

# JOIN THE COMMUNITY



**A community of connected organisations and interventions that exceeds the sum of its parts to leverage climate impact.**

As a community, we work with partners across the globe to find and implement solutions in integrated ways, and mobilise finance. We use a systems approach to shape innovation to support cities, regions, countries and industries meet climate ambitions.

To bridge the gap between climate ambition and current reality, we must work in the 'messy middle' and deal with the complexities of where we need go and where we are now.

**Together, we leverage existing climate funding for greater impact.**

But, systems change is complex, and our work becomes concrete at the level of place-based innovation, supported by partnerships and collaborations that integrate solutions, and connect interventions.

In community, we orchestrate large-scale demonstrations that show what is possible when cycles of innovation and learning are deliberately designed to trigger exponential decarbonisation and build resilient places.

We need everyone, everywhere working together at a speed never seen before, to put forward innovative, effective, and replicable climate action. We must experiment, try bold solutions, learn, test and learn again.

**A community fostering resilience and functionality as a cluster of individual cells that together form a larger organism.**

In the role of community host, EIT Climate-KIC brings 14 years of expertise to accelerate learning and to explore where innovation can make the biggest difference in transforming systems.

By pooling resources and linking outcomes, as community members we pledge to achieve impact, look for integration and leverage points across all relevant sectors.

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# COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

A community built on the core principle that members actively work together to speed up the rate of decarbonisation and strengthen climate resilience.

Community members work on a shared principle that we can achieve more by learning from one another, by accelerating our learning through implementation and sense-making, by discovering and demonstrating what works, and through sustained collaboration. The community is thus intended to enable members to work together across scales and silos, and hearts and minds, form partnerships and alliances with other members, to act at scale.

**A community  
committed to  
delivering  
transformative  
climate  
goals**

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

### CONNECTION

**We connect to take climate action together and discover what is possible.** Community members connect with each other—city to city, region to region, industry to industry, and solution providers with problem owners—across.

### FUNDING & INVESTMENT

**We mobilise funding and investment opportunities together.** Members aim to attract funding and investments to achieve their climate impact goals. We collaborate to secure the funding at the necessary scale and speed.

### LEARNING

**We co-create and share insights within the community.** Implementation and demonstration offer rich experiential learning. Community members seek to learn from one another to generate insights and knowledge.

### POLICY & MARKETS

**We collaborate to elevate ambition and deliver transformative solutions.** We understand the evolving EU policy landscape and emerging markets. Members engage with and shape the policy and regulatory landscape, both within the EU and beyond.

### MATCHING SOLUTIONS TO DEMAND

**We seek out and develop new solutions to bridge the gap between climate ambition and current reality.** Members work together to match solutions to demand and to transform needs and expectations to help meet climate goals. We work to integrate and combine solutions in local contexts.

# BECOME A MEMBER

EIT Climate-KIC's community is made up of practitioners, consortia, clusters and sub-communities of members acting together for shared purpose, opportunity and sense of urgency.

Members of the EIT Climate-KIC community work together to learn from each other, to connect and collaborate, to facilitate access to funding and investment as well as to strengthen the work of policy influencing, making new markets, and sharing local solutions. As community, we cultivate a growth in mindset, and various ways of applying systems thinking, and learning to navigate uncertain times.

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## MEMBERSHIPS



### EXPLORE

1. Use the CimateHIVE digital community platform.
2. Joining in on opportunities and events.

[www.Climate-HIVE.org](http://www.Climate-HIVE.org)

### DRIVE

3. Collaborate and share opportunities with other members.
4. Invitations to networking events, learning opportunities, and project features.
5. Engagement with fellow members, projects, in-depth topic insights, and funding opportunities.

**Together,  
we need to  
prepare for  
radical and  
immediate  
change**

## MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Fees and sponsorship contributions are determined based on an individual's status or the size of the organisation (large, medium, or micro) and whether the organisation is providing co-funding or asset value to EIT Climate-KIC and the Community.

Annual memberships are offered at two levels:

**EXPLORE Membership:** Annual fees for individuals representing large and medium organisations are EUR 1,000 and EUR 500, respectively. The annual fee for micro organisations and individuals is EUR 100.

