Get out of your comfort zone and make innovation happen. Aspiring pioneers and potential hosting institutions are you ready for the challenge?

Pioneers into Practice is Europe’s only knowledge development and placement programme aimed at climate change professionals. As Climate-KIC’s professional mobility programme it brings together professionals from industry, small companies, universities, research institutes, local councils as well as nonprofit and public organisations.

Apply as a Pioneer and improve your skills with the help of a Europe wide active community of experts with proven track record. Take up the challenge of moving out of your comfort zone to learn new approaches and opportunities. Get coached and test your new skills in practice, home or abroad through 4-6 weeks practical work.

Apply as a Host and benefit from the expertise of professionals working with you, on your projects and for your benefit, solving your problems and making your activity more sustainable and competitive on your field.

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Who can apply as a pioneer

- Have experience and/or qualifications relevant to the climate change challenge, including wide ranging areas such as mobility, energy networks, the building sector and land and water management.
- Be committed to help tackle climate change and to be part of a community of likeminded professionals putting together influential and entrepreneurial climate change plans.
- Be available and committed to attend the key dates outlined in the programme timeline.
- To live in one of the eligible locations.
- Possess advanced English language skills.
- Be openminded and keen to learn, share and enjoy!

Who can apply as a host

- Show relevant experience or interest in the topic of climate change and/or the low carbon economy.
- Are located within one of the eligible locations.
- Are able to provide a working space and relevant supervision to work with the pioneer in defining a sustainability related work task for the placement.
- Able to host placements in September and October.
- Interested to expand their network and generate new business cases, to gain knowledge as well as a competitive advantage through hosting a pioneer.
- Interested to learn about Systems Innovation and undertake the extensive online elearning course available to them.
- Be an openminded organisation 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!