CALL FOR Hub Members in MALTA

EIT CLIMATE-KIC HUB IN MALTA UNDER THE EIT REGIONAL INNOVATION SCHEME

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EIT Climate-KIC Hub in Malta is launching a call to recruit a new member to participate in EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS): a dedicated programme to accelerate climate innovation across Europe.

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Introduction

European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)

Innovation is the key to growth, competitiveness, and social well-being in the 21st century. The capacity of a society to innovate is crucial in an ever more knowledge-intensive economy. The **European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT)** is an EU body created by the European Union in 2008 to strengthen Europe's ability to innovate. The EIT is an integral part of Horizon 2020, the EU's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation.

The Institute is a unique EU initiative that drives innovation across Europe by integrating business, education and research to find solution to pressing global challenges. We support the development of dynamic, long-term pan-European partnerships among leading companies, research labs and companies. These are called Innovation Communities and each is dedicated to finding solutions to a specific global challenge, from climate change and sustainable energy to healthy living and food.

Bringing together more than 1 000 partners, the EIT is Europe's largest innovation network and connects the dots. We power innovators and entrepreneurs across Europe to turn their best ideas into products, services, jobs and growth. This is crucial to fulfilling the EIT's mission: creating jobs and delivering sustainable economic growth opportunities for Europe. Together with leading partners, the EIT Community offers a wide range of innovation and entrepreneurship activities: education courses that combine technical and entrepreneurial skills, tailored business creation and acceleration services and innovation driven research projects. This brings new ideas and solutions to the market, turns students into entrepreneurs and, most importantly, delivers innovation.

Our mission is to:

- Increase Europe's competitiveness, its sustainable economic growth and job creation by promoting and strengthening cooperation among leading business, education and research organisations.

- Power innovation and entrepreneurship in Europe by creating environments for creative and innovative thoughts to thrive.

EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS)

The EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS) was introduced in 2014 to advance the innovation performance of more countries and their regions across Europe, especially countries with moderate or modest innovation scores as defined by the European Innovation Scoreboard.   Since its establishment, the EIT RIS, which is steered by the EIT and implemented by its Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs), has successfully lead to a significant expansion of EIT Community activities to more countries and regions across Europe, contributing to a pan-European spread of EIT Community engagement opportunities and networks.

The programme offers a concrete way to design, build and deliver mission-oriented portfolios of interconnected programmes on skills   development   and   learning, entrepreneurship and   innovation to   catalyse   fast

decarbonisation, deliver future-proof jobs, generate new markets aligned to 1.5º and drive forward adaptation and resilience.

The overarching objective of the EIT RIS is to contribute to the advancement of the innovation performance of the targeted countries and their regions by strengthening the capacity of their innovation enablers and actors and linkages among them (such as business accelerators, incubators, start-ups, scale-ups, businesses including SMEs, agencies, educational and research institutions and their infrastructures, etc.) through the dissemination of the KTI approach, the cornerstone of the EIT intervention logic.

More specifically, during the 2021-2027 period, the EIT RIS shall aim to deliver on the following objectives:

- Improve the innovation capacities of the local ecosystem, via capacity building activities and closer interactions between the local KT innovation actors (such as, clusters, networks, regional public authorities, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), research organisations, Vocational Education and Training (VET) institutions, SMEs) and their activities;
- Support the objective of attracting and facilitating the integration of potential new partners in the EIT KICs and link local innovation ecosystems to pan-European innovation ecosystems, including through the establishment of Co-Location Centres (CLCs) and RIS Hubs, as part of a "place-based" innovation approach;
- Used as a bridge towards relevant Research and Innovation Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS3s);
- Leverage additional private and public funding, with particular attention to European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF).

EIT Climate-KIC

EIT Climate-KIC is the EU's climate innovation initiative, working to accelerate the transition to a zero-carbon and resilient world by enabling systems transformation. As a Knowledge and Innovation Community (KIC), it brings together more than 400 partners from business, academia, the public and non-profit sectors to create networks of expertise, through which innovative products, services and systems are developed, brought to market and scaled up for impact.