**DRIVE Membership:** Annual fees for organisations vary based on their size, with rates of EUR 12,500, EUR 5,000, or EUR 500.

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# COMMUNITY IN ACTION

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## **NET ZERO CITIES**

EU Mission 100 cities achieving climate ambitions by 2030 supported by a consortia of city networks, research organisations, think-tanks, companies, and universities.

## **PATHWAYS TO RESILIENCE**

A transformative and innovative approach to strengthen climate resilience in regions in collaboration with 14 partners from 10 countries.

## **SYSTEMS INNOVATION LEARNING PARTNERSHIP**

Enables sustainable transformations to happen in together with organisations and people working to tackle big issues to activate innovation across whole systems.

## **NEW EUROPEAN BAUHAUS**

The EIT Community to explore, test and scale-up new concepts for future ways of living with citizen engagement and co-creation projects.

## **1.5 INVESTMENT FUND**

A group of committed impact investment funds to support businesses generate transformative climate impact and the building blocks of a new economy.

## **CLIMATE INNOVATION IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Supporting 100 emerging climate businesses and initiatives together with entrepreneurship support organisations to scale early-stage start-ups for climate impact.



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## **IRELAND**

### **DEEP DEMOSTRATION**

Systems innovation for the transition to a climate-neutral agri-food sector in Ireland with the Irish government and key stakeholders in the sector.

## **SLOVENIA**

### **DEEP DEMOSTRATION**

A country transition to a circular, regenerative and low-carbon economy with the Slovenian government and key actors in the country.

## **SPAIN**

### **EU CITIES MISSION**

citiES 2030 is a collaborative platform for the climate neutrality of Spanish cities with the Spanish government, academia and private sector collaborators.

## **GIPUZKOA**

### **DEEP DEMOSTRATION**

An initiative to build collaborative governance on the two leading sectors of mobility and food and a deeper systemic way of thinking and working.

## **TANZANIA**

### **INNOVATION CLUSTER**

Accelerating Tanzania's adaptation to climate change through locally driven innovations in partnership with key local stakeholder groups.

## **INDIA**

### **INNOVATION CLUSTERS**

A circular transition and innovation for new solutions in the waste management sector in partnership with key local stakeholder groups.



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Deep Demonstration

Sustainable food systems in Ireland



## IRELAND'S DEEP DEMONSTRATION

Systems innovation for the transition to a climate-neutral agri-food sector in Ireland

The Irish Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine has partnered with EIT Climate-KIC to engage public and private stakeholders in the Irish land and agri-food system to accelerate its pathways to climate neutrality.

### Get involved in delivering sustainable land and agri-food systems.

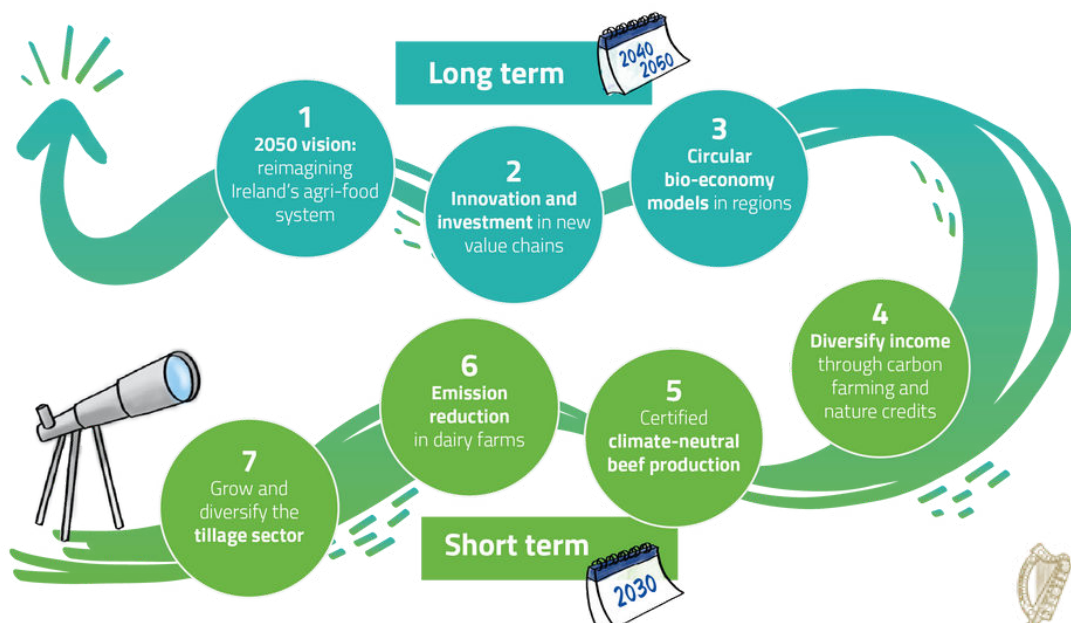
EIT Climate-KIC is applying its Deep Demonstration model of innovation to the entire agri-food and bio-based value chain, from soil to farm to fork to society. This involves working with stakeholders from both public and private sectors, including finance and education, as well as civil society, to develop and deploy coordinated innovation actions that work – in practice and at scale – and to obtain insights and lessons about a range (or portfolio) of solutions.

