

European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT)

EIT Climate-KIC

Overview

EIT Climate-KIC is a Knowledge and Innovation Community, working to accelerate the transition to a zero-carbon, climate-resilient society. The EIT Climate-KIC identifies and supports innovation to help society mitigate and adapt to climate change, convinced that a decarbonised, sustainable economy is not only necessary to prevent catastrophic climate change, but presents a wealth of opportunities for business and society.

EIT Climate-KIC is a network of expertise from business, academia, and the public and non-profit sectors, leveraging funding for innovation to tackle climate change, programmes for developing people and capacities. EIT Climate-KIC brings together 400+ partners from business, academia, the non-profit sector, and the public to create networks of expertise in which innovative products, services, and systems are developed, brought to the market, and scaled-up for impact. The 5 000+ start-ups supported by EIT Climate-KIC have secured EUR 2 billion in investments and created 15 000+ new green jobs.

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Other links:

The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT):
<https://eit.europa.eu/who-we-are/eit-glance>

Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI):
www.horizon-europe.ch

Several types of actions are associated with the three pillars of the EIT's knowledge triangle:

Entrepreneurship programmes support start-ups with radical innovations to combat climate change:

Climathon for citizen activation and ideation
ClimateLaunchpad incubator
ClimAccelerator scales and accelerates the start-ups.

Education programmes educate a new generation of entrepreneurs to foster innovation. It offers practical ways to drive meaningful systems innovation – we provide learning services, four strategic programmes and free online courses.

Research & Innovation opportunities strengthen knowledge transfer through exchanges between governments, academia and civil society.

Deep Demonstrations are large-scale projects focusing on local implementation with territory-based projects in which the EIT Climate-KIC offers its expertise on system innovations.

Eligibility

Swiss-based participants are generally welcome to join EIT initiatives.

Financial Support

Each programme within EIT Climate-KIC has different budget rules, for EIT collaborative projects financial support for participation from Switzerland can be provided by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI). SERI has a financial guarantee letter available on their [website](#). Funding rates vary and should be checked for specific call.