Call to Action: CEE Community Lab Implementation, 2022

This document covers applications for funding under 2021-22 / EIT GA 2021-22.

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CALL TO ACTION: CEE Community Lab Implementation, 2022 - Coal Transition Regions

Call Summary

This call is aimed at strengthening the Central & Eastern European (CEE) ecosystem of organizations working towards the transition of coal-dependent regions to a zero-carbon economy by addressing one of the main CEE problem spaces/ barriers preventing this transition: the lack of community and trust both on trans-national (CEE) or local level (national, regional). We are especially interested in solutions to the cultural, demographic, historical and sociological challenges blocking the transformation, and which decrease the active engagement of the impacted groups in co-creating a just future.

The call aims to identify a Partner, or the group of Partners willing to pull together and animate an ecosystem of a portfolio of stakeholders whose engagement would contribute significantly to overcoming obstacles to just transition, specifically addressing the lack of community and trust in this space, in the following countries: Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Estonia, Slovakia and Czechia.

Shifting the focus of work in coal regions from restructuring mines and the coal industry, to social, economic, energy transitions and climate neutrality is an important cornerstone in moving towards the transition to zero carbon economies in these regions. Willingness to identify, understand and experiment around the barriers, introducing feedback loops and exploration of existing resources can help to establish the foundations for systemic innovation and change in coal regions.

This call is open for proposals focused on the role of self-organizing local communities, empowering them to act and exploring innovation niches through micro-level experiments. More background information on this approach can be found here: Visual Toolbox for system innovation

This call is open to both EIT Climate-KIC partners and non-partner organizations. The lead Partner (individual application or a consortium bid) is required to be based in an EIT RIS eligible country. Organization(s) submitting a winning application and receiving an EIT grant are expected to become an EIT Climate-KIC partner.

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Background

CEE Community Lab

Based on 2020 experience in piloting the CEE Community Lab and 2021 Coal regions in Transition edition, EIT Climate-KIC plans to continue the same thematic focus over the course of 2022.

The Community Lab is a virtual multi-country space designed for strengthening the collaboration of different actors key for effective innovation development (knowledge triangle integration) across CEE countries: the Baltic republics, Poland, Hungary, Czechia, Slovakia, Romania, and Bulgaria. It is open to the changemakers from CEE countries to come together and collaborate around finding common solutions to the most significant climate challenges.

The impact of the project is achieved through integrating and animating portfolio of stakeholders needed for innovation to materialize and contribute to transformation of the CEE countries by providing new opportunities for cooperation between EIT Partners and non-standard thinkers, raising awareness and capacity building of the ecosystem, allowing in the long run for generating innovation partnership initiatives and quality innovations.

The Post-Coal Future Lab (PCF Lab)

The CEE Community Lab 2022 will focus on building the know-how resource and support the activities of the first wave of regions collaborating under the Post- Coal Future Lab platform.

The intention of the PCF Lab, co-created by EIT Climate-KIC and the Partners, is to leverage a set of distinct assets, capabilities, and resources in coal regions across Europe, creating an open safe space for dialogue, experimentation and learning to enable systemic transformation towards just transition.

The Post-Coal Future Lab aims to produce the following long-term outcomes:

1) established feedback loops between policy frameworks and changes introduced on the ground aiming to modify entire systems that successful transformation depends upon,
2) empowered communities owning the transformation process,
3) regional level systems transitioning towards being environmentally, socially, and financially sustainable.

EIT Regional Innovation Scheme

The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS) is designed as a long-term initiative to strengthen the national and regional innovation ecosystems of countries that are moderate and modest innovators according to the European Commission regional innovation scorecard. Please see the EIT's website for more details https://eit.europa.eu/our-activities/eit-regional-innovation-scheme. EIT Climate-KIC especially welcomes and encourages interest from applicants based in geographical areas where ecosystem development activities remain limited. For the period 2021-2024, countries eligible for EIT RIS activities are those identified as either "moderate" or "modest" innovators in at least one of the three European Innovation Scoreboard (EIS) annual reports issued in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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RIS-Eligible countries for the period 2021-2024

EU Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain

Horizon Europe Associated Countries: Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine.

Outermost Regions: Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte, and Saint-Martin (France), the Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain)

For full information of the eligibility and assessment criteria, please see Special Notice and Requirements on p. 9 below and the relevant Proposal Guidelines sections of this document on p. 10.