EIT RIS Climate-KIC Hub in Malta

EIT Climate-KIC RIS Hubs

The EIT Climate-KIC Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) is our **flagship initiative active in Southern, Central and Eastern European countries** where EIT Climate-KIC does not operate through office structures. It ensures EIT Climate-KIC's pan-European reach and boosting climate innovation capacity across the continent.

All EIT KICs undertake a **"place-based" innovation approach** and engage local organisations to serve as **EIT Hubs** in EIT RIS countries and regions. Local organisations are selected through an open competitive selection process, and are designated to function as an EIT Hub for a specific EIT Knowledge and Innovation Community.

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EIT RIS Hubs aim to be catalysts for the innovation communities in each country by boosting the innovation ecosystem and working with: cities and regions, social movements and NGOs, policymakers, start-ups and established businesses, youth and professionals, education and research institutions and other relevant organisations across sectoral divides.

EIT Climate-KIC Hubs –whose members can be partners or external organisations—are composed of entities representing the business sector, education, research, governmental or civil society and their primary roles are:

- Ensure the visibility of the EIT Community and raise awareness of activities and cooperation opportunities for local players representing education, business and research areas, and attracting and facilitating the engagement of new participants in EIT KIC activities.
- Liaise with the relevant national, regional and local authorities and facilitate the sharing of EIT Innovation Community expertise with them.
- Co-lead with EIT Climate-KIC the development of the local innovation ecosystem and the creation of solid portfolio of activities to trigger climate action at scale and build a prosperous, inclusive, climate-resilient society with a net-zero emissions economy by 2050.

For this, they carry out the following main tasks:

- Identify and map relevant local stakeholders across the Knowledge Triangle and closely cooperate with them, emphasising local, regional and national authorities.
- Function as the interaction point between EIT Climate-KIC and local stakeholders.
- Organise regular events and outreach activities to inform local stakeholders how to get involved in EIT Climate-KIC activities and engage them.
- Source local talent (students, start-ups, innovators) and enable them to participate in EIT Climate-KIC activities.
- Cooperate with other EIT Hubs (both internationally - within EIT Climate-KIC - and nationally - cross-KIC) as necessary and regularly participate in EIT Climate-KIC organised meetings and calls to refine EIT RIS strategy and goals further.
- Provide EIT Climate-KIC with access to local, regional and national authorities and policymakers.
- Participate in high-level events to present the EIT RIS to relevant stakeholders and networks in Brussels and across Europe.
- Develop intelligence on EU, regional and national funding instruments and how these can be synergised with EIT RIS.

EIT Climate-KIC Hubs are acting as the main local 'champions' in the EIT RIS countries

Our EIT Climate-KIC HUB network is present in 14 RIS countries: **Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia,** and **Slovenia**.

EIT Climate-KIC Malta Hub

Malta, with a unique geographical setting, is highly susceptible to climate change and its effects. The Maltese government has identified innovation as one of the key ingredients to not only come up with necessary solutions to climate change but also for catching up with other smaller European Union member states in terms of industrial and academic performance. Malta's involvement in the EIT RIS helps develop the country's local innovation ecosystem while boosting its potential to tackle the adverse effects of climate change.

While EIT Climate-KIC has been working since 2010, its activities reached Malta in 2016 when the EIT Climate-KIC Hub was established. In 2019, the Hub expanded and welcomed two new organisations: Aquabiotech and the current Hub Coordinator, Malta College of Art Science and Technology (MCAST). Together, these entities are working towards implementing strategic programmes in education and entrepreneurship. The Hub is working closely with key stakeholders, including the Ministry for Environment, Climate Change and Planning (MECP) to achieve national environmental and climate targets and boost Malta's capacity to take on innovative projects whilst creating links among local entities working towards similar climate goals. More information: EIT Climate-KIC Malta Hub - Inicio | Facebook.

