Climate-KIC Conference

Role Models of Innovation for Tackling Climate Change

4th–5th December 2012 | Venue: Wrocław Congress Center
Wrocław, Lower Silesia, Poland

- Are you running an SME offering low carbon products or services?
- Are you an academic, post-graduate or researcher working on climate change issues?
- Do you work for a city council or public agency improving the energy efficiency of housing stock, promoting renewable energy or encouraging low carbon behaviour?
- Would you like to meet and network with senior people in one of Europe's leading initiatives on climate change?

If so, then this conference is for you. You shall have the opportunity to hear what the Climate-KIC network is doing at the cutting-edge of the climate change agenda and how it is developing new ideas and promoting them. There are no conference fees and Climate-KIC will cover the accommodation costs of the first 80 delegates to register for the conference.

Climate-KIC is one of the first three Knowledge and Innovation Communities designated by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology in 2010. Its core purpose is to create opportunities for innovators to address climate change and shape the world's next economy. It initiates creative partnerships across Europe between dynamic companies, the best academic institutions and the public sector.

Climate-KIC has five national centres – in Paris (France), Zurich (Switzerland), Berlin (Germany), London (United Kingdom) and the Randstad area (The Netherlands). Additionally, Climate-KIC brings together six major European regions – Central Hungary, Lower Silesia (Poland), Emilia-Romagna (Italy), Hessen (Germany), the Valencian Region (Spain) and West Midlands (UK).

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Monday,
3rd December

20.00 – 23.00
Welcome Reception,
Wrocław City Hall

Address:
Rynek 1,
50-106 Wrocław

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Tuesday, 4th December
Generating an environment for entrepreneurs

08.45 – 09.30	Conference Registration | Foyer 2
9.30 – 11.00	Plenary Session – Opening Speeches | Auditorium > Welcome from the host city Rafał Dutkiewicz, Mayor, City of Wrocław > EIT: Innovation for Europe Daria Tataj, Member of EIT Governing Board > Climate-KIC: Vision & Strategy Mary Ritter, Chief Executive Officer, Climate-KIC
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break | Foyer 1&2
11.30 – 13.00	New Thinking on Transitions to a Low Carbon Society | Auditorium > EU Low Carbon Roadmap to 2050 > Transformative Innovation for sustainability > EU Regional perspectives
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch | Bistro & Restaurant > Networking opportunities
14.00 – 15.30	Parallel Session I - Entrepreneurship | Conference room AB Format: interactive sessions involving 3-4 short presentations followed by discussion Each session to appoint a rapporteur to report back to Plenary Session > Incubation Networks >> Overview of KIC network >> Incubation network report >> Opportunities to engage >Speakers >> Climate-KIC >> New Ventures >> Incubation centres

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Tuesday, 4th December
Generating an environment for entrepreneurs

14.00 – 15.30	Parallel Session II - Entrepreneurship | Conference room CD Format: interactive sessions involving 3-4 short presentations followed by discussion Each session to appoint a rapporteur to report back to Plenary Session > Business Creation >> Overview of KIC support >> Examples of ventures supported >> Opportunities to engage >Speakers >> Climate-KIC >> New Ventures >> Incubation centres
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break | Foyer 1&2 > Networking opportunities
16.00 – 16.30	Plenary Session | Auditorium > Conclusions from the first day
20.00	Gala Dinner > Venue: Wrocław Congress Center, 1 Wystawowa Street, 51-618 Wrocław

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Wednesday, 5th December
Creating tomorrow's climate innovators

9.30 – 10.30

Plenary Session: From Policy to Practice – supporting the transition to a low carbon society in Europe | Auditorium

> This session will explore how aspects of the EU Low Carbon Roadmap to 2050 can be taken forward by the new EU Research, Innovation and Structural Fund programmes between 2014 and 2020

>Speakers
>> European Commission
>> Regional representatives from different parts of Europe

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee Break | Foyer 1&2

> Networking opportunities

11.00 – 12.30

Plenary Session: Innovation projects | Auditorium

Case studies of 3-4 Climate-KIC projects

> Pioneer Cities
> Carbocount
> Agadapt / Smart Urban Water
> B-COR / Bio-Renew

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch | Bistro & Restaurant

> Networking opportunities

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Wednesday, 5th December
Creating tomorrow's climate innovators

13.30 – 14.30

Parallel Session I - Education | Conference room AB

Format: interactive sessions involving 3-4 short presentations followed by discussion
Each session to appoint a rapporteur to report back to Plenary Session

> The Journey for Master & PhD students:
- >> Overview of KIC network and activities
- >> Feedback from education survey
- >> EIT Fellowships
- >> Opportunities to engage

>Speakers
- >> Climate-KIC
- >> Students
- >> EIT

13.30 – 14.30

Parallel Session II - Professional Education | Conference room CD

Format: interactive sessions involving 3-4 short presentations followed by discussion
Each session to appoint a rapporteur to report back to Plenary Session

> Professional Education:
- >> Overview of KIC network and activities
- >> Feedback from education survey
- >> Opportunities to engage

>Speakers
- >> Climate-KIC
- >> Professionals on the courses

14.30 – 15.00

Coffee Break | Foyer 1&2

> Networking opportunities

15.00 – 16.00

Closing session | Auditorium

> Speakers from Climate-KIC and Lower Silesia

The Conference will also have an Exhibition Area to showcase Climate-KIC's activities across innovation, entrepreneurship and education.

The Conference will be filmed by Climate-KIC and will involve a series of interviews with selected participants.