

Monitoring Learning and Evaluation: – Assessing the Impact of EIT Climate-KIC's Portfolio, Mitigation

The EIT Climate-KIC partnership has piloted ways to measure climate impact (mitigation) in both its innovation and its start-up portfolio since 2017. We would now like to bring partners together who are interested and can contribute to our approach for 2020 in line with our strategy “Transformation in Time” <https://www.climate-kic.org/news/transformation-in-time/>.

The purpose of this call to action is to identify partners who will collaborate on formalising and implementing climate impact assessment methods for EIT Climate-KIC. As EIT Climate-KIC, we wish to have ex-ante decision support in place so that we can differentiate between solutions that improve business as usual from transformative solutions that potentially offer a huge climate mitigation impact potential.

Specifically, we seek to strengthen the Climate Impact Estimates, created by partners as part of funding proposals, and Climate Impact Projections, created in the early stage of funded projects. The approach, methodology, guidance and support need to cover all types of EIT Climate-KIC supported projects: innovation projects, start-ups, education projects, and deep demonstrations using avoided emissions, life cycle, and/or carbon neutrality approaches. The approach needs to be grounded in science, be systematic, scalable and financially viable.

We strongly recommend that partners interested in this call get in touch with us early to discuss their ideas. A co-design workshop, open to all interested participants in this call, is scheduled for October 17th, 2019 and interested participants must register by October 7, 2019. Any inquiries related to the workshop or the call should be directed to mel@climate-kic.org. **Please see Annex 1, Supplementary Information, for additional workshops and information about this call for proposals**

We particularly would like to see proposals that:

- Use acknowledged best practices.
- Provide inputs and guidance materials for partners to use when conducting climate impact estimates.
- Review and provide feedback on the quality of climate impact estimates submitted with funding proposals.
- Assist all EIT Climate-KIC supported projects (innovation projects, start-ups, education projects, and deep demonstrations) with the production of climate impact projections.
- Result in comparable climate impact estimates and projections for a wide array of project types through harmonized methodological approaches.
- Produce training materials and conduct training for EIT Climate-KIC personnel and partners, so they can confidently apply the methodologies.



Eligibility

| Project Type | MAX. DURATION | MAX. EIT REQUEST Per annum | MAX. EIT REIMBURSEMENT RATE | MIN. CO-FUNDING (total project costs) | OTHER |
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| Climate Impact Assessments | 1- 3 years | Maximum 250,000 EIT contribution per annum | 100% | | Minimum of 2 EIT Partners |

Specific Application Process

- There will be a **one stage application process**, where applicants must submit a full proposal for the deadline else will not be considered for funding
- Please refer to the [proposal guidelines](#) when preparing and submitting a proposal.

Timeline

- The deadline for submitting a proposal in PLAZA is **January 6, 2020 1800hrs CET**
- The final outcomes will be communicated by **January 31, 2020**

Assessment Criteria

| CRITERIA | DESCRIPTION |
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| Project Consortium/ Partnership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do the consortium partners have the appropriate skills and capabilities to successfully deliver the project? If no, what skills and capabilities are missing? ▪ Does the proposal adhere to the funding and timing constraints listed in the call? If not, what constraints are not met? ▪ Does the consortium have adequate cultural/language skills to cover the EIT Climate-KIC investment landscape? If not, what measures are planned? |
| Project Plan & Clarity of Outputs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Do the project deliverables include production of adequate methodological guidance, training and reference materials for use by other EIT Climate-KIC partners? ▪ Does the project work plan clearly indicate how a harmonized approach to climate impact measurement across the portfolio will be formulated and implemented? ▪ Does the project address the climate impact measurement challenges of innovation projects, start-ups, education projects, and deep demonstrations? ▪ Does the project clearly state how comparable climate impact estimates and projects will be produced for the project types listed above? ▪ Does the project plan work to make aggregation of the different climate impact measurements possible at different levels (portfolio, impact goal, country, EIT Climate-KIC as a whole etc.)? ▪ Does the project clearly state how it will practically work across the EIT Climate-KIC partnership and support other partners to do their climate impact estimates during project proposal formulation stage? |



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- Does the project clearly state how it will practically support partners during project implementation to improve their climate impact estimates by making them more precise, thereby turning the estimates into climate impact projections that can be reported to the European Institute of Technology (EIT) and potential other future donors?
 - Are the work plan and work packages clearly explained and relevant to support the project objectives?
 - Are the project outputs, deliverables and KPIs clearly stated and linked to the different work packages/project stages identified in the work plan?
 - Is the work plan, work packages, outputs, deliverables and KPIs targeted reasonable for the duration of the project and the grant amount requested?
 - Does the project have a clear communications and engagement plan to communicate and share project progress, methodologies, experiences, recommendations and case studies within the EIT Climate-KIC partnership and more widely across the European Union, including sharing knowledge assets with key actors in Brussels.
 - Does the project encourage diversity and gender equity?

Value for Money

- How well is the funding spent on activities directly linked to achieving the project objectives, deliverables and KPIs?
 - How appropriate is the funding request in relation to the anticipated benefits?
 - Does the composition of the team in terms of their complementary experience, expertise and seniority promise value for money?
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November 1, 2019

Supplementary Information

Call for Proposals - Assessing the Impact of EIT Climate-KIC's Portfolio, Mitigation

Extended Submission Deadline:

This is to kindly inform you that the deadline for the Monitoring Learning and Evaluation open call for proposals (*Assessing the Impact of EIT Climate-KIC's Portfolio, Mitigation*) has been **extended to January 6, 2020**.

Additional Information:

Co-Design Workshop: an opportunity to engage

We are planning to run a series of virtual co-design workshops in November and early December. If you are interested and would like to be invited to them, please sign up [here](#).

If you have questions or would like to have a conversation with us, please contact mel@climate-kic.org.

The intention of building in additional time into the call for proposals is to give all interested partners the opportunity to engage in a constructive co-design process.

Clarifications: call for proposals

1. Please let us reiterate the importance of understanding our strategy "[Transformation in Time](#)" and the portfolio approach EIT Climate-KIC is implementing. We are currently offering a systemic approach to innovation, thereby using a portfolio logic of spread, diversity and deliberate concentration, rather than support for single interventions or collections of single interventions. We are working to understand and leverage systems dynamics in innovation effects. Whilst climate impact work (estimates, projections, ex-ante assessments) at the level of projects (single interventions) remains important, the impact at the level of portfolios of work will also need to be addressed.
2. We are seeking a harmonised climate impact measurement approach across the entire spectrum of EIT Climate-KIC's work. As part of this approach a range of methods and tools may be deployed in different areas of work. For example, one may go very differently about estimating the potential climate impact of an education initiative than when doing the same for a technology start-up.

3. It is important for partners to understand in which phases they can interact with projects. These are the pre-submission phase upon the request of another partner and the post-approval phase. Due to a conflict of interest situation partners cannot interact with project proposals during the selection phase.
4. You will need to work out how to deal with “non-technology applications or approaches” which are an increasing part in our portfolio, for example projects that work on the lever of behaviour change.
5. The consortium should consist of a diverse range of partners and their capabilities should complement each other.

If you have questions or would like to seek additional clarifications, please contact us at mel@climate-kic.org.