EIT Climate-KIC Strategic Programmes and Projects in Malta (2021)

- MED ClimAccelerator – this programme is a Mediterranean start-up accelerator running for three years, focused on supporting innovative enterprises that address climate challenges. It supports individuals and start-ups in the first three stages of development through tailored training, mentoring and funding.

- Young Innovators – this is an educational train-the-trainers programme to introduce systems thinking and critical problem-solving in secondary education and colleges. It culminates in a Young Climathon where students present their solutions to local climate challenges.

- Journey – Malta is the hosting partner of a pan-European summer school for students at the Climate-KIC Masters programme to analyse and come up with solutions for local challenges in the blue economy.

- Climathon – towards the end of the year the Hub will also host the national Climathon: an ideathon (hackathon) to come up with solutions to local climate challenges, run in cities across the world to promote climate action.

Aim of this Call: expansion of the Hub

EIT Climate-KIC Hub in Malta is launching a call to **recruit a new member** to participate in [EIT Regional Innovation Scheme (EIT RIS)](): a dedicated programme to accelerate climate innovation across Europe.

Therefore, we happily have issued this call to invite interested organisations to become official members of the Hub, moving to a more coordinated and fruitful cooperation and increasing the uptake and participation of the Malta ecosystems in EIT Climate-KIC activities.

Target Group of this Call

- Organisations interested in joining the EIT Climate-KIC Hub in Malta and interested in tackling climate change through active national and international cooperation with various stakeholders.
- Organisations aligned with Hub's Thematic Framework (see below).
- Applicants who are interested in advancing local-regional-national-scale transitions and participating in running a selected portfolio of activities together with the Hub to trigger climate action at scale and to build a prosperous, inclusive, climate resilient society with a circular, regenerative and net-zero emissions economy by 2050.

Types of organisations we hope to see as members (Pyramid of Innovation):

- Local, regional, national public authorities;
- Private capital companies;
- Public capital companies;
- Start-ups working in a relevant field;
- Research institutes;
- Other organisations that fit the criteria of the Target Group of this Call.

Territorial scope

Currently, the Hub is especially active in Malta, though cooperation events and activities in the past. We want to strengthen our presence in Gozo and encourage organisations **from across the country** to apply.

Working area

Currently, the Hub specialises in education, marine research, and start-up acceleration. We want to develop our competence in innovation (from systems thinking to practice and applicability) and citizen engagement.

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Thematic framework

EIT Climate-KIC Hub Malta wants to focus on the following thematic areas and require a member that has expertise in at least one of the below:

1. **Water**
2. **Energy**
3. **Food**

The thematic area of water includes the **marine environment**, **blue economy**, and **water scarcity**. Malta's Low Carbon Development Strategy (2021) shows that the majority of Malta's carbon emissions are a result of energy use, predominantly for transport and demand from buildings. The potential for renewable energy is still underutilised. Most of Malta's drinking water is converted in reverse osmosis plants, contributing to around **4% of national energy consumption** and clearly linked with the water focus area. Lastly, the Hub is interested in addressing food, from challenges due to **Malta's arid agricultural land**, to limited self-sufficiency and overreliance on food imports from overseas.

Carbon neutrality has been put forward as one of the five main pillars of Malta Government's economic policy in Malta's Recovery & Resilience Plan, in response to the European Commission's NextGenerationEU instrument to recover from the pandemic and spur the green transition. The **water, energy and food nexus** serve as a strongly interwoven landscape to focus our efforts in addressing complex climate challenges on the islands, both in terms of mitigation of Malta's carbon emissions as well as in building resilience to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Proposal Guidelines

This call is designed to expand the EIT Climate-KIC Malta Hub and it is a **one-stage full proposal submission with two-phase assessment process**. The **proposal form**, as provided in Annex 1 and also available in Word format via the Call for Proposals website, is the document that all applicants must use for their proposal. This form will also be used to verify eligible candidates. The form is mandatory and sets out the eligibility and selection criteria which EIT Climate-KIC will apply for the purposes of eliminating ineligible and/or unqualified applicants.