Call to Action briefing

CEE Community Lab – inclusive and prosperous future of coal regions

This year's edition of CEE Community Lab call aims at supporting the Post-Coal Future Lab project with expertise, innovation ideas and study cases from the ground that could help communities of coal regions in transition significantly accelerate their journey towards the inclusive and prosperous future.

EIT Climate-KIC welcomes proposals to plan and implement the following activities in 2022:

Activities

- Mapping a number of successful innovative solutions supporting the transition of heavy industry and coal dependent regions across the world with a comparative analysis and an initial assessment of application in the RIS countries context. We expect at least 30 cases from different countries, with a clear description of the problem faced, innovative solutions applied, the change observed and the diagnosis of how and why this particular new solution allowed for a breakthrough.

- Developing an ecosystem of organizations being key contributors to advancing Just Transformation in particular regions and creating a relevant database compliant with the EIT Climate-KIC CEE Community Lab Interactive Tool*

- Delivering a set of activities supporting Just Transformation practitioners – e.g. events, webinars, meetings on the multinational level, optimally as a part of the Post-Coal Future Lab agenda or at least in coordination with it.

- Identifying via an open call and supporting (financially – offering grants and by mentoring and training) a set of community experiments (at least 3 experiments at circa 10-15k EUR per one, based in at least 3 CEE countries) aiming at overcoming existing barriers in Just Transformation. Optimally the experiments should respond to the challenges identified by the Post-Coal Future Lab participants and the results alongside with the interpretation should be made available to them.

- Co-creating with EIT Climate-KIC and introducing an adequate MEL (Monitoring Evaluation and Learning) framework to activities with lessons learned for supported experiments.

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- Undertaking, in a close collaboration with EIT Climate-KIC, communication activities promoting the CEE Community Lab as a know-how and innovation reservoir for the Post-Coal Future Lab.

- Supporting the financial sustainability of the CEE Community Lab with a set of fundraising activities in a close collaboration with EIT Climate-KIC, with at least one financial support agreement signed before the end of 2022.

The work scoping the CEE Community Lab 2022 should cover:

- Practice in developing solutions through an effective collaboration of the entire portfolio of stakeholders in the selected Just Transformation regions.
- Incorporating systemic approach, long termism, and future literacy in planning of the Just Transformation implementation strategies.
- Empowering formal and informal leaders of the Just Transformation at the local level by equipping them with the skills like persuasion and negotiation, generating creative solutions, building coalitions, conflict resolution, etc.
- Lessons learnt and successful solutions in overcoming transformation barriers from around the world.
- Identification and building relations with the key experts whose work could contribute to overcoming barriers in transformation.

The winning Partners or the consortium should be able to offer evidence of the following competences:

- managing public funds, grant and prizes,
- social innovation design skills and experience,
- understanding the local context and challenges,
- experience in building local coalitions of diverse stakeholders in coal regions.

Your project references could be annexed to the proposal.

We expect the winning proposal to cover at least 3 countries where coal regions transformation is a key challenge and introduce at least one new Partner from a RIS country to EIT Climate-KIC founded activities.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

We encourage proposals delivering on one or more of the following EIT **core** KPIs:

- EITHE02.1 # Marketed Innovations.
- EITHE02.2-EITRIS, # EIT RIS Marketed Innovations.

We encourage proposals delivering on one or more of the following KPIs

- EITHE01.3-EITRIS, # EIT RIS designed/tested innovations. EITHE01.6 # Participants involved in designing/testing of innovative products/services per KTI area and country.
- CKIC02 # Innovation Opportunities identified.
- CKIC09 # Knowledge transfer/knowledge adoptions.

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Please remember to check carefully [KPI evidence requirements](#) before adding a KPI to your proposal.

Any successful proposal should expect to undergo a formal ex-post impact assessment within at least five years after the end of the activity, to follow the impact of the activity's outputs.

Note on IPR

Results or outputs of activities are owned by applicants unless joint ownership or a transfer of ownership is agreed in writing. Note that successful applicants must adequately protect their results. Consider granting licences for any specific users or intended audiences. Please refer to Article 16 and p.102-110 under Annex 5 of the Horizon Europe's Model Grant Agreement guidance for further information (see [here](#)).

Branding

Strict adherence to EIT Climate-KIC branding guidelines will be required. Please see our website for access to branding manual and logos: https://www.climate-kic.org/who-we-are/media-and-brand/ .

