

Call for Proposals: RIS Micro-Grants for Climate Education Experiments 2022 (RIS EduEx 2022)

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: RIS EduEx 2022

Call Summary

EIT Climate KIC invites you to rethink the future of learning, skills and education **to enable a just, resilient and prosperous transition to a net zero carbon economy**. If you are based in a RIS-eligible country or territory, and see opportunities for piloting new learning activities that promote action on climate change, then this opportunity is for you!

We invite both EIT Climate-KIC partners and new collaborators, e.g. civil society organisations, non-governmental organisations, municipalities, research institutions, private actors and education institutions, to join us in rolling out a series of **education experiments** this year.

Educational experiments can be defined as short projects (or pilots) that **test novel ways** of responding to a challenge within education, learning, skills development, **in the context of tackling climate change**. In this context an experiment is a test or a pilot project carried out to *learn* something or to *discover* if something works. The experiment design and target audience is for you to define.

EIT Climate-KIC is **offering a minimum of 50% in co-funding** (up to a **maximum of EUR 20,000**) from the start of the contract in September until December 31, 2022. Up to 4 experiments may be awarded this year. These learning experiments are co-funded by the [European Institute of Innovation and Technology's Regional Innovation Scheme](#) (RIS).

The education experiments can be designed and led **by entities operating and active in any of the following RIS countries**:

Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Montenegro*, Republic of North Macedonia*, Serbia*, Turkey*, Ukraine*, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Réunion, Martinique, Mayotte and Saint-Martin (France), the Azores and Madeira (Portugal), and the Canary Islands (Spain).

**These third countries, which are all listed in the European Innovation Scoreboard, will be eligible for the EIT RIS, following the successful conclusion of individual Horizon Europe Association Agreements¹.*

Background

EIT Climate-KIC

EIT Climate-KIC is Europe's largest public-private innovation partnership focused on climate change, consisting of dynamic companies, leading academic institutions and the public sector. As set out in our strategy, [Transformation, In Time](#), EIT Climate-KIC works on transformative, systemic innovation that involves many connected innovations developing in parallel to trigger a shift in the system. We aim to take good ideas, products or services from niche to mainstream to reach a tipping point and create maximum impact. Please see <https://www.climate-kic.org/> for more information.

¹ Please note the respective Association Agreements need to be concluded by the end of 2022.

EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS)

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 Regional Innovation Scheme website](#) for more details.

EIT Climate-KIC especially welcomes and encourages interest from applicants based in geographical areas where ecosystem development activities remain limited. For the period 2022-2024, 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.

Call for Action Briefing

Objective of Experiments

We are looking for those who want to **experiment with novel learning approaches that can support or enable the development of the skills and mindsets needed for tackling complex crisis that relate to climate change**. Through RIS EduEx 2022, EIT Climate KIC aims to foster a community of cutting-edge learning practitioners from EIT RIS regions, and to bring fresh ideas on skills and learning into the [EIT Climate-KIC community](#).

The education experiments may address challenges or needs identified in particular RIS locations (place-based), or promote cutting-edge learning approaches more generally. The outputs and learnings from these experiments should bring value to the local ecosystem and may potentially be integrated into existing or new EIT Climate-KIC [education programmes](#) or wider activities.

Designing Experiments

The experiments are defined as short projects (or pilots) that test novel ways of responding to a challenge within education, learning, skills development, and green systemic transition, and that draw out new learnings as a part of the implementation of the experiment. In this context an experiment is a test or a pilot project carried out to *learn* something or to *discover* if something works. The experiments may also complement already existing activities providing it ensures continuity.

In short, the experiment should introduce new ways of thinking and should deliver tangible outputs and/or intelligence which can inspire the EIT Climate-KIC community and the RIS ecosystem, and potentially be integrated into [our programmes](#) in the future. Considerations should also be in place to ensure that your planned activities are carbon-neutral and environmentally-friendly.

Specific topics for experimentation are not set - they are for applicants to discover and define, and the target audience(s) should also be defined by the applicant. Previous EduEx activities have been designed to bring value to primary and secondary schools, teachers, university students and academic staff, the unemployed, industry professionals, city officials as well as the general public. Consider how your

experiment outputs could bring value to wider stakeholders beyond the experiment implementation.