The Ireland Deep Demonstration partnership is going through the following roadmap:

- **Create a comprehensive map of the sector**, showing the key relationships, existing initiatives, and potential levers of change for effective innovation interventions.
- **Identify a portfolio of coordinated, mutually reinforcing innovation solutions** that will enable the Irish land and agri-food system to reach its environmental, social and economic targets.
- **Support the implementation of these solutions at scale**, learning and iterating to accelerate the transition.

Learn more and partner with us:

[climate-kic.org/SustainableFoodIreland](https://climate-kic.org/SustainableFoodIreland)



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## SLOVENIA'S DEEP DEMONSTRATION

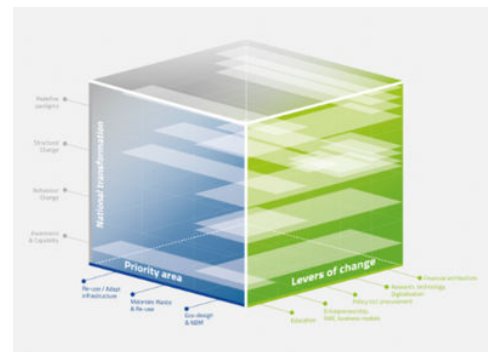
Join the transition to a circular, regenerative and low-carbon economy

Slovenia is emerging as a European leader in the transformation and decarbonisation of its economy and society. The country has a long-term Climate Strategy aimed at achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, in alignment with the EU's target of reducing emissions by 55% by 2030.

**Get involved in Slovenia's long-term Climate Strategy aiming to achieve net zero by 2050.**

The country's transition toward circularity, facilitated by the Deep Demonstration, is poised to lead to a resilient and prosperous Slovenian society, enhancing well-being and significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Slovenian government, through a multi-year partnership with EIT Climate-KIC, is driving a national, regionally-tailored, and transformative programme to accelerate decarbonisation and climate adaptation, promoting circular transitions in all communities.



### Deep Demonstration goals:

#### Deep Demonstration Core Principles

- **Demand-led:** Based on the specific needs of Slovenian stakeholders, building on existing initiatives and processes.
  - **Involves multiple interventions:** Takes action on different levers of change based on jointly created portfolios of innovation actions.
  - **Embraces learning while doing:** Continuously evaluates what works and what does not to support decision-making.
  - **Done in collaboration with all actors:** Enables cross-sectoral collaboration to overcome organisational silos and identify opportunities for collective action.
- Establish a frame of reference for Slovenia's circular economy portfolio.
  - Support the decarbonisation of the key value chains of the Slovenian economy
  - Spark innovation and the development of new systemic solutions in entrepreneurship, education, policy and finance
  - Enable cross-sectoral collaboration to overcome organisational silos and identify interlinked priority areas
  - Systemically engage a wider range of stakeholders in decision-making and policy processes
  - Support local stakeholders to extract learnings and intelligence to ultimately make transformative decisions.



