

Young Climathon



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climate entrepreneurs**

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The challenges

- **Every child that is born in Europe today will need to lead a carbon neutral life by the time it leaves school.**
- **Young people are going to the street because they realize that their future will be deteriorated. It is imperative to involve them in creating a livable planet.**
- **Young people can act as catalysts for systemic change and trigger climate innovation**
- Most school students are **not yet equipped with the skills** needed for **low carbon lifestyles** and the **mindsets to drive effective climate innovation**
- It is essential we **increase skills and competencies** such as holistic thinking, systems analysis, and complex problem solving



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Young Climathon is a one to two day Climate Hackathon where students work on concrete climate challenges a city, company or school has and develop innovative solutions into project or business ideas through innovative visual tools and with the input from experts, fellow student and entrepreneurs.

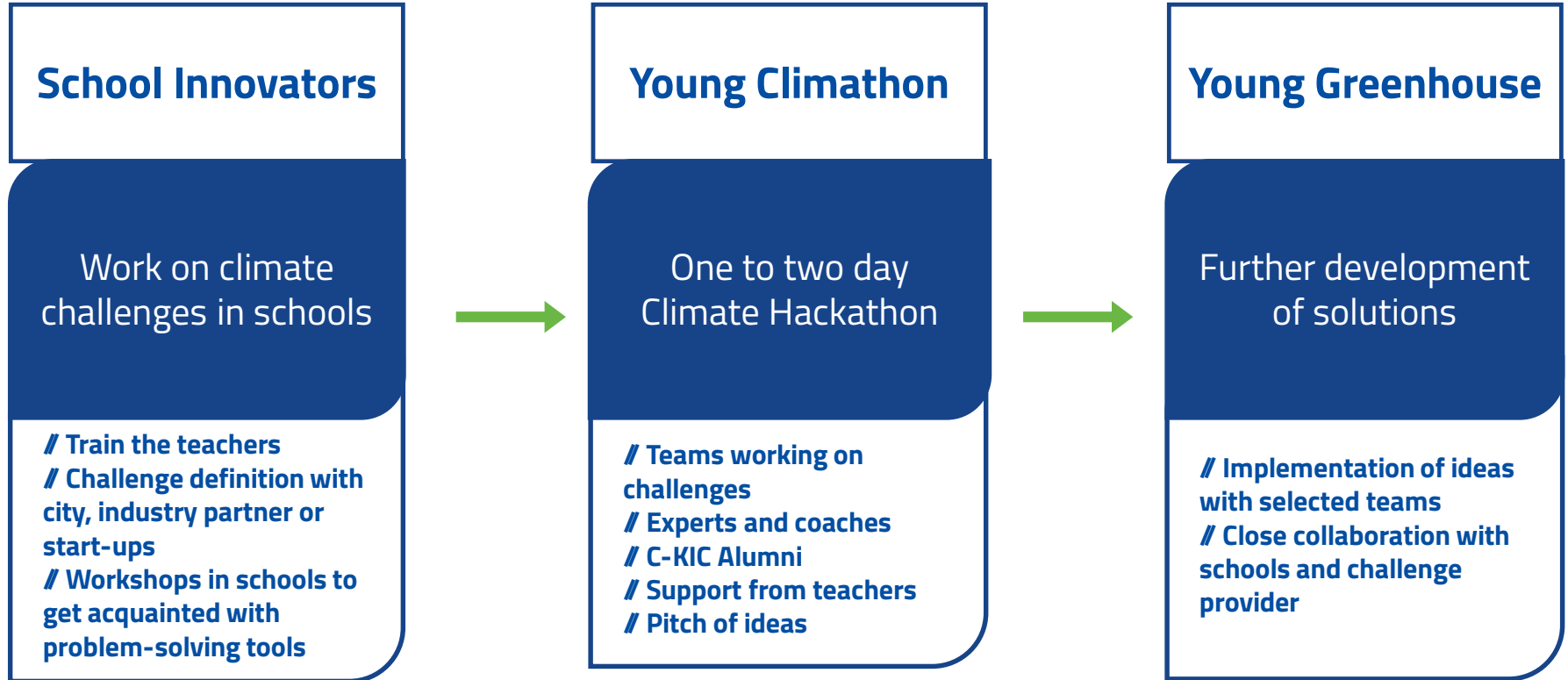
Our mission

Our mission is to empower 300,000 young people by 2020, and 3 million by 2030, transforming over 10% of all teens living in Europe, and beyond, into pioneers of change to become climate champions.

The Young Innovators Programme

The Young Climathon can be part of a bigger schools programme

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Hosting a Young Climathon

Partners can deliver the Young Climathon in one of the following ways:

- Co-create and define local climate challenges with students, schools, a city or companies and join forces with another organisation to organise the event
- Create and formulate local climate challenges and organise the Young Climathon yourself
- Contact Climate-KIC about organisations we have in our network that can help you deliver your Young Climathon



Eligible hosts for Young Climathon

We are looking for hosts from all around the world! There are different kinds of Young Climathon hosts:

- Partners
- Schools
- City/local authorities
- Companies
- Consortia of organisations
- Climate Strike Movement
- Etc.



Main requirements to host a Young Climathon

These requirements are important for a successful Young Climathon:

- 1-3 clear, relevant, and well-phrased local climate challenges
- Involve students in the creation and definition of the challenges
- Involvement of city or local authority
- Use of Young Climathon website, registration, and branding
- A venue for the 1 or 2-day hackathon that can host for the whole event
- Coaching to accompany the Young Climathon
- Agenda with speakers, coaches
- Data and material from the organisers as hacking stimulus
- Local prize for the winning team



Timeline of Young Climathon

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- March to July** Local Ecosystem engagement around the Young Climathon
- July to Sept** Pre-workshops with students to co-create challenges
- June to Oct** Planning and organisation of Young Climathon event, incl. marketing, recruitment of coaches and Alumni
- October/Nov** Young Climathon event
- Nov to Dec and ahead** Follow-up opportunities for teams with challenge providers

Example of past Young Climathon challenges

- **Amersfoort:** How can we find building owners to collaborate on putting solar panels on their roofs?

Owners of monuments in the city centre of Amersfoort are not allowed to put solar panels on their roofs and are looking for a big roof in the neighbourhood for it. However, no owner of the buildings with a big roof is willing to collaborate. The 11-year old students are asked why and what would be a solution.



Climate-KIC support to run a Young Climathon

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- Young Climathon handbook and detailed event planning guide
- Ready-made informative Young Climathon webpage
- Communication toolkits: editable marketing and communication materials for recruitment and publicity across multiple channels, social media campaign
- Climate-KIC Alumni Community: can be appointed as coaches or experts





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