Should you wish your experiment to better align with EIT Climate KIC's portfolio of activities then it is proposed to design your experiment around one or more of the below challenges:

- **Coal and Heavy Industry Region Transformation:** Coal production and climate damaging heavy industry has to stop immediately to meet 1.5 C. Such structural transformation needs to be socially just and take into account voices of all affected, not leaving them behind.
- **Landscapes as Sinks:** Deforestation rates are increasing as the demand for land and forest products is increasing too.
- **Built-by-nature:** Construction is a major source of waste and emissions, from carbon in material use and the techniques deployed during construction.
- **Renovation Revolution:** Building energy use remains a sizable portion of any city's greenhouse gas emissions profile. Of particular note, heating and cooling buildings accounts for substantial emissions and experiences of the past 20 years show limited evidence of improvement.
- **Regenerative Agriculture:** Soil carbon is being destroyed by monoculture, and the inputs to the agriculture supply chain are really damaging to the climate and environment.
- **Circular Economy:** The make, use, dispose linear product cycle still dominates, generating massive waste and considerable emissions.

The design of the experiment should also consider appropriate formats of dissemination to make the experiment accessible, interesting and understandable to others during the process and after completion – and should consider how to do this in creative ways. Translations for local and community-wide consumption, as well as English-language versions for dissemination within the EIT Climate-KIC community, should also be considered.

Experiment Outputs, Deliverables and KPIs

The following bullet points provide both a definition as well as expected scope for outputs, deliverables and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):

- **Outputs** are substantial pieces of work done to achieve the experiment's objectives. It is recognised that outputs from the experiments may take on different forms, depending on the challenge being addressed. Expected outputs must include **something tangible** as defined by the applicant and agreed by EIT Climate-KIC that could be disseminated to the wider public. Tangible outputs could be, for example, new methodologies with demonstrated learning outcomes, open-source handbooks or manuals, organisational policies or recommendations, carbon emission predictions or validations, revised educational curriculums or textbooks, journalism pieces, futuristic or trend scenarios, systems maps, adapting content to reach marginalised communities, visual artistic productions etc. Research pieces are also welcome, however we encourage working with facilitation or method implementation in order to develop a workshop format or manual so that the research output can be implemented in future EIT Climate-KIC programmes. Any outputs should be appropriately branded.
- **KPIs** are Key Performance Indicators and they are separated into two types– EIT Climate-KIC KPIs and EIT KPIs. For RIS EduEx 2022, **KPI delivery is optional**. However, for those proposals that are designed in such a way that could contribute to the KPIs, EIT Climate-KIC will work with the

successful applicant during the contracting stage to plan for the KPI capture. Further information on type of KPIs and what information is needed for these KPIs can be seen in section 1.3 of the appendix.

- **Deliverables** are supporting documentary evidence that prove the work has taken place to the standard planned and should always be of high quality. Each applicant will submit the following deliverables between the start of the project and 31 December 2022:
 1. A **mid-project draft report** due on 20 October 2022: 2-3 pages written to professional standards, in English, describing the challenge and specific target audience(s), the approach/methodology being used, outline of communications around the experiment (incl. adherence to branding), considerations around how the experiment could benefit the ecosystem or general public and a description of expected tangible outputs and desired impact.
 2. Comprehensive **final report** due on 31 December 2022: 5-10 pages written to professional standards, in English, building off the above draft report. In addition, the final report should include evidence of positive change or impact and how the wider ecosystem or public could benefit from such an experiment. This should evidence of tangible outputs.
 3. Final **cost reporting and respective evidence of spending due by January 31st 2023**: All costs for the delivery of the education experiment should be incurred no later than the 31st December 2022. Cost reporting should include an overview of expenses, invoices, contracts and timesheets incurred in 2022. Please note that for costs to be reimbursed, they must be considered eligible and must be backed by evidence. Please consult the Horizon Europe cost reimbursement rules in [this official document](#) for further information on eligible cost categories. In the final cost reporting, an overview should encompass the totality of the experiment budget, including co-funding. This reporting should also provide evidence of co-funding. Evidence must be provided to demonstrate how elements were co-funded and where the co-funding originates from. For EIT partners, cost reporting will be conducted in EIT Climate KIC's designated platform PLAZA. For non EIT partners, a cost reporting template will be made available.

Any successful experiment shall have 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 experiment 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](#)).