## citiES 2030 SPANISH PLATFORM

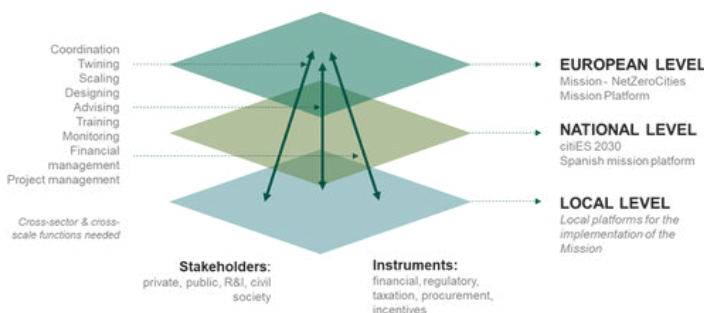
Collaboration platform for the climate neutrality of Spanish cities

citiES 2030 is a **multi-stakeholder space for collaboration and innovation** aimed at supporting the transition of Spanish cities towards climate neutrality, within the framework of the European Missions. The platform develops activities and offers services to facilitate the transformation towards healthier and more sustainable cities. citiES 2030 is promoted by EIT Climate-KIC and the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid under the mandate of the Spanish Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge (MITECO), through the Fundación Biodiversidad.

**citiES 2030 promotes the decarbonization of Spanish cities within the framework of the European Union Missions.**

citiES 2030 aims to **facilitate multi-stakeholder collaboration** by bringing together cities, public sector organizations, the private sector, academia, civil society, and citizens. It aligns collaboration efforts at different levels (European, national, and local), within the EU Missions context. The platform offers a range of tailored services with a strong emphasis on fostering learning, collaboration, and successful project implementation. Additionally, it encourages dialogue and the co-creation of multi-city programs, fostering a spirit of innovation and cooperation. Above all, it actively promotes the participation, activation, and stakeholders' involvement to drive the transformative change necessary for the future of Spanish cities.

citiES 2030 - in synergy with NetZeroCities - supports cities in the drafting of their **Climate Contracts (CCC)**, a tool of the European Commission to validate the commitment of cities to the challenge of decarbonization. Madrid, Valencia, Valladolid, Zaragoza, and Vitoria-Gasteiz have passed this evaluation and have obtained the Mission Label. Seville and Barcelona are in the evaluation process. Along with these cities, Cartagena, Gijón, Málaga, Pamplona, Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Santander and Viladecans and more than 40 organizations from different sectors are members of citiES 2030 and collaborate in multi-stakeholder projects.



The **services** of the citiES 2030 encompass the training, learning, and capacity building, extending assistance in drafting CCC. Moreover, citiES 2030 supports the development of local systemic innovation platforms to create transformative project portfolios, designs multi-city transformative programs, and fosters citizen engagement processes. Additionally, it plays a crucial role in the ongoing evaluation and monitoring of decarbonization efforts, ensuring a holistic approach to sustainable urban development.

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## INNOVATION CLUSTER IN TANZANIA

We are actively seeking partners to ensure the continued transformation in Tanzania

Tanzania faces significant climate risks that could exacerbate poverty levels and deepen food insecurity, particularly among households heavily dependent on agriculture. Given the pivotal role of agriculture in Tanzania's socio-economic growth and its status as a primary source of employment, our core objective is to enhance the resilience of rural communities.

### **Get involved in accelerating Tanzania's adaptation to climate change through locally driven innovations.**

This Innovation Cluster for climate adaptation in the country, aims to drive innovations for adaptation and resilience tailored to address climate challenges for rural communities in Tanzania. This involves the continuous gathering of local knowledge and experiences, as well as the nurturing of dynamic collaborations between local communities and the private sector.

#### **Key Results in 2023:**

- Over 250 key policymakers, innovators, entrepreneurs, experts, investors, and organisations gathered to explore avenues for cooperation in climate innovation during the launch event.
- More than 90 organisations signed up for the Adaptation Innovation Cluster, including NGOs, entrepreneurs, universities, investors, businesses, and government representatives.