Special attention should be given to ensure the following:

- Information on the projects should be published on the beneficiaries' websites or social media accounts (including project summary, coordinator contact details, list of participants, appropriate branding and any outputs or results)
- Any promotional activities, publications or website should correctly display the European flag and funding statement as well as EIT Climate-KIC's logo (see link above)
- The Funding & Tenders Portal is the entry point (the Single Electronic Data Interchange Area) for participants and experts in funding programmes and tenders managed by the European Commission and other EU bodies, therefore any output (publication, report, website or other) resulting from the experiments can be published also on this channel.

See further information under Article 17 of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement, see [here](#).

Funding

The total available EIT grant contribution to this Call is EUR 170,000, with an EIT reimbursement rate of 100%. This means that co-funding is not a requirement of this call, however, would be reviewed positively where included.

For further information, please see the Proposal Guidelines on p. 10 and Eligibility and Assessment Criteria on p. 17 of this document.

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Special Notice and Requirements

Associate/Third Countries: Organizations that are based in pending-Associate Countries

In the event that a successful applicant (grant recipient) is based in a country that is not yet associated to Horizon Europe), please note that eligibility for receiving EIT grant under GA2022 is contingent upon the association of that country by 31 December 2022.

All grant recipients under GA 2022 are required to formally accede to/sign the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement (MGA). For countries that do associate with the Horizon Europe framework in 2022, and subject to the terms and conditions in the respective Association Agreements, signing the MGA (and EIT Declaration of Honour) will ensure that Grant recipient costs in 2022 will be eligible from the start date of the project implementation in 2022.

In the event that the associating country ***does not*** associate with Horizon Europe in 2022, then the Grant recipient's accession to the MGA will not come into force, and costs will be ineligible in 2022. Please note this is the Grant recipient's own risk. EIT Climate-KIC also reserves the right not to include the Grant recipient in EIT Climate-KIC business plan, which is scheduled to be amended and re-submitted to EIT at the end of September.

Financing

The KIC will only be able to advance project funding on a limited basis, in relation to need and on a 'first-come-first-serve' basis.

Please note:

- Coverage for direct delivery costs: up to 75% (RIS based) based on costs incurred;
- Coverage for Subgrant costs: up to 100% (RIS based)
- Requirements to be made available upon request.

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PROPOSAL GUIDELINES
Key Dates

This call for proposals covers funding applications for 2022 start dates only.

Date / Time (CET)	Item	Link (if applicable)
12 July 2022	Call documentation released	Climate-KIC.org
14 July 2022, 12.00 CEST	Information session(s)	Zoom Registration link: Meeting Registration - Zoom
12 September 2022, 18.00 CEST	Call deadline	Plaza
19 September 2022	Decision & Communication	

Proposal Submission (Platform)

Proposals can be submitted at any time from the launch of the call **until 18.00 CEST** on the day of closing as indicated in the timeline section of this document.

All applications must be submitted via Plaza, using the proposal form "*RIS ACTION LINE II RIS Ideation and Pilot Projects (BP2022)*", and using the Final Submit button.

Organisations/ individuals who are not yet EIT Climate-KIC Partners but are preparing a bid will need to access the proposal submission system for this Call: Plaza. Please register here. Should you have any issues with registration, please contact the EIT Climate-KIC Community Desk at communitydesk@climate-kic.org. **It is strongly recommended to register with the system as a first step – do not leave registration until the last moment.**

Please note: No extensions will be granted. Any changes to the proposal requested by the applicant after submission will not be allowed.

We will not accept any applications submitted outside of the application system.

New subgrantees, partners will be subject to a due diligence to confirm eligibility prior to award.

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How to Apply
Before preparing a proposal

To Participate in this call, you should ensure:

Checklist	
You have read this document carefully and started to think about what contribution your idea / project could make with respect to the Call to Action brief.	☐
You have spoken to people at EIT Climate-KIC about the idea you have, to see if it is worth submitting a proposal. If you are unsure whom to contact, please contact the EIT Climate-KIC Community Desk at joanna.sabat@climate-kic.org	☐
You have registered both your organisation and your individual account in our grant management system Plaza early. Registration processes can take 48 hours to approve – so do not leave it until the last minute! We encourage proponents to register in Plaza as soon as possible. Please ensure you have registered (with Platform, if applicable) more than 5 days in advance of any deadline.	☐
Please ensure that all required information is provided. Without the availability of the relevant information the application will not be progressed.	☐
All applications should be written in English. Exceptions can be made for supporting documents, such as letters of intent, which you may wish to attach in the 'Files' tab in Plaza – these documents could be written in one of the official languages spoken in the country from which the application is submitted. You may choose to provide a short summary in English[1].	☐
Cost Categories: Based on experience, EIT Climate-KIC would like to request attention to detail in the cost category descriptions – please consult this guidance document for further information.	☐

