

Journey to Paris

Overview of Climate-KIC involvement for COP21



Climate-KIC is supported by the EIT, a body of the European Union

This December in Paris, the UNFCCC will gather World leaders for the 21st session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) to forge a new climate treaty. Climate-KIC will be there to showcase the amazing innovations that have been developed through Europe's largest public – private climate innovation organisation. We have an unprecedented opportunity to create a low carbon future, driven by innovation, jobs, and investment. Climate-KIC is seizing that opportunity for Europe by providing the foundations for a prosperous, climate resilient way of life.

During the journey to Paris and at COP21, we will be working to shine a spotlight on the people and partners who are leading the way to help cities and businesses chart a path to successful low carbon transition and vibrant economic growth.

Funded by the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT), Climate-KIC carries the EU's mandate to deliver large-scale innovation for climate change mitigation across the continent and beyond. Over five years, we have developed an organisation and model that integrates innovation, entrepreneurship and education. We bring business, research and government together with European cities via a network of over 250 partners.

Before and at COP21, you can meet these partners and our entrepreneurs that are the fruit of this investment and see the solutions that are transforming cities and businesses. Meet with us to explore how we can collaborate to scale our successful initiatives and together deliver greater impact globally.

Confirmed and invited speakers include:



John Schellhuber
Director of the Potsdam
Institute for Climate Impact
Research (PIK)



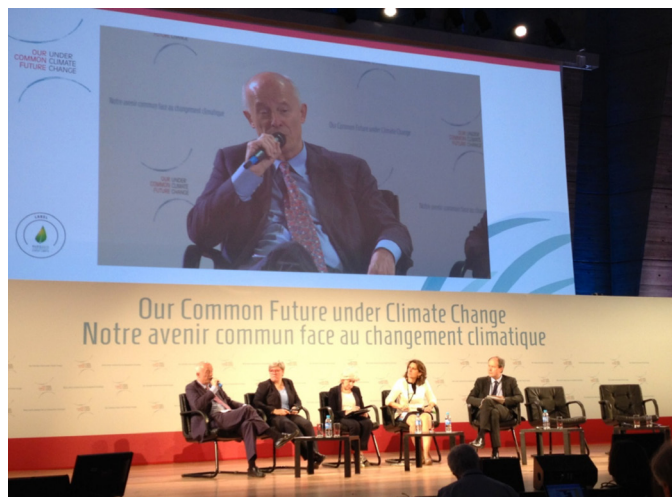
Miguel Arias Cañete
EU Commissioner
Climate Action & Energy



Anne Hidalgo
Mayor of Paris



Estefania Tapias
Chair
Climate-KIC Alumni Association



We are working across our community of partners to put them centre stage on the journey to Paris and at COP21. In addition we are forging partnerships outside of Europe with a diverse range of organisations including The Climate Reality Project founded by former US Vice President Al Gore, The International New York Times, and UN Habitat.

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Our #JourneyToParis campaign kicked off with the Climathon – a global 24-hour hackathon-style climate change event which took place simultaneously in 20 major cities around the world on the 18 June 2015. The winning teams are now developing their ideas, and the best will join us in Paris in December.

We are currently journeying around Europe on our virtual #JourneyToParis campaign, stopping off in each country to get to know the people who are delivering new climate innovations. Find out what climate technologies and services are already being developed locally to enable the low carbon economy even before the negotiations at COP21. Visit www.climate-kic.org/Journeytoparis/ to find out more.

Climate-KIC will also be hosting a televised session during the week of COP21 in Le Bourget, Paris. The session will highlight the newly published book *Surfing the Green Wave*, and discuss with Climate-KIC start-ups the importance of the COP21 negotiations, and what policies and funding infrastructures are needed to support clean-tech innovation in Europe, 2016 onwards.

Events

Our journey to Paris began in Hong Kong in April 2015 with the Nobel Laureate Symposium and was followed by our involvement at ECCA Copenhagen, Business & Climate Summit Paris, World Summit Climate and Territories Lyon, and the largest pre-COP international science gathering 'Our Common Future Under Climate Change' in Paris.

Coming up, we have the following planned along our journey:

Berges de Seine Exhibition

Paris, 12 September – 4 October

World Efficiency Show & Congress

Paris, 13-15 October

Innovation Festival

Birmingham, 28-30 October

Smart City World Congress

Barcelona, 17-19 November

24 Hours of Reality

13 – 14 November

When we arrive at COP21 in December, Climate-KIC will be involved in the official programme of 'side events' at La Bourget and at many of the leading gatherings in and around Paris, such as:

• Official Observer

Climate-KIC is approved as an observer to the proceedings of the Conference of Parties (COP21)
30 November – 11 December

• Champions reception

4 December



Follow our journey online, sign up for updates at www.climate-kic.org/JourneytoParis

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COP21

Events 3–10 Dec

2-day forums

Le Bourget