To kickstart the Adaptation Innovation Cluster in Tanzania, Irish Aid awarded funding to support the core components of the programme for the first year.

This project gathers stakeholders from the agriculture, forestry, and land-use sectors, identified as high-priority sectors for strengthening climate resilience in Tanzania to assess adaptation needs, bring stakeholders to collaborate, and support Innovation development through the following steps:

**Ecosystem Assessment:** Map adaptation needs and opportunities in critical sectors and design an innovation cluster that builds upon existing initiatives and introduces new approaches based on a sector prioritisation process and engagement with local stakeholders.

**Ecosystem Development:** Engage and recruit local stakeholders, build partnerships, and raise awareness among those interested in joining the cluster.

**Building a Community:** Host climate innovation networking events and workshop, to kickstart the project, outlining its objectives and empowering local stakeholders to support 15 Adaptation and Resilience startups with innovations for the benefit of rural areas. Additionally, youth engagement activities support NGOs in raising awareness.



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## INNOVATION CLUSTER IN KENYA AND INDIA

Support the circular transition and innovation for new solutions in the waste management sector

Main cities in Kenya and India, Nairobi and Bengaluru, are experiencing rapid urbanisation and development that put increasing pressure on the cities' waste management systems. Currently the greater Nairobi area generates about 3,207 tonnes of waste per day and for Bangalore it even exceeds 5,000+ metric tons per day.

### **Get involved in accelerating waste management and prevention through locally driven innovations.**

The public sector alone does not have sufficient capacities and resources to oversee and tackle such waste management challenges. The level of complexity requires a multi-stakeholder approach and a wide collaboration between public institutions, ESO's, entrepreneurs and demand owners.

EIT Climate-KIC's leads this project aiming at empowering local innovation systems and generating new smart solutions for waste management and prevention challenges.

#### **Key results in 2023:**

- Successful kick-off workshops for both locations.
- Baseline research that consists of mapping both ecosystems is almost finalised.
- First building blocks for engagement and involvement of key stakeholders in both locations .

IKEA Foundation awarded funding to support the the programme. The project runs over a timespan of approximately 3 years and includes the following stages:

- **Stage 1: co-creating and shared vision.** Together with our partners the project design will be contextualised to each city to guarantee most impact. Decisions will be made regarding which waste stream and challenges areas the project will focus on. Continuous sensemaking is a key element in the project that will help make informed decisions.
- **Stage 2: capacity building.** Supporting ESO's, local entrepreneurs and demand owners by providing trainings on Circular Economy. Using Climate-KIC's ClimAccelerator and Incubator methodologies, early and late-stage innovation acceleration activities will be taking place. In this phase we collaborate strongly with our local partners in Nairobi and Bengaluru.
- **Stage 3: scaling.** To guarantee long term impact, the project aims to build robust innovation hubs in both cities that will continue to catalyse initiatives. Building and consolidating these Ecosystem Forums function as strong communities for key stakeholders that continue to work on Circular Economy solutions and innovations.



# ABOUT THE EIT CLIMATE-KIC



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**EIT Climate-KIC is Europe's leading climate innovation agency and community, supporting cities, regions, countries and industries to bridge the gap between climate commitments and current reality.**

A just, climate-resilient, beautiful future where people and nature thrive is within our reach. But to get there we need to be ambitious enough to make a profound transformation of whole places and industries.

## **We need systems change now.**

Systems change is complex. To bridge the gap between climate ambition and current reality, we must embrace that complexity. We need to get through the 'messy middle' between where we need go and where we are now. To do that we must experiment, try bold solutions, learn, test and learn again.

That's where EIT Climate-KIC comes in. We use a systems approach to shape innovation to support cities, regions, countries and industries meet their climate ambitions.

**Through radical collaboration, we open pathways to shift mindsets and behaviours, and enable decision makers and investors to act.**

As an agency and community, we work with partners across the globe to find and implement solutions in integrated ways, and mobilise finance.

We build skills to accelerate learning and to explore where innovation can make the biggest difference in transforming systems. With all this, we orchestrate large-scale demonstrations that show what is possible when cycles of innovation and learning are deliberately designed to trigger exponential decarbonisation and build resilient communities.

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