Proposals submitted in any other format than the mandatory Proposal Form shall not be accepted. EIT Climate-KIC may seek evidence at a later date to confirm applicants' answers.

All enquiries relating to completion of responses should be addressed, in the first instance, to: Nika.levikov@mcast.edu.mt or Beatriz.camacho@climate-kic.org.

Before preparing the proposal

Checklist	
You have read this document carefully, and have started to think about your contribution to the EIT Climate-KIC Malta Hub	☐
You have reviewed the eligibility requirements and confirmed that you meet them	☐
You may wish to discuss your idea with EIT Climate-KIC Malta Hub or EIT Climate-KIC before preparing a proposal. If you are unsure who to contact, please email nika.levikov@mcast.edu.mt or Beatriz.camacho@climate-kig.org	☐
Please ensure that all required information is available to you. Without the inclusion of the relevant information the application will not be progressed.	☐
All applications should be written in English.	☐

If you've done all the above and wish to proceed, you should then complete the full Proposal Form according to the call process outlined in this document.

Please note that we will not accept applications unless they are prepared using the Proposal Form and emailed to nika.levikov@mcast.edu.mt. We will not accept late submissions.

Preparing your proposal

If you are interested in becoming the new EIT Climate-KIC Malta Hub member:

Checklist	
Review this document, paying attention to the below eligibility and selection requirements.	☐
Fill in the Proposal Form (available as a Word document from the Call for Proposals website or in Annex 1) and submit it by email to nika.levikov@mcast.edu.mt **The submission deadline is Sunday 3rd October at 23:59 CEST. EIT Climate-KIC will only review applications submitted to the above email address before the deadline.**	☐

EIT Climate-KIC will progress applications following the Proposal Application Timeline outlined below. EIT Climate-KIC will require the following information to review and decide on successful applications, according to the selection criteria described in the Assessment and Selection Process section.

Proposal Submission

Proposals can be submitted at any time from the launch of the call until Sunday 3rd October at 23:59 CEST.

All applications must be submitted via email to nika.levikov@mcast.edu.mt. Please indicate in the **email subject** line EIT Climate-KIC Malta Hub Extension and your organisation name, following this example format: "EIT Climate-KIC Malta Hub Extension [name of organisation]".

Please note: No extensions to the deadline will be granted. In addition, any changes to the proposal requested by the applicant after submission will not be allowed.

Proposal Application Timeline

The below table outlines the application timeline and key deadlines.

Activity	Date
Opening date for applications	9th September
Submission deadline	3rd October at 23:59 CEST
Evaluation period 1st stage	4th – 5th October
Evaluation results 1st stage to successful applicants	6th October
Evaluation period 2nd stage: interviews	8th & 11th October
Evaluation results 2nd stage to successful applicant	13th October
Evaluation results to unsuccessful applicants	18th October

The results of the selection will be communicated to all applicants no later than 18th October. All applicants will receive confirmation in writing.

Eligibility

This call is designed to expand the EIT Climate-KIC Malta Hub, and it is a one-stage full proposal submission with a two-phase assessment process.

Only organisations **based in MALTA** are eligible to apply under the current call.

