



Roadmap Session 2026





Welcome.



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Who are we?

Founded in 2010 by EIT (European Institute of Innovation and Technology), today Climate KIC is an independent European foundation, focused on catalysing climate innovation and collaboration to accelerate the green transition.

Above all, we are a **community and network of organisations** driving systemic climate innovation. We connect cities, businesses, universities, entrepreneurs, investors and public bodies to reach a just, resilient and climate neutral economy.

Focus areas

Cities & regions

Entrepreneurship

Soil & agriculture

Investment services

Academy

Community

Climate KIC at a glance

9

Physical presence in nine European countries

200+

Colleagues across the organisation

15+

Years experience in climate innovation



Our membership network

A diverse European network connecting organisations, start-ups and professionals across the climate innovation ecosystem, creating space for collaboration, shared intelligence and practical action.

**153**

Member organisations
in Europe

100+

Start-ups

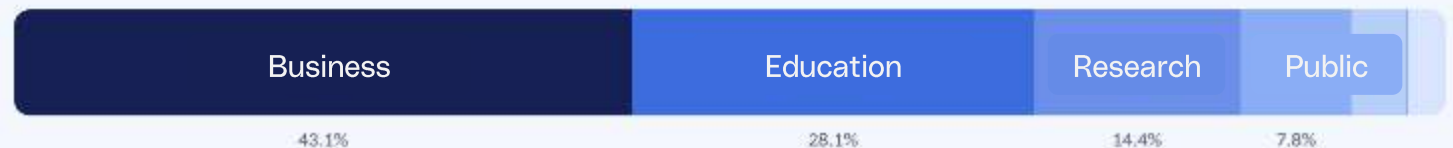
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Individual professionals

1200+

Total members

Member distribution by organisation type



The roadmap



We've been listening to you

A Community that is more practical,
more relevant and easier to activate.

Visibility

Member stories,
spotlights and platforms

Intelligence

Funding, policy,
trends & risks

Connection

Introductions, matchmaking
and peer exchange

Opportunity

Collaborations, consortia
& ecosystem access



A look at **what's ahead**



Better visibility

Fresh ways to share member stories, case studies, opportunities and ecosystem signals across the Community.



Member experience

A more personal experience, with deeper member conversations, clearer onboarding and easier ways to access support.



Upcoming events

A curated programme of sessions around funding, policy, collaboration and emerging climate innovation trends.



New Digital Tools

Tools to help you navigate funding opportunities, ecosystem connections and relevant climate intelligence.



Ways to engage

Whether you're a member or just getting to know us.



Visibility





Our new insights magazine “The Canopy”

A new **quarterly digital magazine** bringing together member spotlights, practical intelligence and signals from across the Climate KIC Community.



Member spotlights



Ecosystem trends



Funding intelligence



Policy signals



In the middle of things A foreword from our CEO, Kirsten Dunlop



Kirsten Dunlop
CEO, ClimateKIC

There are moments when the climate conversation feels less like a distant threat and more like a daily reality. Heatwaves. Floods. Disruption. Loss. Each one a reminder of what's at stake.

We've seen communities, experts, businesses, and innovators set to work solving the hard problems – developing new technologies, building better products, rethinking the way we live and work. We're excited to see what's possible.

This is the movement we're building at Climate KIC, and we're excited to see what's possible. We're excited to see what's possible.

This is an environment that we want.

This is an era of uncertainty, yet also of immense opportunity. The challenge is to make the most of the opportunities that are in front of us. It's about finding the right mix of people, ideas, and resources to make it happen.

There is no single formula for solving the climate crisis. But there is a shared belief that innovation – in all its forms – can deliver a better, more resilient world. One where we can thrive and prosper, together, for a better future.

This book is a window into our life here at Fresh Growth, to the people we partner with, the ideas we champion, and the impact we're scaling – through stories, insights, challenges, and a glimpse of what's possible.

You'll see why we're investing for a Climate KIC Community to be proud of.

The future belongs to those who act – not tomorrow, but together, starting today. I invite you to join us as we build a thriving, inclusive, and sustainable world. One where everyone has a voice and no place is left behind.

It's also an invitation.

Because this journey isn't just being on what you invest in. It's who you build it with. Collaboration. Co-creation. Co-innovation. These are the words that unlock breakthroughs. They are the words that lead to real, lasting impact. This is the invitation to join our community and help us build a better future.

