



# Clean Planet Program

Frontier research for a sustainable future



























# **CFO**<sup>9</sup> at a glance

#### Frontier Research – Graduate education – Technology Transfer

- Founded in 2002; +450 ICFOnians, +60 nationalities
- 80 research labs, 6 core facilities, +18.000 m<sup>2</sup>
- 26 research groups in 3 Focus programs:







- 3,860 publications and 186,990 citations to date
- Strong Knowledge & Technology Transfer (KTT) capacities
  - +100 patent families; 11 spin-offs; +50 industrial projects





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# CFO Clean Planet Program

Develop disruptive, deep-tech innovations in renewable and sustainable technologies

- Nurture a **multidisciplinary** environment
- Facilitate **exploitation-focused** approaches
- Team-up with **external partners** and industries
- **Train** young researchers within the scope
- Join larger national and international efforts











### ... and the team leaders behind them



Prof. Dr. Georgia Papadakis



Prof. Dr. Gerasimos Konstantatos



Prof. Dr. Jordi Martorell



Prof. Dr. Pelayo Garcia de Arquer

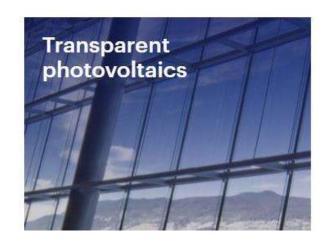


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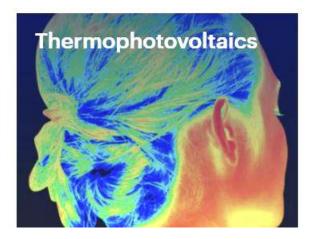


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## Game-changing technologies...

















#### **Thermal Photonics**



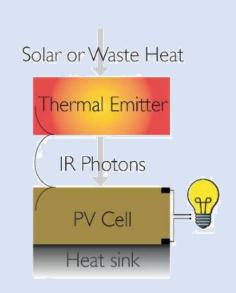
Prof. Dr. Georgia Papadakis

- 10+ years experience in nanoscience and clean energy
- 30+ scientific articles; 4 patents
- Topics: thermo-photovoltaics, tailored thermal emission, radiative heat transfer
- Landmark: leading researcher in near-field heat transfer









### **Functional Optoelectronic Nanomaterials**



**Prof. Dr. Gerasimos Konstantatos** 

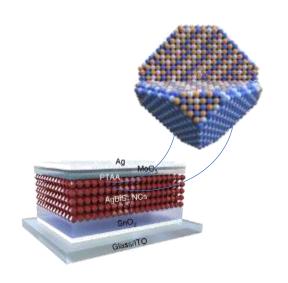
- 15+ years experience in photonics and photovoltaic technologies
- 105+ scientific articles; 25 patents
- Topics: Quantum dot photovoltaics, Lead-free nanocrystal photovoltaics
- Landmark: Co-founder of ICFO's spin-off company Qurv (broad range image sensors)











#### **Organic Nanostructured Photovoltaics**



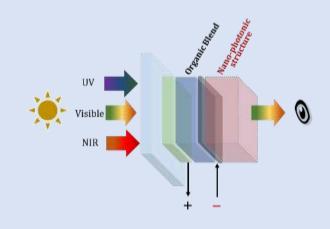
Prof. Dr. Jordi Martorell

- 30+ years experience in photonics and photovoltaic technologies
- 85+ scientific articles; 4 patents
- Expertise: Transparent photovoltaics, H<sub>2</sub> storage, Photoelectrochemical cells
- Landmark: Co-founder of ICFO's spin-off company Vitsolc (transparent solar cells)









#### **CO<sub>2</sub> Mitigation Accelerated by Photons**



Prof. Dr. Pelayo García de Arquer

- 15+ years experience in nanoscience and clean energy
- 90+ scientific articles; 6 patents
- Expertise: CO<sub>2</sub> capture and electrolysis, Green
   H2 and Green ammonia
- Landmark: Member of finalist team CERT in renown Carbon Xprize











#### **Molecular Nano-photonics**



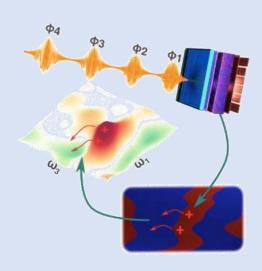
Prof. Dr. Niek van Hulst

- 35+ years experience in photonics and photovoltaic technologies
- 135+ scientific articles; 3 patents
- Topics: Artificial photosynthesis, Dynamics of photoactive systems
- Landmark: internationally recognized for contributions in optical nano-antennas.









