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2008 - 2018

10 Years of Graduate Research  
and Innovation in the UAE

EPFL Middle East

# Strategy and scientific positioning (2009-2017)

EDUCATION

- MSc (MES) pioneer in Switzerland -2011  
Anticipation of the 2050 Energy transition.
- Interdisciplinarity (MSc, PhD)  
Energy efficiency, Renewable energies, Resources

RESEARCH

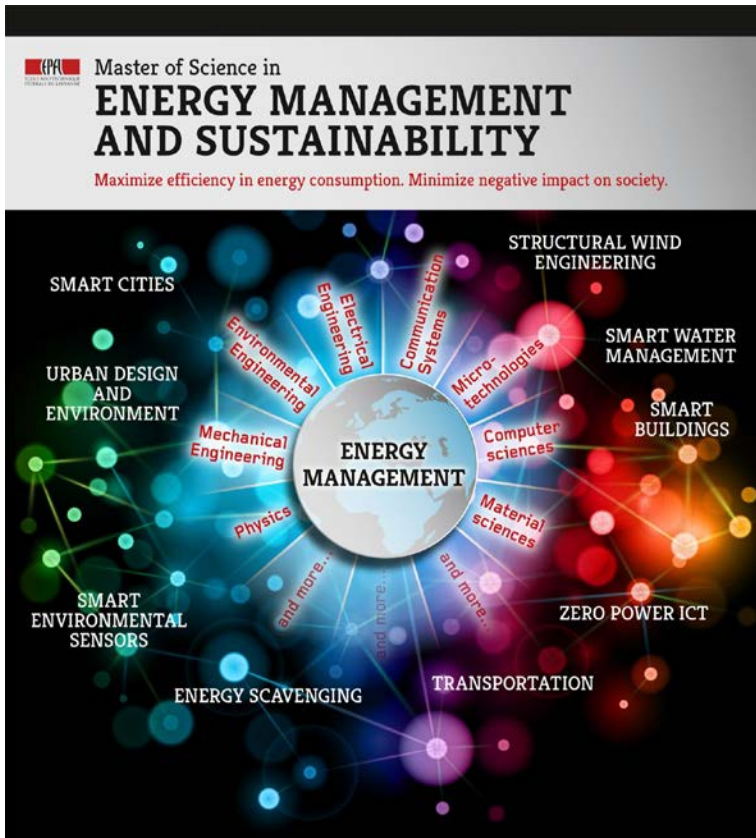
- Dynamic region, trans-climatic approach  
Scientific portability, Relevance, Impact.

TECH TRANSFER

- Swiss values and outreach  
Education, Cleantech, Sustainable strategies
- International diversification of funding  
A complement to EU, CH-ASIA (UAE, SPORE).



# Master program – overview



As of Sept. 2017:

- 7 editions, ongoing, 9 labs, multidisciplinary
- >1000 applications
- ~ 220 admissions
- 150 Students and alumni
- >100 MSc degrees @ Sept 2017
- Standard EPFL selection
- MIT, EPFL, ETHZ, Tsinghua, IIT, etc.
- Only 1 similar program: ERG (UC Berkeley)

Since 2011:

**Overall students average: 5.25 /6**  
**ECTS average: 123**  
**OAQ/CTI 2015, (2018 in process)**

# Academic impact (high-level numbers 2009-2017)

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- **150** MSc will have been or will be in the Master program, in Sept. 2017, **12** PhD theses.
- **>200** scientific publications, 40 by students (PhD & MSc).
- **>200** contributions to conferences, 75 by students (PhD & MSc).
- **>100** MSc internships (industry, government, NGOs) with **33** industrial relations and partnerships.
- **10** Courses and workshops of Executive Education, largely in the UAE, 200+ participants.
- **>100** instances of positive scientific media exposure.
- **2** start-ups (CH, UAE)
- **Positive reviews by Swiss interests** (CH and UAE, Government and private)
- A unique proposition for students to shape a transforming environment
- Impact of academic projects to date **-20'000 tCO2/year** (abated/preempted ~10/90 )
- A positive cash flow for EPFL so far (22 USM\$, 11 free).



# Innovation and transfer (in a few concrete examples – PhD et MSc)

## START-UP (CH)

2 PhD, several MSc.



eSMART has invented the first interactive home-connected dashboard solution.



## START-UP (UAE)

2 MSc, several MSc.



## Waste Management (UAE)

7 MSc, 3 graduate hires.



- 98% landfill diversion  
- 400'000 tCO<sub>2</sub>/year

5 years ROI

New revenues

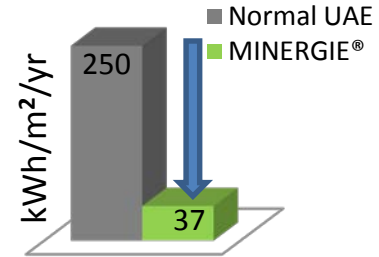
EPFL graduates hires (RAK)

Industrial synergies

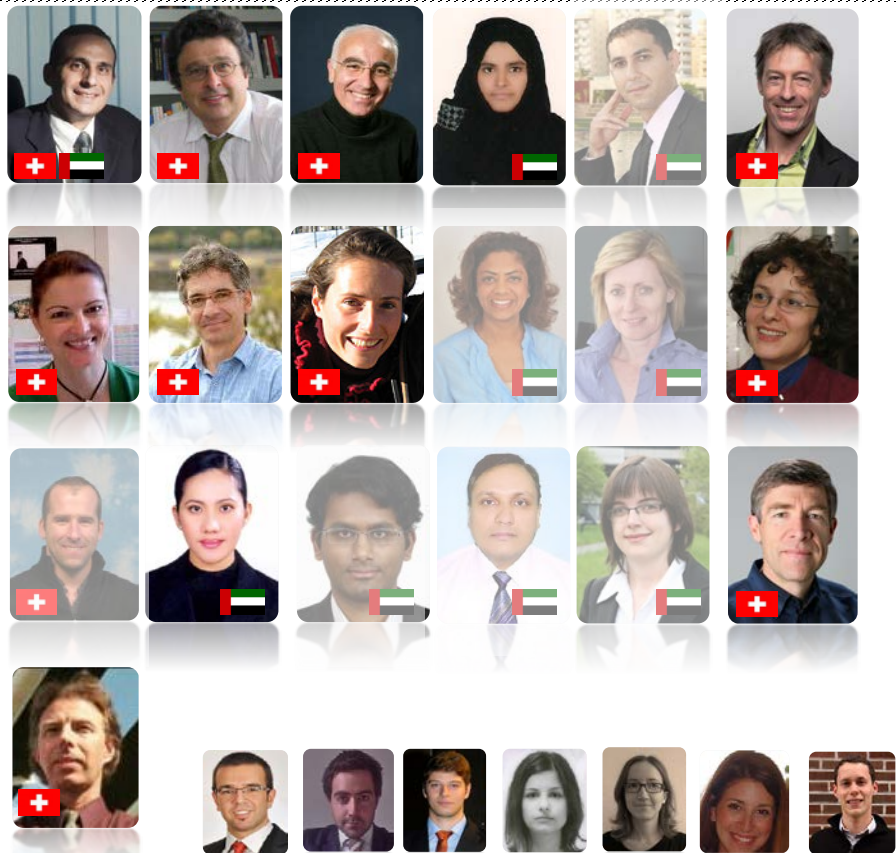


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1 PhD, 3 MSc.



# 1000+ have engaged to date (incl. 30+ profs, 30+ CI, 500+ students)







Looking ahead