



Engagement with Europe's Regions

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RIC model of Climate Innovation



Climate

- Current estimates suggest 60-80% of the global actions to reduce GHG emissions take place at sub-national level
- Regions and cities have important responsibilities for key systems – buildings, energy, mobility and waste – which will undergo transformative change
- ‘Climate Innovation is driven by regions and cities which are experimenting with new approaches’ – Technopolis report, 2012

Innovation – new model

- Systemic
- Challenge-led
- Broad model of social and technological change
- Key role for city and regional players
- Practice based professional development
- Making transitions happen

Climate-KIC Regions - Strategy



Regional Innovation Implementation Community (RIC)

- Integrated within Climate-KIC strategy and operations
- **Mission:** to play a leading role in the transformation of European regional innovation policy and practice on climate change
- **Regions:** 6 major industrial regions – Central Hungary, Emilia-Romagna (IT), Hessen (DE), Lower Silesia (PL), Valencian Region (ES), West Midlands (UK)
- **Actors:** Regional clusters of leading innovation players – city and regional authorities, small and large companies, universities and research bodies – covering more than 70 partners
- **Resources:** already making significant investments. Access to substantial public and private resources and able to align regional, national and EU funding. Key aim – to influence €350bn EU Structural Fund programmes in 2014-2020

Climate-KIC Regions - Activities



Innovation

- Experimental Projects: **Transition Cities** (smart policies, challenge-led clustering, large-scale demonstration), **EUR-IS** (regional industrial symbiosis schemes)
- Public Procurement of Innovation – led by 6 city authorities

Education

- Professional Knowledge Development – 200 participants on cross-sector mentored programme in 2013 across 6 regions
- Challenge PhDs & Masters placements

Entrepreneurship

- Incubation & Business Support
- Masterclasses, mentoring and coaching, challenge competitions

Dissemination:

- Collaboration with key bodies (ERRIN; Eurocities; JRC);
- Host Annual Climate-KIC Innovation Festival