The ecology of innovation won't succeed in a silo. It's a whole community.

The time is now. It's together.

The time is now.

Kirsten Dunlop

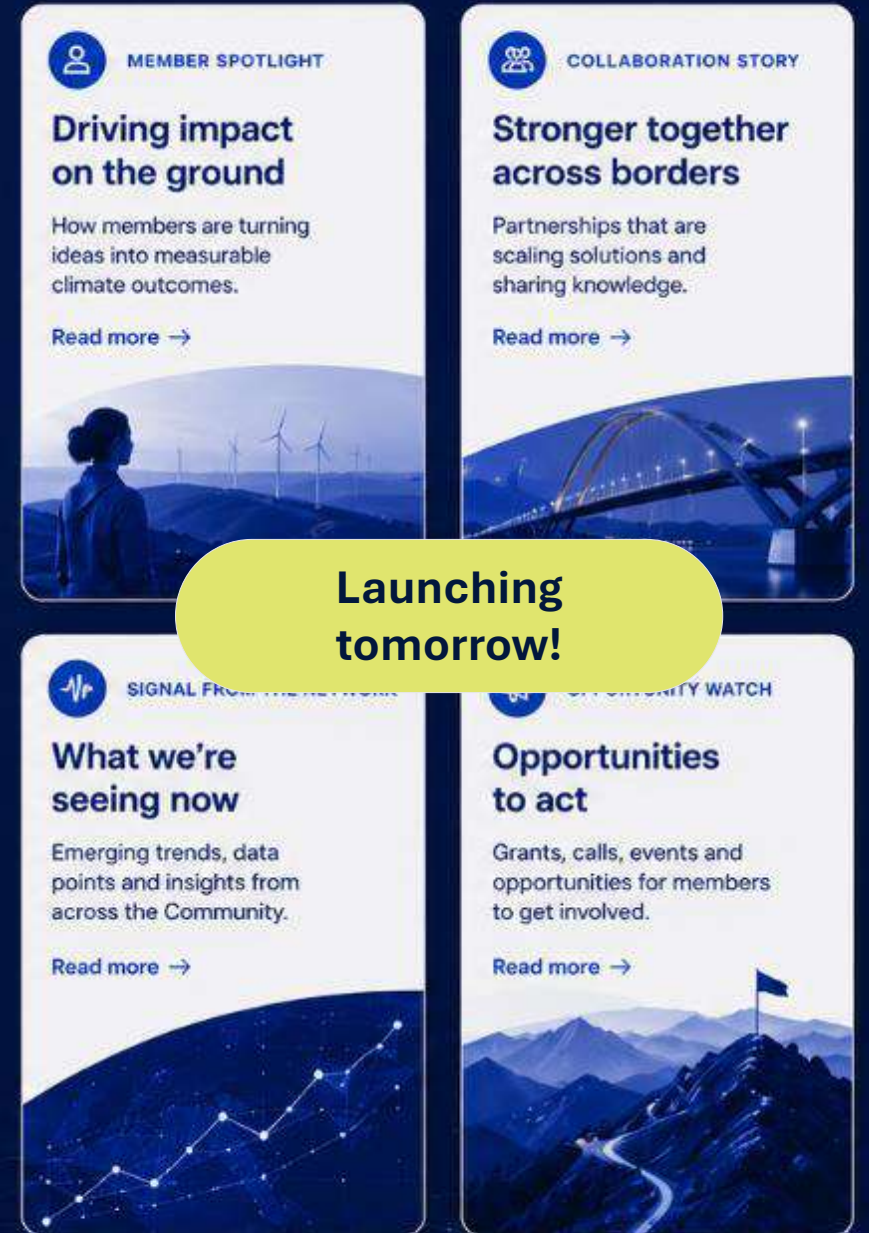




Putting member work in the spotlight

Each edition of the insights magazine will create the space to **showcase member stories**, surface useful insights and connect opportunities across the network.

We'll be looking for stories, case studies, events and opportunities to feature.