Dissemination of Outputs and Learnings

Applicants are expected to **produce tangible outputs or learnings** that can be disseminated among their local ecosystem, the wider EIT Climate-KIC community as well as the general public. This content can take varying forms, as agreed by the applicant and EIT Climate-KIC. We also encourage learnings and outcomes to be disseminated by the applicant through social media channels.

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 experiment 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)
- Any output (publication, report, website or other) resulting from the experiment is suitable to be published in the EU Funding & Tenders Portal for public dissemination.

See further information under Article 15 and in Annex V of the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement, see [here](#).

The experiments will also feed into the EIT Climate-KIC Education and Learning Portfolio and our RIS community, and we will also use the experiments and the outputs as sources of inspiration and intelligence for our work where applicable.

In September/October, successful applicants will be invited to present their experiments and respective challenges to the wider EIT Climate-KIC community. This event will provide a space to raise awareness about the experiments among the community, and we encourage applicants to use this opportunity as a chance to network and to identify relevant audiences from within the EIT Climate-KIC community that may benefit from their outcomes or learnings.

In early December 2022, we will ask all applicants to attend an online event to present their experiments and respective learnings to other applicants as well as the EIT Climate-KIC community. This session will provide a space for evaluation of the experiments as well as reflections and feedback from other applicants and members of the EIT Climate-KIC community (see below Experiment Timeline for further details).

Note: applicants must use their best efforts to exploit the results directly or to have them exploited indirectly by another entity, in particular through transfer or licensing, up to four years after the end of the action (See ref. Annex 5, Horizon Europe's Model Grant Agreement guidance [here](#) on p.104)

Experiment Timeline

The experiments are expected to run from September to December 2022.

<p style="text-align: center;">1 Application & Selection</p>	<p>May to July 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6th May call is launched, open for applications ▪ 14th June (11:00-12:00 CEST): An information session on RIS EduEx 2022 will be hosted online by EIT Climate-KICs. Please register using this link. ▪ 8th July (00:00 CEST): Submission deadline for applications ▪ 20-27 July: EIT Climate-KIC will communicate decisions, following review of applications. See the Proposal Application Timeline section for further details.
<p style="text-align: center;">2 Set Up</p>	<p>August 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contracting with successful applicants will take place in August
<p style="text-align: center;">3 Kick-Off</p>	<p>September – December 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicants invited for further discussions with EIT Climate-KIC team regarding the design of their experiment and to kick off activities ▪ September (date TBD): successful applicants present their experiments at online event and engage with wider EIT Climate-KIC community ▪ 20 October: mid-project progress report due <p>During the experiment period, you are always welcome to contact relevant EIT Climate-KIC staff with questions or support.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">4 Presentation and evaluation</p>	<p>December – January 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1st December: Presentation and evaluation of the experiments during an online session for the EIT Climate-KIC Community. Further information will be provided closer to the date. ▪ 31st December: Final reporting due ▪ 31st January 2023: Financial reporting due. Note all costs must be incurred in 2022

PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Proposal Submission

Proposals can be submitted at any time from the launch of the call **until 8th July 2022 00:00 CEST** as indicated in the Proposal Application Timeline section of this document.

All applications must be submitted via email to eduex@climate-kic.org. Please indicate in email subject line the name of the experiment and your organisation name, following this example format: "RIS EduEx 2022 proposal [*name of experiment*] by [name of organisation]". The Application Form is available as a Word document on the Call for Proposals website or in Annex 2 of this Call document.

Please note: Extensions to the deadline will not be granted. Any changes to the proposal requested by the applicant after submission will not be allowed.

How to apply

Who Can Apply

This call for proposals is open for applications to both EIT Climate-KIC partners and non-partner organisations² who are based in a RIS eligible country.

Important for EIT Climate KIC partners: Successful proposals are to be funded by the Horizon Europe funding framework. To be eligible for funding, EIT Climate-KIC partners need to accede to the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.

Organisations such as non-governmental organisations, civil society organisations, small and medium sized enterprises, research labs or incubators, regions and cities, education institutions (schools, vocational training institutes, higher education institutions) can deliver education experiments as part of this EIT Climate-KIC grant.

EIT Climate-KIC values diversity and welcomes applications from all candidates regardless of gender, age, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion, and ethnic background

Please carefully review the Eligibility Requirements section of this document before assessing whether to proceed.

