

# European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT)

## Climate-KIC

### Overview

The EIT Climate KIC was initiated in 2010 by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) as one of the first EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs). As of 2025, Climate KIC has transitioned to an independent entity, no longer operating under the EIT KIC framework. Through a Memorandum of Understanding with the EIT, **Climate KIC** will continue to collaborate and sustain its innovation ecosystem, ensuring continuity and impact across Europe.

Climate-KIC is Europe's leading climate innovation agency and community, working to create climate-resilient societies and tackle climate breakdown. By partnering with regions, cities, businesses, and governments, Climate-KIC drives systemic change through innovation, supporting place-based solutions, mobilising finance, and enabling institutional and behavioural shifts for faster, more ambitious climate action.

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

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

**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.

**Climate KIC Academy** integrates technical knowledge the essential transversal skills needed to deliver the green transition effectively.

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

### Eligibility

Swiss-based participants are generally welcome to join EIT initiatives.  
Contact Climate KIC for more information.

### Further Details/ Contact

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The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT):  
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Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI):  
[www.horizon-europe.ch](http://www.horizon-europe.ch)