[Member stories](#)[Case studies](#)[Opportunities](#)[Perspectives](#)

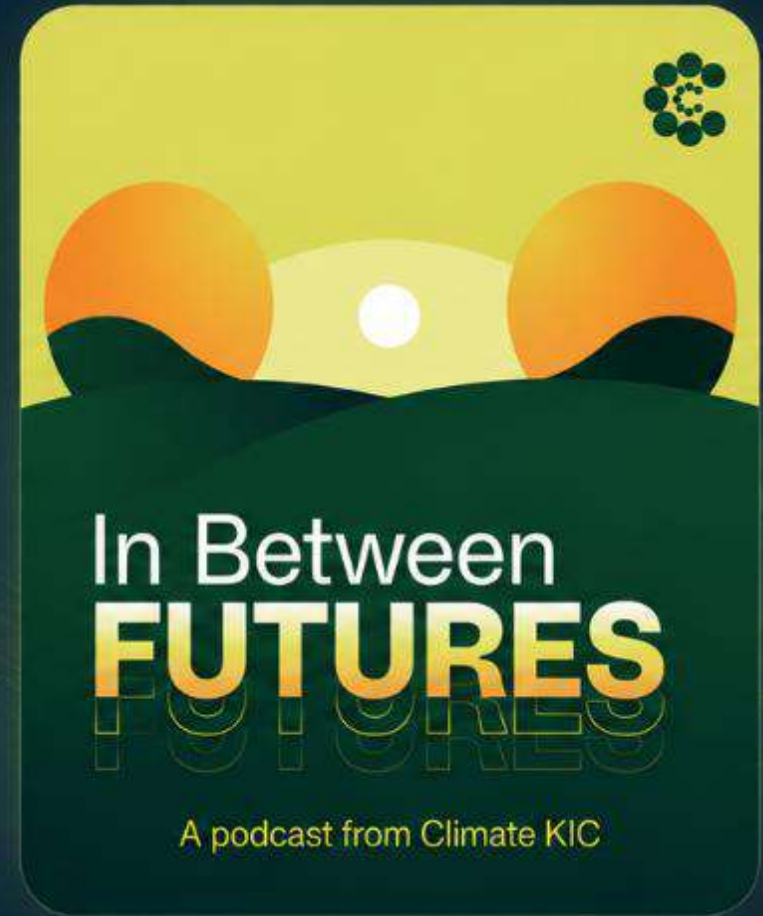


Say hello to a **new season** of our podcast

Building on the success of our last season, “How could we?”, our latest podcast, “**In Between Futures**” will offer space to spotlight the work of community members.

Member
features

2 Episodes per
month





Member Experience



A better member experience

Easier to join, stay connected and get value from the Community.

This year we have started deeper conversations with existing members to better understand your challenges and how we can support you.

Over the coming months we will continue scheduling member interviews and deep dive conversations so that our tools, events and services are tailored around real member needs.



Getting to know you better

Using deeper member interviews to help us understand your priorities, challenges and capabilities, and how we can be most useful!



Improved onboarding

Improvements to the way new members join and reconnect with our Community

Clear guidance & access to support



Payments & referrals

Monthly payment options and direct debit

Referral bonuses and discounts for members who help us grow



Meet the Community Helpdesk

Your entry point for guidance, introductions or support. The goal is simple: to help you find the right person, opportunity or next step faster.



Right person



Opportunity



Next step

How it works



1 Submit request

Share your request on
Climate Hive



2 Meet the team

We connect to understand the need



3 We guide you

We point you to the right people, resources and steps

Launching today!

Funding opportunities

Connections

Light research support



Upcoming events



2026 **focus areas**

The themes shaping our upcoming events, intelligence and collaboration.



Institutional funding & Horizon Europe

- ✓ Funding intelligence
- ✓ Horizon Europe funding navigation
- ✓ Consortium building
- ✓ Practical sessions



European Policy & FP10

- ✓ Brussels signals and policy briefings
- ✓ Horizon FP10 pre-consultation
- ✓ What upcoming EU priorities mean for climate innovation
- ✓ Member perspectives & discussions



Structured / facilitated **networking**

First edition this July

We're piloting new interactive online formats to help members connect more meaningfully.



Join with purpose

Tell us your interests, priorities and what you are hoping to explore.



Take part in interactive formats

Facilitated online sessions designed to help you find the right people.



Build useful connections

Leave with new and relevant contacts, fresh perspectives and clear follow-up pathways.



Explore all of our events on **Climate Hive**

Discover upcoming sessions & community gatherings, and find conversations relevant to you!