Assessment Criteria

The following minimum criteria are used for the assessment and recruitment of new members of EIT Climate-KIC Hub Malta:

Criteria description

Criteria	Max. scoring
1. **Alignment with Hub's goals and Thematic Framework:** enabling transitions to a prosperous, inclusive, climate-resilient society with a circular, regenerative, and net-zero emissions economy by 2050. The potential member of EIT Climate-KIC Hub Malta can demonstrate commitment to the low-carbon agenda, can show clear low-carbon priorities and has expertise in at least one of the thematic areas (water, energy and food).	5
2. **Motivation for and track record in innovation:** The potential member of EIT Climate-KIC Hub must be able to demonstrate motivation and a track record in innovation, be it innovations in industries, local and regional governance, citizen initiatives and movements, research or education in any of the thematic areas mentioned above. If the potential member has experience or capacity to carry out activities across the entire innovation framework, working across the knowledge triangle (education, research, business), the potential member can showcase such work or tangible opportunities.	5
3. **Capacity:** Every EIT Climate-KIC Hub member has to demonstrate capacity to work with local knowledge triangle actors (education, research, business) and national/local authorities, both in terms of resources as well as in terms of network. With the view to ensure the successful management and delivery of activities in Malta, the future member of EIT Climate-KIC Hub should demonstrate (i) an appropriate level of commitment of the required resources, and (ii) its capacity to leverage its existing network, including ways to develop the network (iii) its capacity to undertake activities related to selected thematic areas.	5
4. **Relations with national/local authorities:** Access to policymakers will strengthen synergies and complementarities at all governance levels. In this respect, the potential member of EIT Climate-KIC Hub is encouraged to demonstrate whether it has existing relations and enjoys the support of policymakers in national or local authorities. If this is not the case, a realistic and relevant plan to establish contact with national or local policymakers within the framework of EIT RIS activities is encouraged to be described.	5
5. **Plans to use other sources of funding:** Each EIT Climate-KIC Hub must outline plans to mobilise and use "other sources of funding", such as national and regional funding, including EU Structural Funds, and own resources, to participate in the EIT RIS and create synergies. Future Hub members should describe potential contributions to or synergies with Hub's financial sustainability. If applicable, share a track record in mobilising such funds.	5

Assessment scoring

Score	Description
0	The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
1	**Poor**. The criterion is inadequately addressed, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
2	**Fair**. The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
3	**Good**. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but several shortcomings are present.
4	**Very good**. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but a small number of shortcomings are present.
5	**Excellent**. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor

All complete and eligible applications received until 3rd October will be assessed against the selection criteria. **The threshold to pass the first assessment round is set at 15 points**.

After this first round of assessments based on submitted application forms, EIT Climate-KIC Hub in MALTA will schedule bilateral calls with the candidates whose applications were scored with 15 or more points. During the calls, the applicants will have the opportunity to present themselves. A round of questions will follow this. The selection panel will be composed of representatives of EIT Climate-KIC Hub in MALTA, the EIT Climate-KIC RIS Ecosystem Manager for Southern Europe and/or EIT representative.

The most qualified applicant will be selected to become a member of the EIT Climate-KIC Hub in MALTA.

Your Data

By submitting a proposal, applicants accept EIT Climate-KIC's General Terms and Conditions which also includes in particular, our Privacy Policy, Acceptable Use Policy and Cookie Policy and warrant and represent that they have the authority to agree and accept these on behalf of the named organisation. Personal data provided may be processed, including sharing with other organisations, by EIT Climate-KIC and certain sensitive data elements may be visible to other partners or potential partners of EIT Climate-KIC. The named partner organisation or non-partner of EIT Climate-KIC warrants and represents that in providing personal data in connection with the proposal, the data subjects have consented to the provision of this personal data and the processing of it by EIT Climate-KIC in the manner indicated in accordance with our Privacy Policy, and that the partner organisation or non-partner of EIT Climate-KIC provides the personal data in accordance with applicable law.

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Confidentiality

EIT Climate-KIC will treat your proposal confidentially, as well as any related information, data and documents received in accordance with our Privacy Policy or as otherwise indicated throughout the proposal. Please pay attention not to attempt to discuss your proposal with persons you believe may act as an independent expert for EIT Climate-KIC.

System errors and complaints

Submission

If you think that the submission of your proposal was not entirely successful due to a **technical error** on the side of EIT Climate-KIC, you may lodge a complaint through the Community Desk (communtydesk@climate-kic.org).