If you have done all the above and wish to proceed, you should then complete Full Proposal (according to the Call process) in Plaza by the specified deadline. The Programme Type to select in the proposal form is: **_RIS ACTION LINE II RIS Ideation and Pilot Projects (BP2022)_.**

EIT Climate-KIC will not proceed with any late applications. Plaza is available via: https://plaza.climate-kic.org/SITE/PRIVATE/GO/login.aspx

If you experience difficulties with the system, please consult the guidance within the Systems Manuals section of Plaza. If you are still unable to resolve your issue then please: for technical issues raise a support ticket in the system; and for all other queries contact the EIT Climate-KIC Community Desk at communitydesk@climate-kic.org.

Please be aware that the system does not support images or graphics (if required please submit these as a PDF under the 'Files' tab – you will need to clearly name this document and reference it within the workplan/ work package information provided. Any tables, graphs, or images inserted into other sections of the Proposal will not be provided to independent reviewers for evaluation.

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[1] EIT Climate-KIC reserves the right to request a translation at any time. EIT Climate-KIC also reserves the right not to pass additional information to reviewers if not provided in English or supported by a translation.
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Preparing a proposal

When completing your full proposal application, you will need to pay attention to:

- A clear articulation of the need, problem or challenge the proposal will address, and as defined / in response to the Call to Action brief.

- The geographical focus of any activities, the organisations involved in the proposal, the project start and end date, and proposed budget.

- How you detail the activities that will be conducted (the workplan) to achieve the objectives of the project/activity.

- How your proposal responds to the defined challenge, scope, and impact of the Call, through intended outcomes and KPIs.

- The outputs of your work. EIT Climate-KIC uses the format of Outputs, Deliverables, and KPIs.

  - Outputs should be considered substantial pieces of work done to achieve the objectives – a typical formulation might see one output per work package.

  - Deliverables are supporting documentary evidence that prove the work has taken place to the standard planned and they should always be of high quality. KPIs are Key Performance Indicators and they are separated into two sets of KPIs – EIT Climate-KIC KPIs and EIT KPIs.

- Plans for financial and delivery sustainability and scalability via other funding streams and new income streams.

Important: Please note that proponents are responsible to check the EIT Climate-KIC website for updated information related to this Call. Amendments to the Guidelines and Frequently-Asked-Questions may be issued from time to time.

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Preparing your Budget

When preparing your budget, please consider the details of the different cost categories using the Horizon Europe cost reimbursement rules as a guidance – please consult this official document (Article 6) for further information on eligible cost categories. The budget overview should include the personnel costs (Person Months used to deliver the project by different employment categories), other direct costs (travel subsistence, equipment, goods, and services) or possible subcontracting.

EIT Reimbursement Rate

This section provides a description of EIT Reimbursement Rate, where applicable. As this call provides a 100% EIT reimbursement rate, no co-funding is required, however it would be positively reviewed.

Example

The example given below illustrates where proponents may include up to 20% co-funding. The Maximum EIT Reimbursement Rate is applied at the project level.

Each proposal may have a maximum EIT Reimbursement Rate of 80%. If you chose to build a consortium and have more than one partner in the proposal you submit, the proposal reimbursement rate must not exceed 80%, though the reimbursement rate can vary per partner.

While the project reimbursement rate must not exceed 80%, individual consortium members can seek up to 100% EIT reimbursement (but others would need to seek lower amounts) i.e.:
- o Partner A: 100% EIT Reimbursement + 0% co-funding
- o Partner B: 75% EIT Reimbursement + 25% co-funding
- o Partner C: 75% EIT Reimbursement + 25% co-funding

Partner	EIT Funding Request (€)	Co-funding (€)	EIT Reimbursement Rate	Co-funding
Partner A	5,000	0	100%	0%
Partner B	15,000	5,000	75%	25%
Partner C	10,000	2,500	75%	25%
TOTAL	**30,000**	**7,500**	**80%**	**20%**

Please refer to Managing Performance, Risk, and Fairness in Implementing the EIT Grant (please note that this document is in progress of being updated for Horizon Europe and should be used as guidance), under the Finance and Grant Management section of the website.

