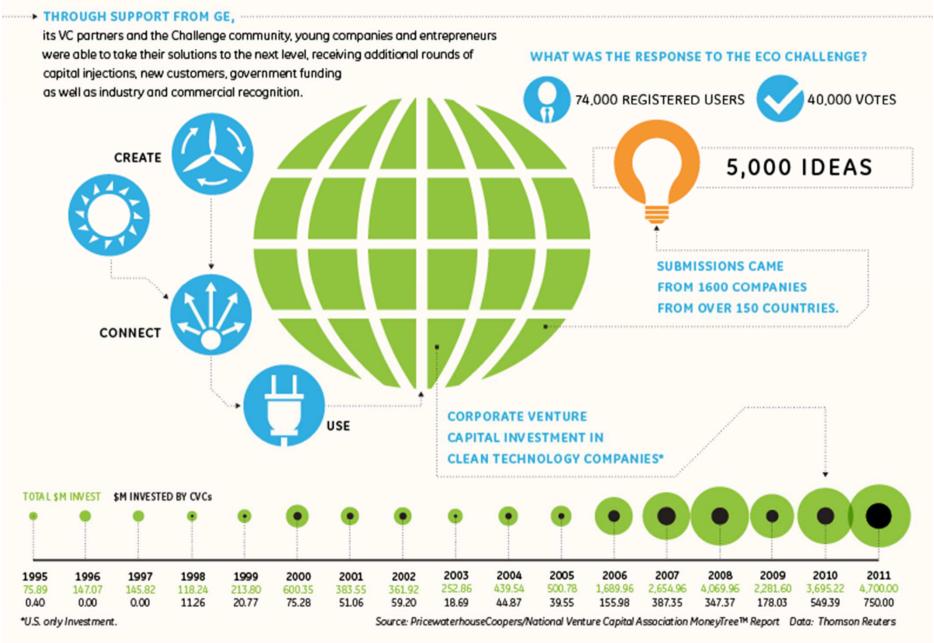
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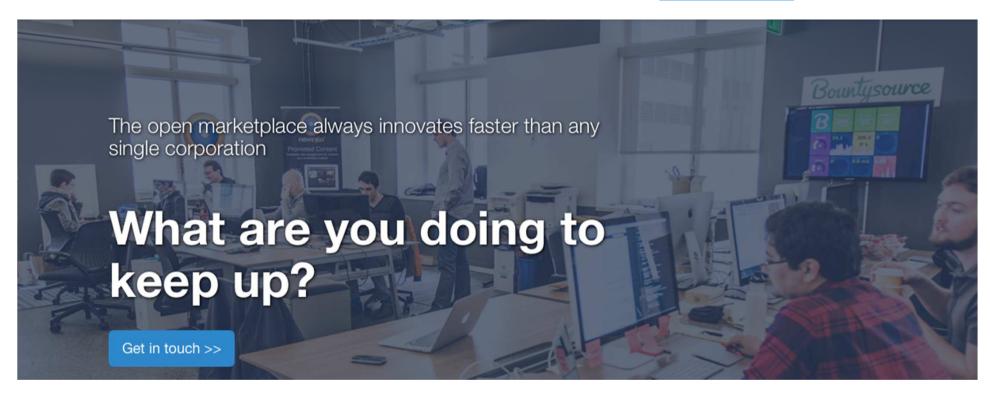
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GE'S ECOMAGINATION CHALLENGE



RocketSpace



An opportunity for large corporations to accelerate and execute through the interaction with startups

Changing an organization – where to start?

- look further into the roles of free agents and how this impacts an organization.
- reward behaviours; not just outcomes.
- learn from the companies carrying out large-scale experiments on the future of the organization.



How Holacracy Works

The traditional hierarchy is reaching its limits, but "flat management" alternatives lack the rigor needed to run a business effectively. Holacracy is a third-way: it brings structure and discipline to a peer-to-peer workplace.



Flexible organizational structure

With clear roles and accountabilities



New meeting format

Geared toward action and eliminating over-analysis



More autonomy to teams and individuals

For individuals to solve issues themselves and cut through bureaucracy



Unique decisionmaking process

To continuously evolve the organization's structure.

Sometimes we need benign (gentle) dictators

- Too often, we have too many choices.
- There are times for getting lots of input and there are times where you just need to get things done.



"...a benign dictator like Steve Jobs was a good thing..." – quote by Julian Wilson, Barclays at a recent panel

White paper with Hype Innovation end of June!



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