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Empowering Europe's climate entrepreneurs,
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On Monday 3rd July Climate-KIC launches the 8th Edition of **Europe's largest climate innovation and entrepreneurship summer school: The Journey**. During July and August over 300 top quality and highly passionate **young innovators** from across the world will come together in eight summer schools across eighteen European locations to collaborate, ideate and develop the skills to create innovative and **sustainable business solutions** to one of the world's greatest societal challenges: **climate change**.



What is the Journey?

The Journey is a 3-week or 5-week residential, **interdisciplinary and experiential** learning programme. It brings together international students and young professionals from a wide range of backgrounds to exchange with **Europe's top experts** from business, research, policy and academia around the challenges of climate change, whilst learning in a hands-on way to develop successful start-ups to address these.

"I feel empowered to pursue an entrepreneurial path in the field of climate change"
- Participant, Journey 2016

From validating an idea to understanding the market, structuring a business to building an interdisciplinary team, **delivering a business plan to pitching at a final event**, Climate-KIC gears participants up for the world of climate entrepreneurship. Each Journey takes up to 40 participants through 2-3 European cities, combining local climate expertise and site visits with the tools to make an impact on the global effort to find solutions.

Over **1200 participants** from across the globe have gained climate and entrepreneurial knowledge and inspiration from the Journey since its inception in 2010. More than 240 Business ideas have been generated, with an increasing number of these successfully continuing on to pre-Incubation, accelerator and other start-up programmes. The format has been held up as a best practice example of Innovation in Higher Education by the OECD (HEI Innovate), and in 2016 the programme also saw public recognition as a winner of 21 solutions pour demain campaign in France.

Examples of Journey alumni entrepreneurs:

Julia Römer & Arno Zimmermann: Founders of the start-up Coolar - a cooling system that runs off heat rather than electricity. Listed on Forbes 30 under 30 social entrepreneurs.

coolar.co

Ben Kaippallil: Founder of PhaseShift Energy - hydropneumatic wind harvesting and storing

phaseshiftenergy.com

Clementine Chabon: Founder of oorja - providing sustainable solutions for industrial and commercial heating & cooling. Listed on Forbes 30 under 30 social entrepreneurs.

oorjasolutions.org



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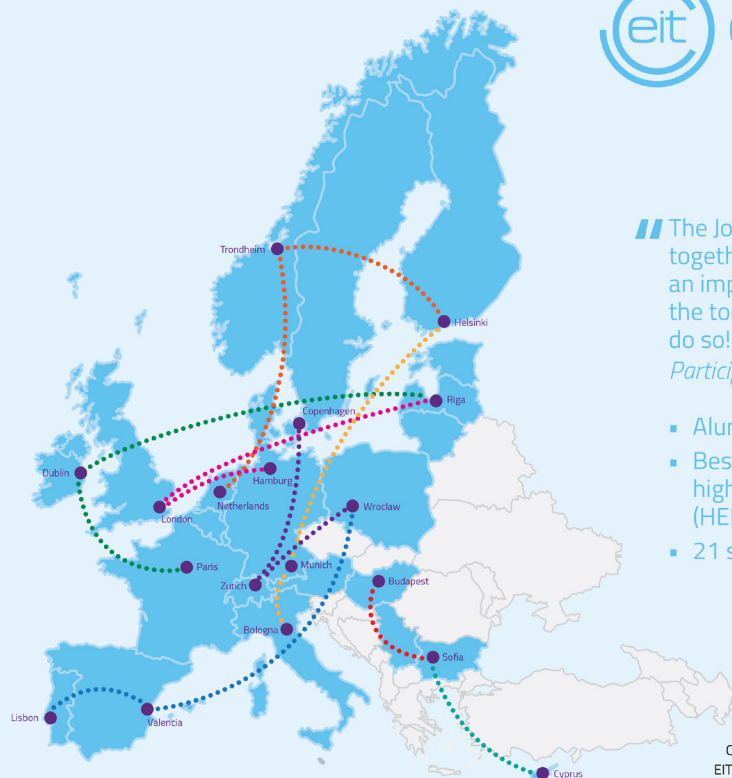
Journey 2017 Host Partners:

ETH Zurich, University of Copenhagen, Cleantech Bulgaria, Imperial College London, University of Valencia, University of Hamburg, Riga Technical University, ASTER Bologna, Technical University Munich, UNL Lisbon, Trinity College Dublin, Wageningen University, UPMC, Ecole Polytechnique, AgroParisTech, TU Delft, Aalto University Finland, Trondheim University, Cyprus University of Technology, University of Utrecht, Pannon Pro Innovations Ltd Budapest, Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life sciences

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The world's largest climate innovation summer school

- Transformational experience
- Entrepreneurial & innovation skills
- Enhanced career opportunity
- Global network



“ The Journey brings people together who want to make an impact and gives them the tools and the network to do so! ”

Participant, Journey 2016

- Alumni in Forbes 30 under 30
- Best exemplar of innovation in higher education by OECD (HEI Innovate)
- 21 solutions *pour demain* award

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Over 1200 participants



More than 240 climate business ideas



Cultural diversity, gender parity and multi disciplinary




Working with academia, business, public and not-for-profit sectors



Supported learning from business coaches



99% satisfaction rates among participants



“To sustainability and beyond”.
I believe that Climate-KIC plays a
crucial role in achieving a better and
greener future, as the Journey
brings people together who want to
make an impact and gives them
the tools and the network to do so!
Thank you for this eye-opening
and inspiring experience!”

Participant, Journey 2016

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