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Who Can Apply?

This call for proposals is open for applications to both EIT Climate-KIC partners and non-partner organisations[2] who are based in a RIS eligible country.

Only legal entities are eligible to apply for this call, it is not open to natural persons/ individuals.
Important: Successful proposals are to be funded by the Horizon Europe funding framework. To be eligible for funding, organisation need to accede to the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.

Organisations that have not yet applied for or received partnership status are strongly encouraged to apply. Should such organisations wish to receive EIT-funding, they are welcome to apply for EIT Partner status. Please reach out to the EIT Climate-KIC Community Desk at communitydesk@climate-kic.org for further information.

Your Data

In Plaza (grant management system used by EIT Climate-KIC), all registrants are required to accept EIT Climate-KIC's General Terms and Conditions which also includes in particular, our Privacy Policy, Acceptable Use Policy and Cookie Policy and warrant and represent that they have the authority to agree and accept these on behalf of the named organisation. Personal data provided may be processed, including sharing with other organisations, by EIT Climate-KIC and certain sensitive data elements will be visible to other partners or potential partners of EIT Climate-KIC. The named partner organisation or potential partner of EIT Climate-KIC warrants and represents that in providing personal data in connection with the proposal, the data subjects have consented to the provision of this personal data and the processing of it by Climate-KIC in the manner indicated in accordance with our Privacy Policy, and that the partner organisation or potential partner of EIT Climate-KIC provides the personal data in accordance with applicable law.

Confidentiality

EIT Climate-KIC will treat your proposal confidentially, as well as any related information, data and documents received in accordance with our Privacy Policy or as otherwise indicated throughout the proposal form (i.e. public summary, Climate Impact Assessments).

Please pay attention not to attempt to discuss your proposal with persons you believe may act as an independent expert for EIT Climate-KIC.

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[2] Organisations that have not yet applied for or received EIT partnership status prior are strongly encouraged to apply. Should such organisations wish to receive EIT-funding, they are welcome to apply for partnership status. Please reach out to the EIT Climate-KIC Community Desk at communitydesk@climate-kic.org for further information.

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Complaints

Submission

If you think that the submission of your proposal was not entirely successful due to a **technical error** on the side of EIT Climate-KIC, you may lodge a complaint through the Community Desk (communtydesk@climate-kic.org).

Please also ensure to submit details of the technical difficulties you are having via the IT Support page on Plaza, available from the 'Support' tab on the homepage.

For the complaint to be admissible it must be **filed within 24 hours following that of the Call closure**, ideally as soon as the issue arises to enable submission prior to the deadline.

You should also secure a PDF version of all the parts of your proposal holding a time stamp (file attributes listing the date and time of creation and last modification) that is prior to the call deadline, as well as any proof of the alleged failure (e.g. screenshots). Later in the procedure you may be requested by the team reviewing the case to provide these items. Please note that any information regarding the proposal will be treated in a strictly confidential manner.

To consider your complaint is upheld, the audit trail (application log files and access log files of the IT systems involved) must show that there was indeed a technical problem on EIT Climate-KICs side which prevented you from submitting (or resubmitting) the proposal using Plaza.

Outcome: You will receive a notification about the outcome of the treatment of your complaint within 48 hours of all evidence being provided. If a decision cannot be reached in this timeframe, you will receive a holding reply. If your complaint is upheld, the files submitted, for which the investigation has demonstrated that technical problems on the EIT Climate-KICs side prevented (re)submitting, will be used as a reference for accepting the proposal for subsequent evaluation. In absence of such documents, the version present in Plaza will be evaluated.

Outcome

Should proponents be dissatisfied with the outcome of the proposal review process please reach out to EIT Climate-KIC's Community Desk (CommunityDesk@climate-kic.org) for information about the Complaints and Appeals processes.

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Review Mechanism & Decision-making
Proposal Submissions Assessment

Proposals will be assessed by EIT Climate-KIC teams and, additionally, applications may be assessed by up to three independent assessors. Independent assessors are from both business and academia in areas relevant to our *'Transformation, In Time'* strategy.