➔ climate-hive.org/events

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**Practical EPO Tools
for Clean Energy and
Energy Storage Research**

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**Financing Climate-Positive
Energy Projects**



**The Emerging Civic
Leadership Archetype**



**Beyond the Course: Building
a Future-Ready Workforce**



Decarbon Days 2026



**Choose Europe: From
Theory to Practice**





Digital Tools





Coming soon

Funding intelligence, easier to navigate

We are releasing a navigation tool putting hundreds of climate funding calls into one place, making it easy to filter, explore and take action.

Members can filter by theme, funding type, deadline and category, with direct links to key documents, guidance and next steps.



Open calls



Docs & links



Climate tags



Deadlines

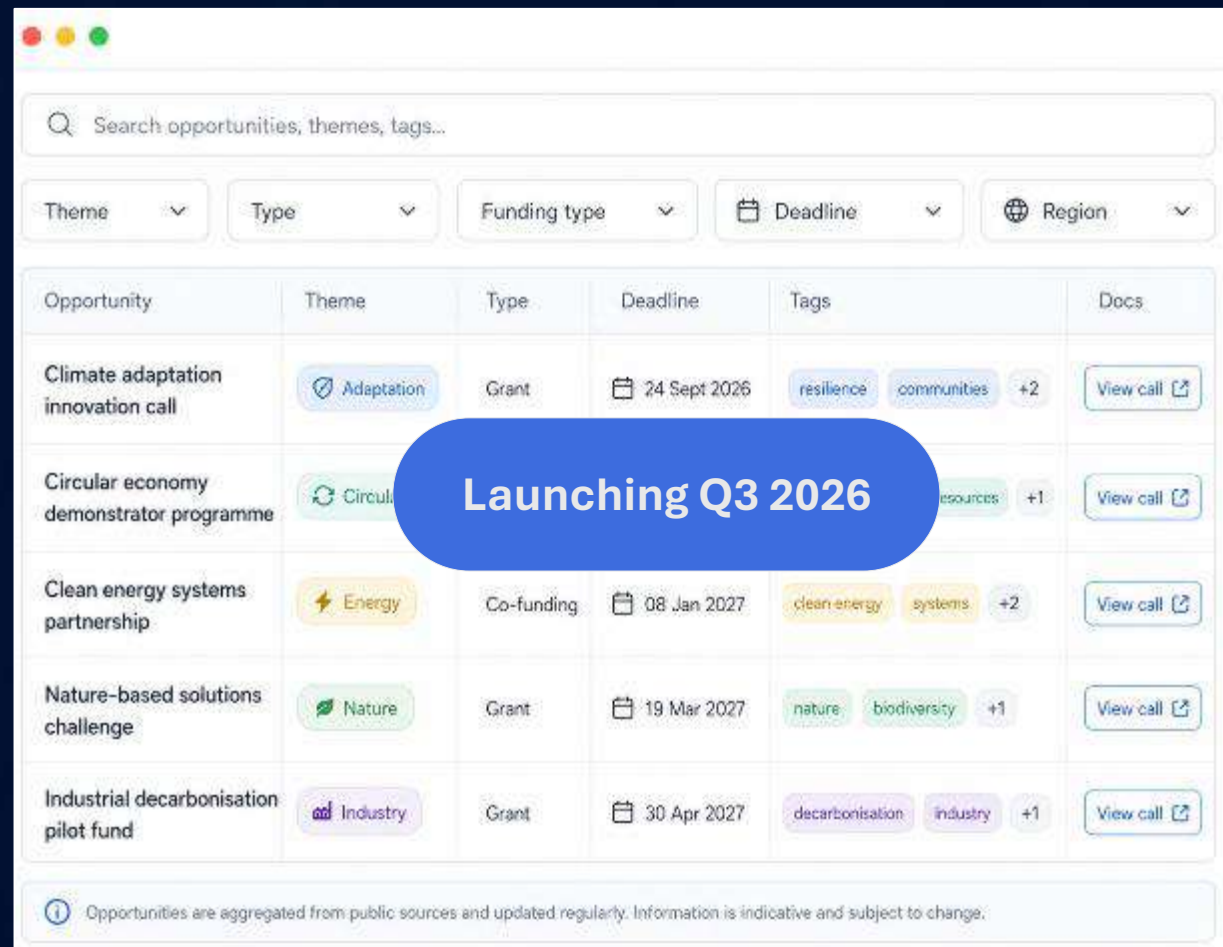


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Coming soon

Ecosystem Explorer

The member directory, now in 4D

A navigable map of climate projects, people and stakeholders in Europe. Use it to find relevant peers, potential collaborations and understand who is working on what across the ecosystem.



