

Statements from Pioneers of 2012



"During my international placement in Valencia I enjoyed working in a multidisciplinary team in a great cooperation with my mentor. The work especially drew my attention to the relevance of involving everyone in the development of a low carbon society"

Sijka Radilova, West Midlands

"Abroad, I was glad to experience the Italian Dolce Vita and got to know specialists in the area of Life Cycle Assessment. Also my regional placement in Frankfurt was very valuable because it helped me to further develop my personal focus on energy efficiency."



Bastian Stranz, University of Kassel, Hessen



"The PiP programme gave me the possibility to increase my international experience and to let me see how Spanish people use design in life. The contacts and friends I made there mean a lot to me in private and business life as well."

Ákos Károly Bagó, Őtletgyár-Design Kft. (Ltd.), Central Hungary

How to apply?

We are looking for highly motivated applicants who are able to express their interest in supporting us on the path to a low carbon economy. Please explain to us your specific interest and the expected impact of your involvement in the Pioneers into Practice programme for yourself and/or your organization. We would like to know how you will share the knowledge gained during the programme.

Please send your application in English to your regional PiP Manager.

The deadline for applications is

Friday March 29th, 2013

A full application package is available online.



www.climate-kic.org/pioneers

Please contact your regional PiP Manager for further information:



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PIONEERS INTO PRACTICE

– Transition to a low carbon society –

Become a Pioneer, be part of Climate-KIC!

Climate-KIC, a knowledge and innovation community, is part of the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT), an EU body whose mission is to increase sustainable growth. Climate-KIC supports this mission by addressing climate change mitigation and adaptation. Climate-KIC does this by maintaining a world class European network of partnerships made up of dynamic companies, the best academic institutions and the public sector.

What is Pioneers into Practice?

The Pioneers into Practice programme (PiP) aims to create a new generation of low carbon entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs and enablers with the capacity to understand and manage the new type of innovation required to address the challenges posed by climate change.

Within the Pioneers into Practice programme, pioneers will get the chance to participate in the activities of other network partners. The programme provides you and other individuals from a range of different backgrounds with the opportunity to develop your knowledge about the dynamics and management of system innovation for the transition to a low-carbon economy in Europe.

Who can participate?

Applicants who have a University degree or at least 2 years of working experience in the field of climate change/sustainability which are working, living or studying in a RIC region or attached to a KIC Partner. For the international nature of the programme participants must be fluent in English.

In addition, future Pioneers have to be part of one of the following categories:

- Attached to/employed by an organisation dealing with climate change tasks
- Self-employed in the field of climate-change
- PhD student or Post Doc at a University or Research Center in the field of climate change

Why should you participate?

- Develop hands-on experience of low carbon innovations within a variety of organisational and international settings. Each participant will undertake 2 x 4-week placements in leading innovation projects in the Climate-KIC regions.
- Go beyond the boundaries of your own professional expertise or organisational background and acquire a broader understanding of low carbon innovation.
- Develop an understanding of transition thinking and systems innovation in the area of climate change mitigation and adaptation. This will be done through intensive workshops.
- Advance new ideas, which could form the basis for new innovations and ventures in practice. The best ideas can be put forward for support from the Climate-KIC Venture Support programme.
- Extend communication and networking abilities as part of a wider group of climate innovators.

Facts and Figures:

180 Pioneers from 6 different regions will participate in the 2013 Pioneers into Practice Programme. Taking part in the programme you will become part of a strong network of the 6 European partner regions:

- Central Hungary (Hungary)
- Emilia-Romagna (Italy)
- Hessen (Germany)
- Lower Silesia (Poland)
- Valencian Region (Spain)
- West Midlands (UK)

As a Pioneer you will spend four weeks in a host institution within your home region and four weeks in one of the European partner regions. Up to 8000 € for your expenses and contribution to your salary cost will be covered by the programme.

Timetable for 2013

- » Mid-April: Introductory Workshop (2 days)
- » April - May: Domestic placement (4 weeks)
- » Early-June: 1st Crucible (2 days)
- » Sept - Oct: International placement (4 weeks)
- » End of Oct: Workshop and Climate-KIC Festival (3 days)
- » November: 2nd Crucible (2 days)