All submissions will be assessed fairly and transparently in the scope of EIT Climate-KIC's Innovation Impact Goals, eligibility, assessment criteria, and the current portfolio.

EIT Climate-KIC will manage the portfolio to achieve the correct balance of projects and funding across the Impact Goals and our drivers of change.

Conflicts of interest are mitigated through a disclosure process and follow a full recusal from the decision process in such instances. Decisions as to whether a proposal is accepted or rejected will be communicated as detailed in this document.

The applications will follow a one-stage full proposal submission scheme and be summarily assessed by EIT Climate-KIC teams via a one-step assessment phase. This phase will involve review and assessment of the proposals, and then a review with an eye for achieving and EU dimension, spread, diversity, and fit across the full spectrum of proposals. Please read the accompanying *Eligibility and Assessment Criteria* for full details on assessment for this Call.

We will select the projects to fund, building a portfolio of projects that are high quality and clearly address the goals as described in the call documentation. Subject to meeting the quality threshold, we reserve the right to manage the portfolio to achieve the correct balance of projects and funding.

Applicants must comply with the Ethical Standards and terms included in EIT Climate-KIC Policies https://www.climate-kic.org/policies/. The beneficiaries must avoid any conflict of interest and comply with the principles of transparency, non-discrimination, and sound financial management.

All else being equal, a lower EIT Reimbursement Rate (i.e. higher co-funding level) will be favored; please see the assessment and selection criteria.

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Eligibility and Assessment Criteria

This call will follow a **one-stage full proposal submission scheme** with one-phase assessment process.

Eligibility

Stage	Project Type	MAX. DURATION	MAX. EIT REQUEST Per annum	MAX.EIT REIMBURSEMENT RATE (total project costs)	MIN. CO-FUNDING (total project costs)	OTHER
Full Proposal	CEE Community Lab Implementation 2022	31 December 2022	2022: €170,000	100%	0%	Consortium must be led by eligible EIT RIS country/region registered organization[3] Activities must take place in EIT RIS eligible countries/regions of CEE (at least 3 countries involved)

Specific Application Process
- **It is one stage application process**, where applicants must submit a full proposal in PLAZA for the deadline otherwise it will not be considered for funding.
- Please refer to these proposal guidelines when preparing and submitting a proposal.

Timeline
- The deadline for submitting a proposal in PLAZA is **12 September 2022, 18.00 CEST**
- The final outcomes and feedback will be communicated latest by **19 September 2022.**

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[3] RIS eligible countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain

Horizon Europe Associated Countries: Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine

Outermost Regions: Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte and Saint-Martin (France), the Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain)

Assessment Criteria

Assessment scoring

In relation to each of the criteria below, the score ranges from 0 to 5 according to the following scale:

Score	Description
0	Proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
1	Poor. The criterion is inadequately addressed or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
2	Fair. The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
3	Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present.
4	Very good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
5	Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Proposals not reaching a minimum of 2 points per criteria will not progress to the final selection stage.

Weighting

Assessment criteria stated below are categorized either as a category A or category B. Appropriate weight is used for each category.

Category	weight
A – regular eligibility criteria	x1
B – strategic importance	x2

The minimum score a proposal requires to be granted is 30 out of 60.

Area / Score	STAGE 1 – Full Proposal	
Challenge	Strategic and portfolio fit; contribution to the Climate Innovation Impact Goals & Levers of Change (B)	• Is there a clear and community-led focus on the topic of just transition of coal regions? • Is the proposal focused on the communities as the lever for change and transition to zero carbon economy in identified region(s)?
Scope	Geographic scope (A)	• What is the relevance and justification of/for selected CEE countries/regions for implementation in relation to the just transition of coal regions challenge? • How big is the potential for wider and scaled impact as a result of the selection of particular countries/regions?

