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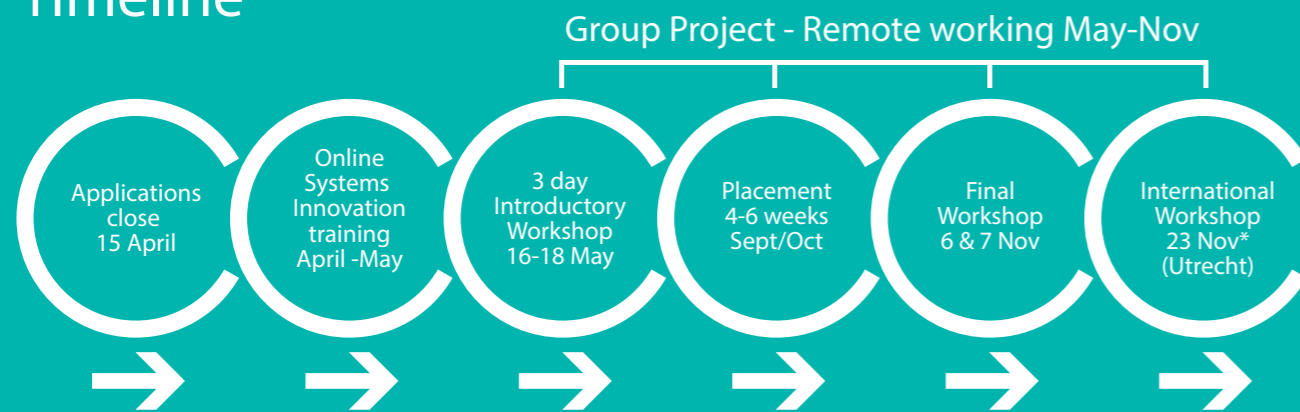
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# Pioneers



## Get out of your comfort zone and make innovation happen

### Timeline



\*Date TBC

### How to apply?

Apply online now at [www.pioneers.climate-kic.org](http://www.pioneers.climate-kic.org)

### Contact

For more programme information including contact details of your local manager please visit [www.pioneers.climate-kic.org](http://www.pioneers.climate-kic.org)



## 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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# A genuine innovation opportunity

- A mobility programme where placements are supplemented with interactive workshops, online training & coaching.
- One four-six week placement – home or abroad – with host organisations active in tackling climate change.
- Individual and group project assignments focusing on realworld challenges.
- Access to online e-learning on System Innovation which has been drawn from best practice across Europe.
- Mentoring and coaching to improve innovation skills.
- Financial support available towards travel & accommodation.

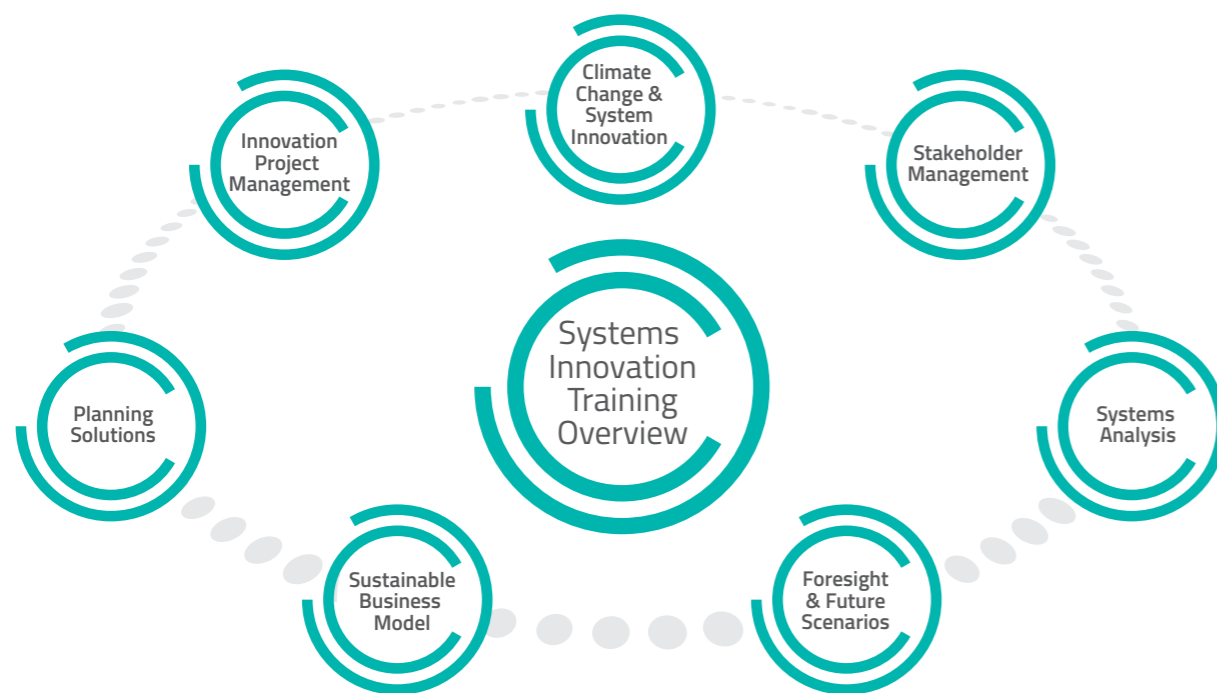


## Who can apply as a pioneer

- 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 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!



## Knowledge sharing

- Exchange knowledge with your Host organisation to achieve project success.
- See your fresh insights developed into improved products and services.
- Gain knowledge to be applied to your own projects or home organisation.
- Take advantage of new approaches and skills offered by a unique cross-disciplinary environment.

## Connect with fellow professionals

- Network on both individual and corporate level.
- Get exclusive access to Climate-KIC's world-class network of climate change professionals and innovators.
- Shape your ideas in a supportive cocreation environment.
- Join like minded people to drive innovation in the field of climate change.