

PiP building on success

Pioneers into Practice paves the way for a transition to a low carbon society and meeting the EU's 20-20-20 climate targets.

So far close to five hundred climate change ambassadors have taken part in this new type of mobility programme which brings together professionals from the industry, small companies, universities, research institutes, as well as non-profit and public organisations.

It is a real mix of professional sectors, ages and a reasonable gender balance and diversity. YOU could be the next PiP pioneer or host!

Read what they say about PiP

"PiP is a good opportunity not only for the Pioneers but also for the institutes in order to improve knowledge transfer and international cooperation programme nor a research programme but an ecologist transfer programme for climate situation. I would recommend the programme because beside improving researches and innovation in our Mediterranean region, it also develops new business opportunities."

Prof. Dr. Jose-Vicente Oliver, Valencia
Host — Head of the Forest-based Industries Unit, Department of Rural Engineering (DIRA), Universitat Politècnica de Valencia

"What I liked about the placement in Valencia is the fact of being in another culture, meet other pioneers who all share the same views about climate change and want to work in the field. There was a good exchange of ideas and it made me realise that if you want to make a business you have to try and start it."

Paul Brouwer, Utrecht
Pioneer — Research assistant Utrecht University

"Tremendous initiative, truly inspiring, and great to see Europe taking the lead."

Alan Wood, West-Midlands
Pioneer — Director, Sterling-Wood Associates

The Programme enables us to meet with relevant partners to provide our know-how, our knowledge and be able to join in and create new and truly climate-friendly sustainable businesses."

Zita Farkas, Central Hungary
Pioneer — PhD Student
BME Doctoral School of Mechanical Engineering

4. How to apply?

Please feel free to send your application in English to your regional PiP Manager. For a full application package or for participating at the events and masterclasses visit the webpage:

www.climate-kic.org/pioneers



For more information contact [your regional PiP Manager](#) or the EU PiP Coordination office:

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Climate-KIC

Europe's placement programme for climate professionals

Climate-KIC is the Knowledge and Innovation Community on Climate designated by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) to drive innovation in the area of climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Pioneers into practice explained

1. What is Pioneers into Practice?

Pioneers into Practice (PiP) is Climate-KIC's leading professional knowledge development mobility programme for creating high-level skills for the low-carbon economy (LCE).

The PiP programme aims to create a new generation of 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 and to lead the transition to a LCE.



PiP Programme overview:

- two 4-weeks placements working on leading low-carbon projects in two eligible host organisations (regional+international)
- individual and group projects assignments focused on real-world challenges
- intensive workshops to develop an understanding of transition thinking and system innovation in the area of climate change adaptation and mitigation
- expert mentoring and coaching by a Dutch expert network in transition management- Knowledge for Systems Innovation (KSI)
- opportunity to showcase ideas at the Climate-KIC Innovation Festival in a European city and share placement experiences and wider thinking on systemic innovation
- up to €8,000 grant per pioneer to cover expenses, travel, accommodation and salary costs.
- networking in an international framework

2. How can I participate as host or as pioneer?

... See if you are an eligible PIONEER:

- ✓ You have experience and/or qualifications relevant to the Climate Change challenge. This is wide-ranging and includes areas such as mobility, energy networks, industrial symbiosis, buildings, land and water.
- ✓ You are committed to helping tackle the Climate Change Challenge and to being part of a community of like-minded professionals
- ✓ You are (self) employed and will be able to use what you learn on the programme when you return to your job (PhD student or Post Docs are also eligible)
- ✓ You are able to commit to the key dates detailed in the programme timeline
- ✓ You work, live or study in one of the eligible locations
- ✓ You have fluent English skills, are open-minded and keen to learn, share, enjoy!

... See if you are an eligible HOST:

- ✓ You have experience relevant to the Climate Change challenge.
- ✓ You are committed to helping tackle the Climate Change challenge
- ✓ You are placed within the eligible locations
- ✓ You work with the pioneer to define a sustainability-related work task covering the placement
- ✓ You are able to provide office space/an area to work from and relevant supervision
- ✓ You are open-minded and keen to learn, share and enjoy!



This is a fantastic opportunity to get a fresh view on your organisation's low carbon plans and activities!

Placements for climate professionals

13 European regions and countries collaborate in Climate-KIC's Pioneers into Practice programme.

Climate-KIC PiP partners:

- » Central Hungary (Hungary)
- » Emilia-Romagna (Italy)
- » Hessen (Germany)
- » Lower Silesia (Poland)
- » Utrecht (the Netherlands)
- » Valencia (Spain)
- » West Midlands (UK)

Outreach regions:

- » Cork/Dublin (Ireland)
- » Helsinki/Uusimaa (Finland)
- » South Moravia (Czech Republic)
- » North of Portugal & Lisbon (Portugal)
- » Slovenia
- » Timis (Romania)



3. Why participate in the PiP programme?

Develop hands-on experience of low carbon innovations within a variety of organisational and international settings.

Go beyond the boundaries of your own professional expertise or organisational background and acquire a broader understanding of low carbon innovation (cross-disciplinary reach).

Develop an understanding of transition thinking and systems innovation in the area of climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Advance new ideas, services and products, 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.