

Statements from Hosts of 2012



"The two pioneers from Spain and Italy were very interested and engaged in their work concerning the implementation of a sustainability concept for the University of Kassel. They had an external view on it and therefore they created a lot of new ideas. Their work was a big support for the university."

Jana Gattermann, University of Kassel, Hessen

"Hosting a Climate KIC Pioneer is a great way of promoting an international atmosphere in our office. For edinn, being a host is very enriching as we make new international contacts and have different perspectives in the climate change field."

David Tronconi, EDINN GLOBAL, Valencian Region



"Our expectations were set quite high and beyond all doubt, our Pioneer surpassed those by a mile. He worked off his own back, he delivered real benefit and I would not hesitate to recommend this programme to any other organisation."

Crispin Turner, JCB, West Midlands

How to apply?

We are looking for host organisations who are able to express their interest in supporting us on the path to a low carbon economy. Please describe your organisation's current activities on climate change innovation and what impact you expect from your involvement in the Pioneers into Practice programme. We would like to know how you intend to involve the pioneer in your project or activities and what facilities you can provide to the pioneer.

Please send your application in English to your regional PiP Manager.

The deadline for applications is

Friday March 29th, 2013

A full application package is available online.



www.climate-kic.org/pioneers

Please contact your regional PiP Manager for further information:



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HOSTS PIONEERS INTO PRACTICE

– Transition to a low carbon society –

Become a host organisation, be part of Climate-KIC!

Climate-KIC, a knowledge and innovation community, is part of the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT), an EU body whose mission is to increase sustainable growth. Climate-KIC supports this mission by addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation. Climate-KIC does this by maintaining a world class European network of partnerships made up of dynamic companies, the best academic institutions and the public sector.

What is Pioneers into Practice?

The Pioneers into Practice programme (PiP) aims to create a new generation of low carbon entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs and enablers with the capacity to understand and manage the new type of innovation required to address the challenges posed by climate change.

Within the Pioneers into Practice programme, pioneers will get the chance to participate in the activities of other network partners. The programme provides you and other individuals from a range of different backgrounds with the opportunity to develop your knowledge about the dynamics and management of system innovation for the transition to a low-carbon economy in Europe.

Who can participate?

Applicants who have a University degree or at least 2 years of working experience in the field of climate change/sustainability which are working, living or studying in a RIC region or attached to a KIC Partner. For the international nature of the programme participants must be fluent in English.

In addition, future Pioneers have to be part of one of the following categories:

- Attached to/employed by an organisation dealing with climate change tasks
- Self-employed in the field of climate-change
- PhD student or Post Doc at a University or Research Center in the field of climate change

Why should you participate?

- Develop hands-on experience of low carbon innovations within a variety of organisational and international settings. Each participant will undertake 2 x 4-week placements in leading innovation projects in the Climate-KIC regions.
- Go beyond the boundaries of your own professional expertise or organisational background and acquire a broader understanding of low carbon innovation.
- Develop an understanding of transition thinking and systems innovation in the area of climate change mitigation and adaptation. This will be done through intensive workshops.
- Advance new ideas, which could form the basis for new innovations and ventures in practice. The best ideas can be put forward for support from the Climate-KIC Venture Support programme.
- Extend communication and networking abilities as part of a wider group of climate innovators.



Facts and Figures:

180 Pioneers from 6 different regions will participate in the 2013 Pioneers into Practice Programme. Taking part in the programme you will become part of a strong network of the 6 European partner regions:

- Central Hungary (Hungary)
- Emilia-Romagna (Italy)
- Hessen (Germany)
- Lower Silesia (Poland)
- Valencian Region (Spain)
- West Midlands (UK)

As a host organisation you will first receive a Pioneer from your home region for four weeks in May 2013 and/or another Pioneer from one of the European partner regions for four weeks in October 2013. The Pioneer's expenses and contribution to his/her salary will be covered by Climate-KIC.

Timetable for 2013

- » Mid-April: Introductory Workshop (2 days)
- » April - May: Domestic placement (4 weeks)
- » Early-June: 1st Crucible (2 days)
- » Sept - Oct: International placement (4 weeks)
- » End of Oct: Workshop and Climate-KIC Festival (3 days)
- » November: 2nd Crucible (2 days)