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.

Before Preparing a Proposal

To participate in this call, you should ensure:

Checklist	
You have read this call document carefully	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have reviewed the eligibility requirements and confirmed that you meet them	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have attended or watched the recording of the RIS EduEx 2022 Information Session, (registration link here)	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have reviewed the payment terms and understand what is required in terms of co-funding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please consider your budget and 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. EIT Climate-KIC will require this information in your proposal.	<input type="checkbox"/>
You are able to prepare and submit your application in English before July 8 th 00:00 CET	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have included key dates in your calendar to ensure your availability, especially where confirmation of successful candidates is concerned	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please ensure that all required information is available to you. Without the inclusion of the relevant information the application will not be progressed.	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you've done all the above and wish to proceed, you should then complete the full Application Form according to the call process outlined in this document.

Please note that we will not accept applications unless they are prepared using the Application Form and emailed to eduex@climate-kic.org. We will not accept late submissions.

Application Timeline

The below table outlines the application timeline and key deadlines. Further details on key dates/events during the experimentation period can be found in the Experiment Timeline section of this document.

Activity	Date
Opening date for applications	06 May 2022
Submission deadline	08 July 2022, 00:00 CEST
Assessment period	11 July – 22 July 2022
Final decisions communicated to successful applicants	22 July 2022
Successful applicants' deadline for accepting RIS EduEx 2022 ³	26 July 2022, 00:00 CEST
Final decisions communicated to unsuccessful applicants	19 August 2022

³ If successful applicants do not respond to EIT Climate-KIC's invitation to participate in RIS EduEx 2022 by the stated deadline, we will invite the next highest scoring submission to participate.

Preparing your Proposal

Once you have reviewed this call document and attended the public information session (registration link [here](#)), and have decided to proceed with your proposal, then we invite you to follow the below steps:

1. Prepare the Application Form using the Word template provided on the website or in the appendix to this call. This includes a budget template.
2. Submit the Application Form as an attachment (PDF) to an email sent to this email address eduex@climate-kic.org before the **submission deadline on 08 July 2022 at 00:00 CEST**. Please indicate the name of your organisation and the name of the experiment in the email subject title. EIT Climate-KIC will only review applications submitted before the deadline.

EIT Climate-KIC will progress applications following the Proposal Application Timeline outlined below.

EIT Climate-KIC will require the following information to review and decide on successful applications, according to the selection criteria described in the Assessment and Selection Process section:

- Experiment name, start and end date
- Applicant information
- Background information
- Experiment description
- Workplan and milestones
- Outputs and impact
- Communication and dissemination
- Experiment sustainability
- Experiment budget (see section Preparing your Budget)

Important: Please note that applicants are responsible for checking the EIT Climate-KIC website for updated information related to this Call. Amendments to the Guidelines and inclusion of Frequently-Asked-Questions may be issued.

Preparing your Budget

A budget template is provided as part of the Application Form. 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.

The budget overview should encompass the *totality of the experiment budget, including co-funding*. Please clearly explain what elements are expected to be co-funded and where the co-funding originates from.

EIT Reimbursement Rate, Co-Funding and Payments

The maximum amount to apply at the project level (per experiment) is 20,000 EUR with a reimbursement rate of 50%.

EIT funding is provided as a percentage reimbursement of actual costs incurred, up to the budgeted grant amount.

A 'Maximum EIT Reimbursement Rate' is applied at the project level. Please refer to [Managing Performance, Risk, and Fairness in Implementing the EIT Grant](#), for further information.

For the following call, the budget available per experiment is maximum 50% of EIT Reimbursement Rate (up to 20,000 Euros of EIT funding) while requesting 50 % of co-funding.

Table 1: EIT Reimbursement and Co-funding

Applicant type	Max Duration	Max EIT request per annum	Max. EUR reimbursement rate (based on total experiment costs)	Min. Co-funding (based on total experiment costs)
RIS EIT Partner or non-EIT Partner	To end by December 31 st 2022	20,000 EUR	50%	50%

While the project reimbursement rate must not exceed 50%, the amount of EIT funding requested may vary up to a maximum of EUR 20,000. The table below provides 3 examples of how an entity may apply.