	Project Plan and clarity of outputs (A)	• Are the work plan and work packages clearly explained and relevant to support the delivery of objectives and expected impact? • Are the project outputs, deliverables and KPIs clearly stated and linked to the different work packages/project stages identified in the work plan? • Are key assumptions and risks presented clearly? • Is the work plan, work packages, outputs, deliverables and KPIs targeted reasonably for the duration of the project and the grant amount requested?
	Results, communications, and dissemination plan (A)	• Does the proposal contain a plan for how results/outcomes will be disseminated publicly and to relevant parties, in collaboration with Climate-KIC?
	Partner/ consortium potential (A)	• Do the consortium partners have the appropriate skills and capabilities to successfully deliver?
	Value for money (A)	• How well is the funding spent on activities directly linked to achieving the project objectives, deliverables and KPIs? • How much co-funding is offered to match the EIT funding?
Impact	**Expected Impact (A)**	• Are the planned impact and outcomes sustainability/climate-focused while addressing adequately barriers for a just transformation in the CEE region in a scalable way? • Are there robust plans to engage target and impacted communities in the process of co-creating and designing for the future/transition?
	Systems innovation and transformation: Learning, monitoring, and evaluation (A)	• Are there plans to continually learn from, evaluate, and iterate the outcomes and impact of the activities? • Are there plans for the scalability of experiments and activities beyond 2022?
	Citizen engagement and outreach (A)	• Are there plans to engage citizens and relevant communities in the activities, with suitable outlined outreach activities planned?
	Excellence (A)	• Is the proposed work ambitious and does it go beyond the state of the art? Are the project objectives clear and relevant? Is the proposed methodology sound, including models, assumptions, or interdisciplinary approaches as well as involvement of citizens, civil society, and end-users?
	Quality and Efficiency of the Implementation (A)	• Are the activity's objectives clearly defined and realistic to achieve? • Are the work plan and work packages clearly explained and relevant to support the delivery of objectives and expected impact? • Are key assumptions and risks presented clearly? • Does the applicant clearly have the skills, knowledge, capabilities, and network necessary to deliver the experiment and manage the grant? • Are the experiment budget and expected costs transparent and clearly justified?

## Annex 1: Additional Submission Guidance – Plaza

Registering with Plaza:
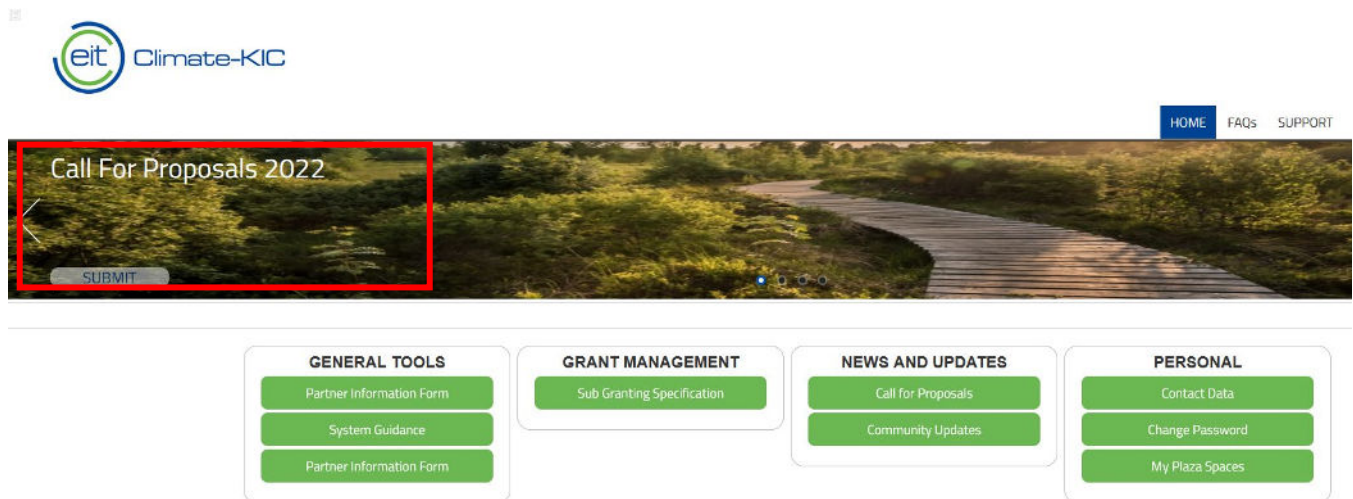
Organisations/ individuals who are not yet EIT Climate-KIC Partners but are preparing a bid will need to access the proposal submission system for this Call: Plaza. Please register here. Should you have any issues with registration, please contact the EIT Climate-KIC Community Desk at communitydesk@climate-kkc.org.