#### **Photon Harvesting in Plants and Biomolecules**

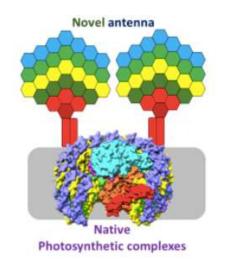


Prof. Dr. Nicoletta Liguori

- 10+ years experience in nanoscience and clean energy
- 16+ scientific articles
- Topics: Light harvesting in bio-systems, Environment and light effects
- Landmark: establishing a mechanism for light regulation via protein conformational changes





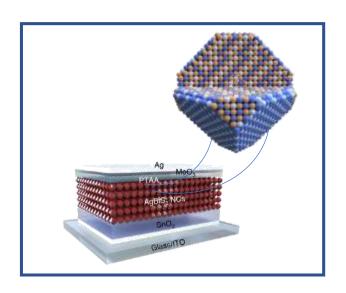


# Thin film photovoltaics

- Transparent solar cells for agrivoltaic installations
- Non-toxic lead-free quantum dot solar cells

















### **Energy storage**

- Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carrier (LOHCs) based on reduced graphene oxide
- Photo-electrochemical solar cells for CO<sub>2</sub> valorization





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### Solar fuels and chemicals

- Capture and electrochemical conversion of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Hydrogen from wastewater electroylsis

### **NASCENT**



### RES2H2

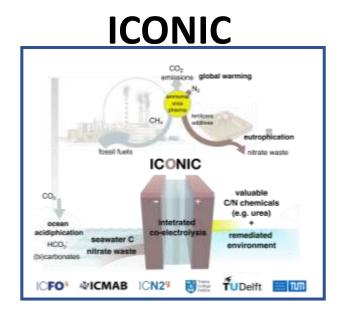




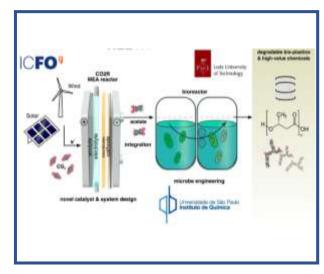


### Solar fuels and chemicals

- Urea electrosynthesis from C/N residues
- CO<sub>2</sub> conversion into bioplastics











### **Clean Planet milestones to date**

### Competitive and industrial funding secured

- HorizonEU/H2020 projects, accounting for >15 M€
- >4 running European Research Council (ERC) grants
- Philanthropic & institutional support to launch and secure the program









- An industrial PhD program with technology-based companies
- Industrial research projects with global corporations





• 3 spin-off companies









### Innovation through photonics



PHOTONICS INNOVATION HUB FOR EUROPE

#### Orienteering



Tailored advice to guide you on your best next step towards successful implementation of photonics innovation.

#### **Support Activities**







Innovation Support TRL 3-8



Business Coaching



Investment Coaching

#### **TRL 3-4: PROTOTYPE LEVEL**

Total innovation project budget		Subsidised for SME		Cash contribution of SME
50.000	⊳	€ 45.000	ф	€ 5.000
€ 70 <b>.</b> 000	$\triangleright$	€ 60,000	ф	€ 10,000
90.000	$\triangleright$	€ 75.000	ф	€ 15.000
110.000	$\triangleright$	€ 90.000	中	€ 20.000
125.000	٥	€ 100.000*	ф	€ 25.000
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For Large Scale Companies:

50% subsidised (max, total budget: €200,000 of which €100.000 subsidised)

#### **TRL 5-6: UPSCALING LEVEL**

- 50% subsidised for early adopters & first user SMEs (only for EU-based!)
- Maximum budget of €500.000 of which €250.000 subsidised





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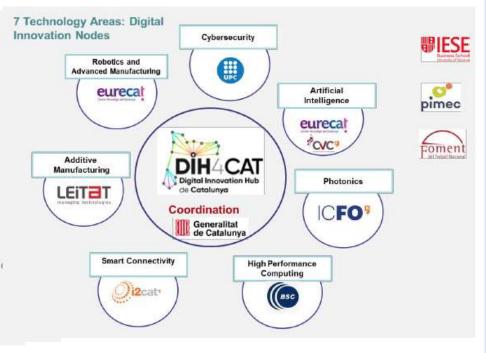


#### TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICES

- Technology Consultancy
- Testing and experimentation / solutions
- Transversal and technological training

#### TRANSVERSAL SERVICES

- · Preparatory services
- Dissemination and awareness
- · Diagnosis, strategic thinking and definition of
- · Access to financing
- Partner search and innovation ecosystem





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# Thank you!



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