Entity	EIT Funding Request (€)	Co-funding (€)	EIT Reimbursement Rate	Co-funding
Entity A	10,000	10,000	50%	50%
Entity B	13,000	13,000	50%	50%
Entity C	20,000	20,000	50%	50%

Important: Note that co-funding from EU sources will not be accepted. Evidence of co-funding will need to be reported at the end of the year.

Payment of final reimbursement can only be made after completion of all grant assurance procedures. This means final payments do not usually arrive until September or October of the year following the grant implementation year (in this case, 2023). Applicants should carefully plan their financial arrangements to accommodate the time between costs incurred and reimbursement received which is longer than typically expected. Based on performance, an up to 50% pre-payment of EIT funding is possible to arrange before end of 2022, but can only be provided on request.

Your Data

By submitting a proposal to RIS EduEx 2022, applicants 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 may be visible to other partners or potential partners of EIT Climate-KIC. The named partner organisation or non-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 EIT Climate-KIC in the manner indicated in accordance with our Privacy Policy, and that the partner organisation or non-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 Application Form.

System errors and complaints

System errors: 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 with the Strategic Foresight Unit at tessa.finch@climate-kic.org.

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.

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 time frame, you will receive a holding reply. If your complaint is upheld, the files submitted, for which the investigation has demonstrated that technical problems on 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 the relevant system will be evaluated.

Complaints: Should applicants 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.

ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION PROCESS

RIS EduEx 2022 is a one-stage full proposal submission with one-phase assessment process. The Application Form, as provided in Annex 2 and also available via EIT Climate KIC's [Call for Proposals website](#), are the documents that all applicants must use for their proposal. This form will also be used to verify eligible candidates. The form is mandatory and sets out the eligibility and selection criteria which EIT Climate-KIC will apply for the purposes of eliminating ineligible and/or unqualified applicants. **Proposals submitted in any other format than the mandatory Application Form shall not be accepted.**

All enquiries relating to completion of responses should be addressed, in the first instance, to: Tessa Finch from the EIT Climate-KIC's Learning Services: eduex@climate-kic.org.

Eligibility Requirements

Specific eligibility requirements apply to the RIS EduEx 2022 Call for Proposals. Where these eligibility criteria are not met, applications will not be evaluated. The pass/fail criteria are the following:

- This call for proposals is open for applications from both EIT Climate-KIC partner and non-partner organisations.
 - **Important:** Successful proposals are expected to be funded by the Horizon Europe funding framework in 2022. For EIT Climate-KIC partners to be eligible for funding, to be considered EIT beneficiaries, they will be required to accede to the Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement.
- Eligibility is limited to organisations that are based in a EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) eligible country. Countries eligible to take part in the EIT RIS (2022-2024) include:
 - EU Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, 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).

**These third countries, which are all listed in the European Innovation Scoreboard, will be eligible for the EIT RIS, following the successful conclusion of individual Horizon Europe Association Agreements⁴.*

- Eligibility is limited to organisations that can demonstrate at least 50% of co-funding towards the delivery of the education experiment. This co-funding cannot come from other EU funding sources.
- EIT Climate KIC will not contract with consortia for this call.
- Only legal entities are eligible to apply for this call, it is not open to natural persons/ individuals.
- EIT Climate-KIC will not fund more than one education experiment by the same organisation or city.

⁴ Please note the respective Association Agreements need to be concluded by the end of 2022.

- 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

Table 2: Summary of eligibility criteria

Project Type	MAX. DURATION	MAX. EIT REQUEST Per annum	MAX.EIT REIMBURSEMENT RATE (total project costs)	MIN. CO-FUNDING (total project costs)	OTHER
Education Experiment	31 December 2022	EUR 20,000	50%	50%	<p>Eligibility is limited to organisations that are based in a EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) eligible country.</p> <p>Co-funding of 50% is required. This cannot come from other EU funding sources.</p> <p>Only legal entities are eligible to apply for this call, it is not open to natural persons/ individuals.</p> <p>EIT Climate-KIC will not fund more than one education experiment by the same organisation or city.</p> <p>EIT Climate KIC will not contract with consortia for this call.</p>

Review Mechanism & Decision-making

Proposal Submissions Assessment

All applications submitted in response to this Call for Proposals will be treated equally and evaluated impartially on their merits and in accordance with the award criteria.

