

Press Release

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EIT Climate- KIC 2017 Portugal Hub Accelerator Climate KIC Portugal consortia launches Accelerator for early stage start ups



EIT Climate-KIC is Europe's largest public-private innovation partnership supported by research, academia and businesses since 2010. Its mission is to foster innovation towards a zero-carbon agenda by developing a wide range of ideation, formation, and acceleration of start-ups activities across Europe, turning new ideas into successful business projects.

Climate-KIC Accelerator is Europe's largest clean tech accelerator for early stage startups. It is focused upon getting startups ready for their first investors and customers and helps them scale their business.

The accelerator is open to holders of ideas and/or entrepreneurial projects and start-ups already active in the field of low-carbon economy from the respective RIS countries. 8 ventures will be competitively selected by an international jury and will benefit from up to 15k€ in financial support for activities involving Customer discovery and Business model validation.

The call will be open from 1st Jun to 3rd July and will be targeting early stage start ups working in one of the 4 verticals: Urban Transitions, Sustainable Production Systems, Decision Metrics & Finance, Sustainable Land Use.

If you are an early-stage startup (up to three years) or you are working as a team and want to create a startup based around a new technology or service with high potential for both commercial viability and climate impact, then this is the right opportunity.



Experts coaching, pitch training and workshops



Pitch stages at DemoDay and investor dinner



Mentoring and networking



Financial support up to €15.000 for stage 2



Access to C-KIC partners

Supported by the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT), Climate-KIC carries the EU's mandate to deliver large-scale innovation for climate change mitigation and adaptation across the continent, and globally. Climate-KIC already works with a broad coalition of cities, regions and its network of business and academic partners to test and scale-up climate change solutions – and to train local students and entrepreneurs.

The programme is run from nine locations: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia; each with its own unique locational offer, support services and network.

Climate-KIC Accelerator supports over 150 startups in Europe, and this number is still growing.





About Climate-KIC

Climate-KIC is the EU's largest public private partnership addressing climate change through innovation to build a zero carbon economy. We address climate change across four priority themes: urban areas, land use, production systems, climate metrics and finance. Education is at the heart of these themes to inspire and empower the next generation of climate leaders. We run programmes for students, start-ups and innovators across Europe via centres in major cities, convening a community of the best people and organisations. Our approach starts with improving the way people live in cities. Our focus on industry creates the products required for a better living environment, and we look to optimise land use to produce the food people need. Climate-KIC is supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union.



About BGI

BGI IUL MIT Portugal is an American style, world-class, deep innovation accelerator part of the MIT Portugal program. BGI is based in Lisbon (Portugal), conducting some components of its acceleration program in Cambridge (USA). It is a NFP organisation founded in 2013 set up by one of the top management universities in Portugal, ISCTE-IUL. As a deep innovation accelerator, BGI focus on 4 verticals: Medical Devices & Health IT, Smart Cities & Industry 4.0 solutions, Enterprise IT & Smart Data and Water Economy.

Since 2010, BGI has accelerated 120 ventures which have aggregately risen over €110 Mio, with a survival rate of 73% to date and a creation of 727 high-tech jobs. Such results have enabled us to be considered one of the top 100 leaders accelerators in the world (by hot topics) and top 20 in Europe (by Fundacity).



About FCT

Founded in 1977, Faculty of Sciences and Technology, NOVA University (FCT-NOVA) is one of the most prestigious Portuguese and European engineering and science public schools. It is engaged in extensive research activity developed at 16 research centres involving 1600 PhD and Master's students of the total enrolment of circa 7800.