Projects



Themes



Location



Skills



Connections

Live demo with Marcus

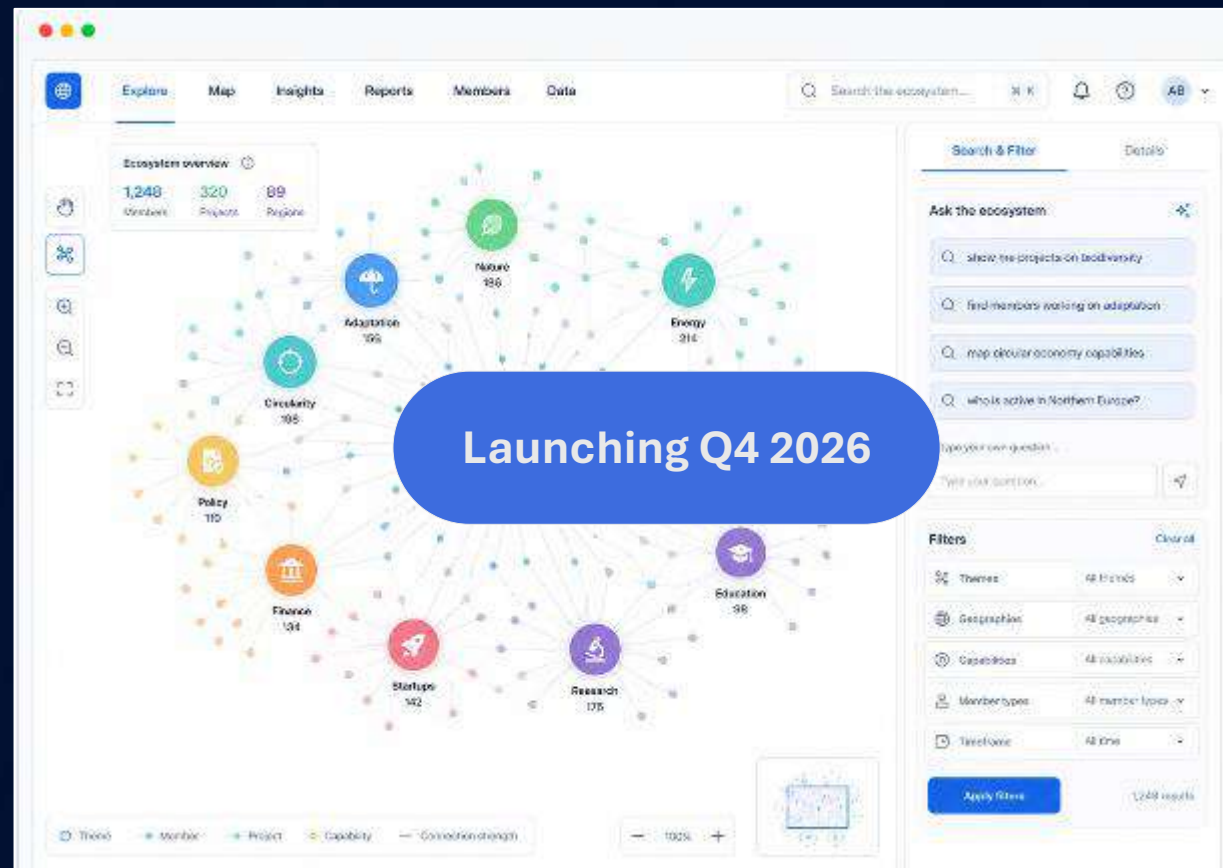


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Live Demo





Members: How to get involved?



Book a call with us

Scan the QR code to book a conversation with the Community team.



Scan to
book a call



Share a spotlight story

Send us a project, story or case study to be featured in the Community.



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Not a member yet? Come and talk to us!



**Scan to
book a
call**



**Book a
conversation**

Tell us about your
organisation,
priorities and what
you need



**Explore our
online platform**

Use our free trial to
explore Climate Hive,
our events, tools and
resources.



Join if it fits!

Become part of a
growing network
shaping climate
innovation and
collaboration across
Europe.



Thank **you.**



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