The applications will follow a one-stage full proposal submission scheme and be summarily assessed by EIT Climate-KIC teams via a competitive one-step evaluation and selection process. This phase will involve review and assessment of the proposals.

The Application Form will first be screened to ensure the proposed experiment meets eligibility criteria. Please note that proposals not meeting the eligibility criteria will not be assessed. Proposals will then be ranked based on the award criteria. If any submission is rejected the next highest scored submission will

replace it. Up to 4 proposed experiments will proceed to the contract stage. Please note that no extensions will be granted. Any changes to the proposal requested by the applicant after submission will not be allowed.

EIT Climate-KIC reserves the right to reject applications that are questionable, incomplete, not based on sound rationale or are not expected to achieve the claims made in the application. Applications that do not accept an offer within the specified timeframe will be rejected. Furthermore, EIT Climate-KIC reserve the right to reject proposals where the proposed counterparty

- Has been bankrupt or insolvent (last 7 years)
- Is sanctioned by a relevant authority
- Does not comply or has previously not complied with our Ethical Standards for Contractual Counterparties
- Has been convicted of crime, links to terrorism, breach of tax or social security obligations

If any of these scenarios apply, please make EIT Climate-KIC aware in your submission.

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.

Feedback on assessed proposals will be provided to the top 8 scoring candidates only. New subgrantees, partners, or award recipients will be subject to a due diligence to confirm eligibility prior to award.

Award Criteria

The assessment criteria and scoring for this call are set out below. Each proposal will be scored against the criterion on a scale of 0 to 5 by 2-3 EIT Climate-KIC reviewers and at least two independent external reviewers. The threshold for individual criteria will be 3. The overall threshold, applying to the sum of the three individual scores, will be 9. A total of 15 points may be awarded. The score across all categories is totalled to produce a ranked list of proposals.

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.

Criteria	Description	Prompting Questions	Scoring
Strategic fit	European Innovation as outlined in RIS Implementation Framework (0 to 5) and strategic fit with EIT Climate KIC vision and strategy Transformation in Time (0 to 5) .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Does the proposal provide a clear narrative substantiating how and why the experiment accelerates the transition to a zero-carbon, climate-resilient society? ▪ Does the experiment include or promote systemic innovation as part of its design, in line with EIT Climate KIC's strategy Transformation in Time? ▪ Does the experiment align with priorities outlined in the RIS Implementation Framework that relate to education or capability building? Does it boost innovation within local ecosystems? 	0-5 points
Experiment Impact and Excellence	The challenge addressed by the experiment is explicit and clearly articulated and clearly outlines how it will create positive change for intended target audiences and diverse stakeholders. The experiment outputs are disseminated and provide value to the wider public.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How does the experiment respond to existing needs? ▪ Does the experiment reach diverse stakeholders, including those less likely to be involved in climate action, and does it take measures to ensure gender equity? ▪ Does the proposal contain a dissemination plan for how the experiment results/outcomes/artefacts will be disseminated, publicly and to relevant parties? 	0-5 points
Quality and Efficiency of the Implementation	Plan for delivery of the experiment's outputs and deliverables is clearly stated. The proposed project plan is reasonable for the duration of the project. The applicant has the skills, expertise and resources to fulfil the delivery. The applicant demonstrates realistic and transparent budget management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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? ▪ 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? 	0-5 points

In conducting its evaluation, EIT Climate-KIC may, but will have no obligation to, request clarifications from the applicant regarding information provided by the applicant with respect to any aspect of their proposal.

Contact details

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For more information on EIT Climate-KIC, please visit: <https://www.climate-kic.org/>

Our strategy: [Transformation, In Time](#). EIT Climate-KIC Strategy. 2019-2022.

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APPENDIX

1.1 Suggested supplemental reading

- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Global Warming of 1.5 Degrees, a report <https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>
- Bianchi, G., Pisiotis, U. and Cabrera Giraldez, M., GreenComp The European sustainability competence framework, Punie, Y. and Bacigalupo, M. editor(s), EUR 30955 EN, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, 2022, ISBN 978-92-76-46485-3, doi:10.2760/13286, JRC128040. <https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC128040>
- Szczepankiewicz EI, Fazlagić J, Loopesko W. A Conceptual Model for Developing Climate Education in Sustainability Management Education System. Sustainability. 2022; 13(3):1241. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su13031241>
- Dark Matter Labs. Futures in Long-termism: <https://medium.com/futures-in-long-termism/futures-in-long-termism-95f64710f9b2>
- Garvey Berger, Jennifer. Growing Complex: <https://www.cultivatingleadership.com/site/uploads/Berger-complexity-and-development-Oct-2019.pdf>
- Global Education Futures' publications https://globaledufutures.org/vision_creation