Proposal form for this Call:

All applications must be submitted via Plaza, using the proposal form "*RIS ACTION LINE II RIS Ideation and Pilot Projects (BP2022)*", and using the Final Submit button

Accessing the Proposal/Call section:

1. Access the Call/Proposal section via the blue **Calls and Programming 2022** banner.
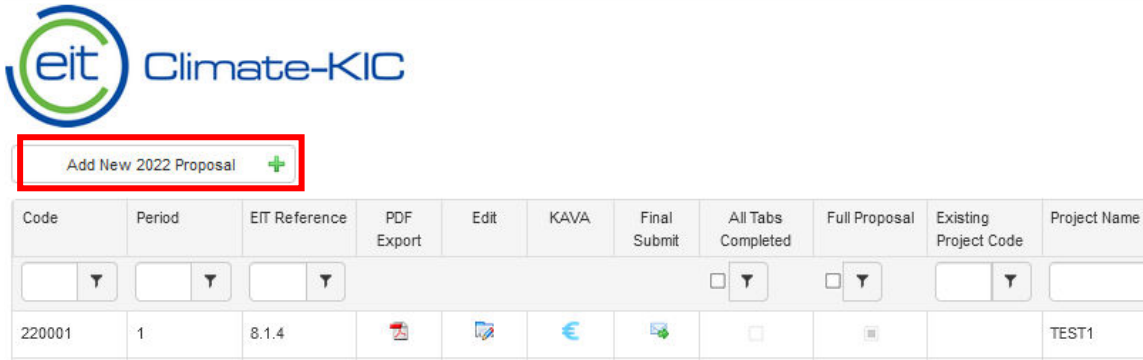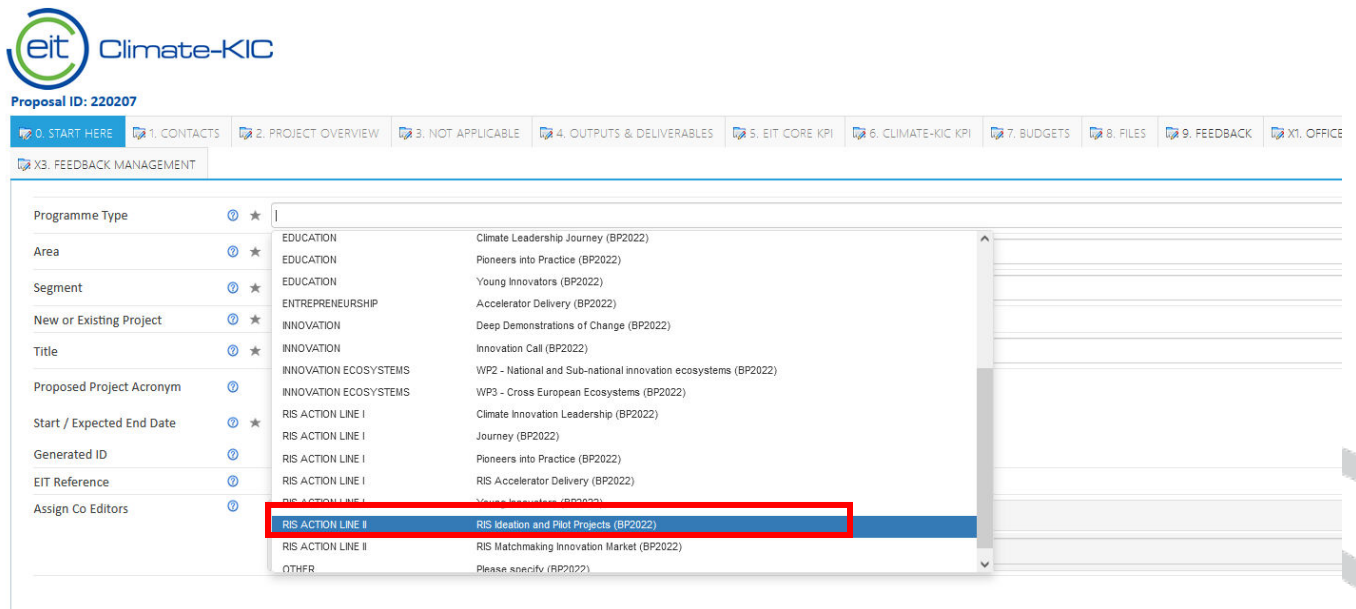
2. Select "Add New 2022 Proposal"

3. Select "RIS ACTION LINE II – RIS Ideation and Pilot Projects (BP2022) from the Programme Type list