



## Partnering with EIT Climate-KIC on ClimAccelerator *Call for Expression of Interest in Europe!*

In the pursuit of urgent and transformative climate action, EIT Climate-KIC extends a warm invitation to visionary partners who share our commitment to reshaping the trajectory of our planet's future. We are looking for new EIT Climate-KIC partners to collaborate with us on the ClimAccelerator programme in Europe! The Expression of Interest phase for potential ClimAccelerator Organisers is now open until 16 September 2024, 09:00 CEST.

Partners **must** operate within one of the following countries:

- The Member States (MS) of the European Union (EU) including their outermost regions
- Third countries associated to Horizon Europe (the detailed list can be found [here](#))

### What is ClimAccelerator?

[ClimAccelerator](#) is a global programme for start-ups to innovate, catalyse and scale the potential of their climate solutions. We are turning cleantech start-ups into successful businesses and harnessing the power of human ingenuity to drive rapid impact and unlock a net-zero, resilient future for all. Our goal is to enable accelerators, incubators, innovation hubs, or any Entrepreneurship Support Organisation to run ClimAccelerators effectively. Together, we can work as a collective of actors to support entrepreneurship that tackles climate change.

Over the past 10 years, the accelerator programme powered by EIT Climate-KIC, has been a major climate innovation solution provider. We've supported more than 6,000 start-ups with access to resources, tools, mentoring and networks.

### Ready to tackle climate change through entrepreneurship?

At EIT Climate-KIC, we are determined to tackle this global issue head-on. We have identified high-impact shifts across three core systems that contribute to a staggering 70 per cent of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. By addressing these systems, we can pave the way for a sustainable and resilient future.

As we embark on the ambitious journey outlined in our newly unveiled strategy for 2024-2030,

"[Transformation, With Urgency](#)", we are actively seeking experienced collaborators to join us in co-creating and delivering transformative solutions through our flagship programme, ClimAccelerator.

## Programme Benefits

- ✓ **Tailored Tools:** Our open-sourced 'Operating System' provides everything you need to successfully run your own ClimAccelerator, including management tools, content, coaching and mentoring networks, and more.
- ✓ **Climate Impact:** We've developed a Climate Impact Framework that presents climate impact indicators alongside financial key performance indicators, allowing start-ups to assess and validate their credibility and business potential.
- ✓ **Financial Support:** No direct funding or grants, but we offer access to exclusive fundraising and investment opportunities and many ClimAccelerators are eligible for grant funding from external sponsors.
- ✓ **Global Network:** Join the EIT Climate-KIC Community of 400+ organisations across the globe working to drive a net-zero carbon transition.
- ✓ **Branding:** Selected Organisers will receive access to ClimAccelerator logos and branding materials. The selected and graduated ClimAccelerator startups are given permission to use ClimAccelerator logos on websites: <http://www.climate-kic.org/partner-information-page/>

## ClimAccelerator Themes

Our mission is to establish unparalleled prominence by building the world's foremost climate-focused accelerators. For this Expression of Interest round, we have selected three thematic areas for our partners:

**1. Agriculture** stands at the frontline of climate impact and adaptation, where innovation is not just necessary but imperative. This thematic initiative underscores the urgent need to reimagine agricultural practices in the context of a changing climate. Agriculture is not only essential for feeding the world's growing population but also plays a critical role in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, preserving biodiversity, and enhancing ecosystem resilience. Within this theme, various sub-sectors emerge as focal points for innovation and adaptation:



- Precision Agriculture
- Regenerative farming
- Sustainable supply chains
- Climate-Smart Crop Breeding

- Water Management
- Soil health enhancement
- Renewable energy integration
- Circular Economy Model

**2. Blue Economy** represents a critical frontier for sustainable development and climate resilience, where innovation is essential for the health of our oceans and coastal communities. This thematic initiative highlights the urgent need to harness the potential of marine and aquatic resources responsibly, ensuring their preservation for future generations. The blue economy is crucial not only for supporting livelihoods and food security but also for its role in mitigating climate change, protecting marine biodiversity, and enhancing ecosystem resilience. Within this theme, several sub-sectors stand out as key areas for innovation and sustainable development.



- Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Marine Renewable Energy
- Coastal Ecosystem Restoration
- Blue Carbon Initiatives
- Ocean Plastics Reduction and Recycling
- Marine Biotechnology
- Sustainable Maritime Transport
- Marine Spatial Planning and Governance

**3. Industrial decarbonisation** involves reducing carbon emissions across all sectors of society, from energy production to transportation, industry, and beyond. At its core, this theme means climate change mitigation (vs adaptation or biodiversity), and we break down decarbonisation into three areas where interesting technologies can flourish:



- Direct GHG emissions: Clean energy, Electrification, Access / supply of energy, GHG Neutral chemistry
- Indirect GHG Emissions: Energy efficiency, New Materials, Automation, Reuse or recycling
- GHG Removal: Capture, Storage, Synthesis

## Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Compulsory	Threshold
<b>Excellence:</b> Clarity and pertinence of the objectives, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, and goes beyond the state-of-the-art.	Yes	3
<b>Impact:</b> Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts.	Yes	3
<b>Uniqueness:</b> The specific added value of the programme.	Yes	3
<b>Climate-KIC portfolio strategic fit:</b> The evaluation of how well the proposed program aligns with and supports the strategic goals and objectives of the Climate-KIC portfolio.	Yes	3
<b>Financial Sustainability:</b> Capacity to cover expenses, allocate resources effectively, and demonstrate financial preparedness for sustainable implementation.	Yes	3

6 = Excellent, 5 = Very Good, 4 = Good, 3 = Average, 2 = Subpar, 1 = Unacceptable / Veto

## Next Steps

If you would like to collaborate with us, the Expression of Interest phase is now open, and we invite you to send us your proposal by 16 September 2024, 09.00 CEST.

To ensure effective and consistent communication, we request that all official communication **be conducted in English**. This will help streamline information-sharing and enhance clarity for all participants.

Further details on how we operate and support you can be found in this *Welcome Package for potential ClimAccelerator Organisers* [here](#)

## How to apply

Apply via this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/EmuT0BrwdC>

Additionally, we have two info sessions for questions on the ClimAccelerator coming up:

- 15 July 2024, 12.00-13.00 (CEST) Register [here](#)
  
- 29 August 2024, 14.00-15.00 (SGT) Register [here](#)

## Further Questions?

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We are looking forward to receiving your questions, comments and proposals, and working together to foster entrepreneurship and acceleration for climate impact and systems transformation at scale!