



Pioneers



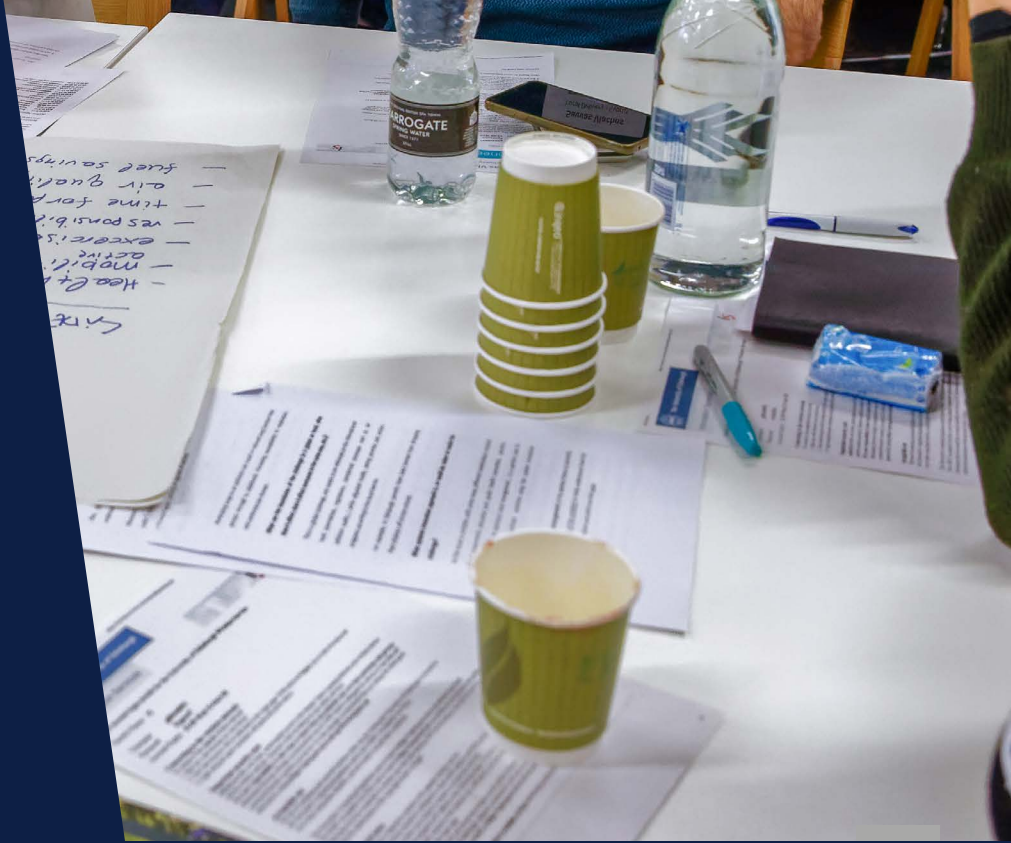
CALLING ALL CLIMATE INNOVATORS!

EIT Climate-KIC's Pioneers into Practice programme wants you.



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Summary of Pioneers into Practice

Pioneers gives people and organisations the opportunity to **get out of their comfort zone** and look at things differently. By enabling experimentation and innovation to address climate change, the programme offers participants a **fresh perspective** and a way to be part of a more rapid transformation to a net-zero carbon economy.

Operating across Europe, we create **dynamic networks of industry professionals**, business owners, entrepreneurs, public administration officials and freelancers, and equip them with **practical skills in systems innovation**. A space to experiment, from June through to November, participants take part in e-learning, workshops, group project challenges and a **4-6 week placement**.

We're looking for individuals and organisations to join our diverse community of over 1600 change agents. Limited places are available and you have until **1st June 2020 (Pioneers) or 16th June 2020 (Hosts) to apply!**

**More information and
online applications**

<https://pioneers.climate-kic.org/>



E-LEARNING



WORKSHOPS



GROUP PROJECTS



PLACEMENTS

Who can take part?

Now in its tenth year Climate-KIC's Pioneers into Practice is the **leading professional mobility programme** focused on climate change. It is the **only programme** of its kind that actively breaks boundaries and provides fresh perspectives through drawing people and organisations from all **different kinds of climate change backgrounds**, sectors and experience levels. If you're ready for the opportunity to do things differently and get outside your comfort-zone, we want to hear from **you!**



Eligibility criteria can be found below, if you have any queries please contact your local delivery team.

Who can be a Pioneer?

- » You live in one of the **participating locations**.
- » You have a **University degree** related to the field of climate change and/or sustainability OR an equivalent degree in another field is desirable.
- » You have at least **2 years** of working/voluntary experience in a field related to climate change and/or sustainability.
- » You are committed to help **tackle climate change** and be part of a community of like minded professionals putting together influential and entrepreneurial climate change plans.
- » You are able to complete all elements of the programme (eLearning, workshops, group project, placement).
- » You possess advanced **English language skills** (at least B2 equivalent).
- » You have not been a Pioneer in the **last three years**.
- » You are open minded and keen to learn, share and enjoy!

Who can be a Host?

- » You can show **relevant experience or interest** in the topic of climate change and/or the low carbon economy.
- » You are located within **one** of the eligible locations.
- » You can provide a **working space** and offer relevant **supervision** to work with the pioneer in defining a sustainability related work task for the placement.
- » You are able to host placements between **September and mid-November**.
- » You are interested to expand your network, generate new business cases and gain knowledge as well as a competitive advantage through hosting a pioneer.
- » You are interested to learn about **Systems Innovation**.
- » You are an open minded organization that is keen to learn, share and enjoy all the stages of the Pioneers into Practice programme and use it as a **win-win situation!**

Where can you take part?