1.2 Application Form including Budget

RIS EduEx 2022: APPLICATION FORM

EIT Climate KIC invites you to complete the below application form and budget in less than 8 pages, including any additional appendices. Submit the Application Form as a PDF attachment to an email sent to this email address eduex@climate-kic.org before the **submission deadline on 08 July 2022 at 00:00 CEST**. Please indicate the name of your organisation and the name of the experiment in the email subject title. EIT Climate-KIC will only review applications submitted before the deadline.

1. EXPERIMENT NAME

Provide a short, informative name for your Education Experiment proposal

2. PROPOSED START DATE

Must be on or after 1st September 2022.

3. END DATE

Must be on or before 31 December 2022.

4a. ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

Only those entities located in an EIT RIS country are eligible for RIS EduEx 2022. Can you confirm that the organisation responsible for the proposal is based in one or more of the below countries?

Countries eligible to take part in the EIT RIS (2022-2024):

- *EU Member States: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, 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).*

*These third countries, which are all listed in the European Innovation Scoreboard, will be eligible for the EIT RIS, following the successful conclusion of individual Horizon Europe Association Agreements by 31 December 2022.

By ticking this box, I confirm my organization is based in a RIS eligible country

Only those entities that can provide 50% in co-funding towards the experiment are eligible. This co-funding cannot come from other EU sources. Can you confirm that the organization responsible can meet these co-funding requirements?

By ticking this box, I confirm my organization can meet the co-funding requirements

4b. DATA AND CONFIDENTIALITY (GDPR)

Your Data

All applicants will have to accept EIT Climate-KIC's [General Terms and Conditions](#) which also includes, in particular, related [Privacy policies](#) and [Acceptable Use policies](#) 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 EIT Climate-KIC in the manner indicated in accordance with Privacy policies, 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 Application Form (i.e. public summary). Independent expert reviewers or evaluators are also bound by an obligation of confidentiality.

Please pay attention not to attempt to discuss your proposal with persons you believe may act as an independent expert for KICs participating in this Cross-KIC action.

By ticking this box, I hereby accept EIT Climate-KIC's [Terms and Conditions](#)

5. APPLICANT INFO

Please provide the following information:

Name of the Organisation:

Location of the Organisation: City and country

Website:

Address (street, city, state/province/region, postal/ZIP code, country):

Name of main contact:

Email of main contact:

Is your organisation an EIT Climate-KIC Partner? (Y/N)

If yes, who is your EIT Climate-KIC contact person?

6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION (maximum ½ page)

Please define the experiment context/area, including specific issues or challenges related to that area, as well as the importance of addressing them. Please also mention where the experiment will be delivered (location).

7. EXPERIMENT DESCRIPTION (maximum 1 page)

Please consider:

- *A description of the experiment and the goals and objectives to be reached. Please clearly articulate how the experiment design intends to create positive change, based on clear a needs assessment.*
- *A justification as to why this would qualify as an experiment (e.g. what elements are novel or were not previously tested).*
- *A description of the underlying assumptions, the people involved including targeted groups (indirect and direct). Consider how the experiment design is inclusive and engages with new or different types of stakeholders/ perspectives.*
- *A description of approaches and execution methods/methodology, potential risks and challenges and any other relevant information.*

Please feel free to attach to the application any annexes to explain better your idea.

8. WORKPLAN AND MILESTONES (maximum ½ page)

Please provide a short description of the workplan and milestones, including timelines. Consider what is realistic to achieve.

9. OUTPUTS AND IMPACT (maximum 1 page)

Please detail potential benefits from the experiment's implementation, including benefits of participating stakeholders or groups (direct and indirect). Explain what tangible outputs or learnings will be generated as a result of the experiment activities, and who would find this useful. Consider how evidence of positive change could be demonstrated.

10. COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION (maximum ½ page)

Describe planned activities for communication, dissemination and outreach (as applicable) of the experiment, its activities and its outcomes, including relevant audiences/stakeholders groups. Consider to what extent the experiment outputs could benefit other local organisations or the general public.

