Climate-KIC
Linking business, research and higher education and...

Mary Ritter
CEO
Copenhagen, June 2012
Integration of FOUR sectors for innovation

Excellence is paramount

Our partners span top:
• Universities (28)
• Research institutes (14)
• Business (29), SMEs (22)
• Regional and local government (14)
• NGOs (3)

Climate-KIC therefore brings together all the actors of the innovation pyramid ..... 

...and integrates these with our three pillars:
• Innovation & Pathfinder
• Entrepreneurship
• Education
Our ecosystem for innovation across sectors: CLC, RIC, events

Ideas Market Places,
German CLC, 2011
German, Dutch and
French CLC, May-June 2012

Annual Innovation Festival, RIC
Budapest 2011
Bologna, 2012
Innovation & Pathfinder

Climate innovation pipeline

Creating an effective and sustainable innovation pipeline

Creating new innovation from our ecosystem
Managing our innovation pipeline
Catalysing and supporting innovator networks
Education

Climate innovation pipeline

Creating and discovering innovation value

Ideas, know how and capacities

Innovative, entrepreneurial people

Networked community
Education: The Academy for Climate Innovation

- Masters (Scholars); new masters in Innovation
- PhD (Fellows); challenge-driven multi-disciplinary teams
- Postdoctoral researchers (Fellows)
- Associates
- Professional programmes
- E-enablement
- Alumni Association
- *The Journey* (for all Scholars, Fellows and Associates)
Our young entrepreneurs - training and support via the Climate-KIC ‘Journey’

An intensive 5 week programme for all Masters and PhDs that creates a community of climate innovators and entrepreneurs.

Some start-ups from *TheJourney*
- DeCo!
- ElectricFeel
- Arboreal
- Waste2chemical

“there is nothing comparable to Climate-KIC...it is unique”

“there is no other opportunity like this”
Alumni experience of the Climate-KIC Journey

- The physical science of Climate Change
- The set-up process of a business
- Ambitious people from different scientific and cultural backgrounds

Entrepreneurial Mindset & Confidence

“The most important thing I gain from Climate-KIC, apart from friends of course, it was the entrepreneurial spirit that will always remain with me....”
Entrepreneurship

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Catalysing and supporting business development

- Connecting innovation pull and push
- Supporting and inspiring business creation
- Bringing investor and entrepreneur engagement
Entrepreneurship

Support for students, project teams, start ups and SMEs

Incubation & Support, Business Creation, Events & Competitions e.g.

- Climate-KIC Incubator network
- Climate-KIC Master Class Programme
- Climate-KIC Venture competition
- Open Innovation Slams
- SME Climate Innovation Vouchers
- Climate-KIC Market Accelerator
- Pioneers into Practice

More climate starters, more starters & SMEs on fast growth trajectory, business acceleration for innovations
Two examples...

- Naked Energy – Christophe Williams
- Climate-KIC Pioneers into Practice – Sixto Santonya-Hernandez
Climate-KIC
Innovating for low-carbon prosperity and climate resilience

• A networked Community
  – long-term, stable, portfolio of members across 4 sectors
  – 4 sectors, knowledge pyramid
  – Innovation push connected with demand pull
  – Climate Market Accelerator
  – Sheltered innovation

• 8 Platforms provide focus for strategic cross-KIC development
  – Integration of the innovation pyramid

• CLC provide focus for implementation and delivery
  – Hub of connectivity
  – Centre of knowledge
  – Launch pads, landing pads, pipeline
Thank you

For further information: www.climate-kic.org