- » Bulgaria
- » Croatia
- » Cyprus
- » Czech Republic
- » Estonia
- » Germany
- » Greece
- » Finland
- » Hungary
- » Italy
- » Latvia
- » Lithuania
- » Malta
- » Poland
- » Romania
- » Serbia
- » Slovakia
- » Slovenia
- » Spain

Testimonials



Cassia Ayres, UK (2015)
#YourPathYourFuture

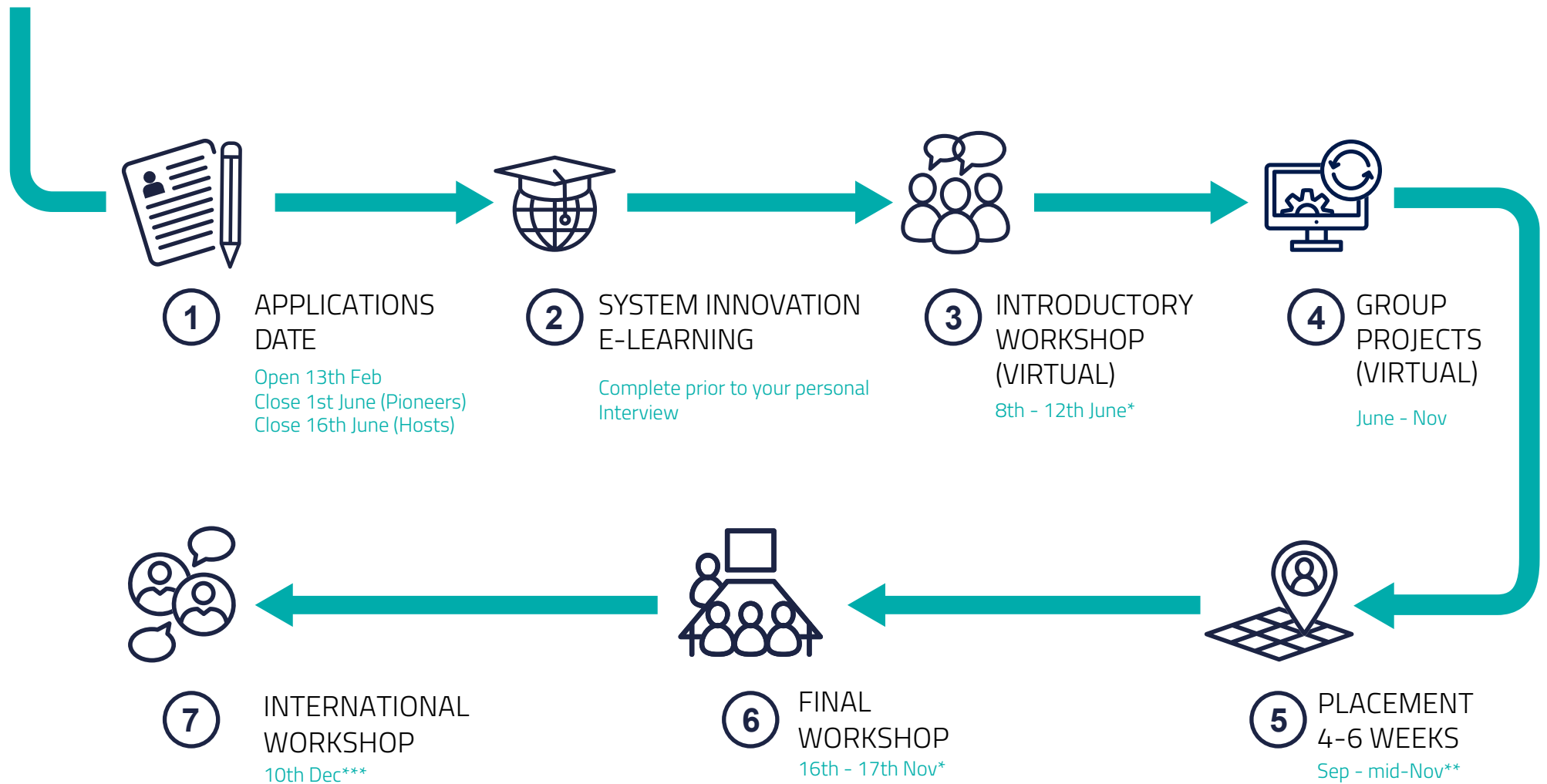
This proved to be a unique opportunity to develop competences in a different cultural context. This experience opened up opportunities for me to work in Asia. I made friends for life on the Pioneers Programme.



Christopher Neumann, Germany (2014)
#YourPathYourFuture

The Pioneers Programme encouraged me to think in a business model way and learn how to make successful programme and funding applications. As a bootstrap start-up, it has been very important for us to gain access to the networks and opportunities on offer through Climate-KIC.

Timeline



*Workshop in locations may vary 1 week either side of these dates

** Placements will be virtual or face-to-face. Your Local manager will keep you informed

***TBC

Why Systems Innovation?

Climate change is wickedly complicated and interconnected with other massive global problems such as **food security, water scarcity, biodiversity depletion and environmental degradation.**

This means it is impossible to solve climate change with traditional approaches to innovation, which tend to focus on a single, or just a few aspects, of the problem. Analysis of challenges and creation of solutions instead need to address **entire systems.**

Pioneers has over **10 years experience** of developing and delivering systems innovation capacity building to climate change professionals. We've **continuously** experimented and evolved our **learning approach**, and we offer participants systems innovation tools and techniques that focus on practical application to **real life challenges.**

Knowledge around these tools and the systems mindset is developed, tested and applied through eLearning, workshops, group project challenges and placements.



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For any question please contact
your Local Manager in the Locations'
section of the website

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Thank you!