11. EXPERIMENT BUDGET (maximum ½ page)

Provide a short overview of the experiment costs (totality), in line with the [MGA \(Article 6\)](#). Outline how co-funding from non-EU sources will be secured. Provide any further information that helps contextualize the budget.

12. APPLICANT EXPERIENCE (maximum ½ page)

Explain why you are best positioned to deliver the experiment, making reference to any relevant previous experience. Provide any further information that might be relevant.

13. EXPERIMENT BUDGET

Please review instructions outlined in *Preparing your Budget* section prior to completing the below template.

RIS Education Experiment Budget		
Budget		
Organisation NAME		
Cost (including co-funding)		Cost Category Descriptions
(A) Personnel (€)		
A1ai Personnel seconded by a third party against payment - working on the premises of KIC Partner (€)		
A1aii Personnel seconded by a third party against payment - NOT working on the premises of KIC Partner (€)		
A1bi Personnel seconded by a third party free of charge - working on the premises of KIC Partner (€)		
A1bii Personnel seconded by a third party free of charge - NOT working on the premises of KIC Partner (€)		
(C) Purchase costs (€)		
C.1 Travel & subsistence (€)		
C.2 Equipment (€)		
C.3 Other goods, works and services (€)		
(D) Other cost categories (€)		
D.1 Financial support to third parties (€)		
D.2 Internally invoiced goods and services (€)		
(E) Indirect costs (25%)*		*Indirect costs eligible at 25% of total eligible direct costs (categories A-D, except volunteers costs, subcontracting costs, financial support to third parties, Internally invoiced goods and services and exempted specific cost categories, if any).
(B) Subcontracting (€)		
Total (€)		
EIT Reimbursement (€)		
Co-funding (Partner own resources)(€)		EIT Reimbursementrate (%)

1.3 Key Performance Indicators (optional)

The following two EIT and Climate-KIC KPIs may be relevant:

<p><i>Education</i></p> <p>EITHE08.1</p>	<p>EITHE08.1 and EITHE08.2- EITRIS (RIS specific)</p>	<p># Participants in EIT professional development courses, online training courses and other education/training activity delivered or in a process of delivery</p> <p>Participant who successfully finished the programme to be counted.</p> <p>For this KPI, those education and training activities which have clearly defined learning outcomes, and which carries out competency assessment method are applicable.</p>	<p>Partners should refer to the structured data requirements.</p> <p>There is <u>no mandatory evidence</u> to be supplied to EIT for this KPI, however, certain fields of mandatory data in a fixed structure will need to be supplied to EIT.</p> <p>Partners will be asked to supply data to EIT Climate-KIC during the year</p>	<p>Mandatory structured data to be reported, but <u>not limited</u> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names, contact details (e-mail address)), gender and country of citizenship, • title of education and training activity, start and complete dates, type of programme (TBC); delivery (online, onsite, blended) • Country of delivery (n/a for online) and Institution(s)/organisation(s) delivering the training, countries • Defined learning outcomes and Competency assessment methods
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<p>CKIC04</p>	<p># Knowledge Triangle learning and knowledge sharing events held In 2021, number of EIT Climate-KIC Community events held with a focus on learning, knowledge sharing, exchanges of experience, with participation from organisations representing at least two different knowledge triangle actors. These must be the direct result of activity undertaken within a KAVA.</p>	<p>One document only: Signed declaration by project/activity partner which lists all events and the following info:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of events – with event name and date • Brief description of the specific focus of event explaining why it fulfils this KPI, e.g. examples of knowledge shared during each event • List of participating organisations and KTI relevance, e.g. Research & Innovation; Education and Entrepreneurship / business creation. 	<p>At the reporting stage, you will be asked to include the following information which is mandatory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number of knowledge triangle learning and knowledge sharing events • Permission to EIT to use the KPI publicly if necessary (yes/no) <p>The values you enter will be exported and added to the EIT system to register your KPI achievement.</p> <p>Please therefore ensure the total value you report in Plaza is equal to the total number of achievements show in the evidence you are uploading. Otherwise there will be a discrepancy between the evidence and the information registering the KPI with EIT.</p> <p>Guidance on entering information into Plaza will be provided during the Reporting process.</p>
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