For the complaint to be admissible it must be **filed within 24 hours following that of the Call closure**, ideally as soon as the issue arises to enable submission prior to the deadline.

You should also secure a PDF version of all the parts of your proposal holding a time stamp (file attributes listing the date and time of creation and last modification) that is prior to the call deadline, as well as any proof of the alleged failure (e.g. screenshots). Later in the procedure you may be requested by the team reviewing the case to provide these items. Please note that any information regarding the proposal will be treated in a strictly confidential manner.

To consider your complaint is upheld, the audit trail (application log files and access log files of the IT systems involved) must show that there was indeed a technical problem on EIT Climate-KICs side which prevented you from submitting (or resubmitting) the proposal.

Outcome: You will receive a notification about the outcome of the treatment of your complaint within 48 hours of all evidence being provided. If a decision cannot be reached in this timeframe, you will receive a holding reply. If your complaint is upheld, the files submitted, for which the investigation has demonstrated that technical problems on the EIT Climate-KICs side prevented (re)submitting, will be used as a reference for accepting the proposal for subsequent evaluation. In absence of such documents, the version present in the relevant system will be evaluated.

Complaints

Should proponents be dissatisfied with the outcome of the proposal review process please reach out to EIT Climate-KIC's Community Desk (CommunityDesk@climate-kic.org) for information about the Complaints and Appeals processes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Our organisation is already involved with another KIC. Can we still apply to become an EIT Climate-KIC Hub?

Yes, it is possible to get involved with more than one KIC. We even encourage synergies between activities.

Is there funding available under the EIT RIS?

Yes, there is limited funding ("seed funding") available for qualifying proposals following selection as an EIT Climate-KIC Hub. However, we want to stress that neither EIT Climate-KIC nor the EIT RIS is a funding/granting scheme. By successfully applying to the present call for applications, you can benefit from funding under the EIT RIS. Once you have been selected to work with us as an EIT Climate-KIC Hub under the EIT RIS you will be able to apply for internal calls for proposals open to EIT Climate-KIC entities involved in delivering our EIT RIS activities.

If successful in the call, do we have to become an EIT Climate-KIC Community Member and EIT KIC partner?

No, that is not necessary. However, through the EIT RIS, EIT Climate-KIC is looking to expand its geographical reach and bring in committed and complimentary members to join our community. We welcome applicants whose core competencies complement our existing community portfolio. EIT Climate-KIC intends to welcome certain EIT RIS entities into the community and support their community membership application process to become fully-fledged EIT Climate-KIC community members and, thereafter, EIT Climate-KIC partners if this is deemed strategic and in line with the other relevant criteria.

In addition to formal community membership, other forms of engagement are possible.

Note that there is a fee associated with community membership. Annual Community Membership fees are invoiced based on the size of the member. If you would like to know more about the issue, please contact Beatriz.camacho@climate-kic.org

Annex 1: Application form

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name of organisation	
Website	
Address	*Street address* *City* *Region* *Postal/Zip code* *Country*
Sector	*Academia/Research* *Business* *Government* *Nonprofit* *Other*
Main Contact Person full name	
Main Contact Person Function	*e.g. Director, Project Manager, Business Developer, etc.*
Main contact person email address	
Please list any additional email addresses that you would like to keep copied in all correspondence	
Briefly describe your core business, expertise and potential role in the EIT Climate-KIC Hub (e.g. focus on education, acceleration, innovation projects,	*Max. 500 words.*

partnership engagement, ...) (max. 500 words)	

2. PRIOR INVOLVEMENT WITH EIT CLIMATE-KIC OR ANOTHER KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION COMMUNITY

Are you presently involved or have you been involved in the past with EIT Climate-KIC?	*Yes/No. If yes, explain how (max. 500 words).*
Have you applied for participation in the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme before or are you involved with another KIC (EIT Digital, EIT InnoEnergy, EIT Food, EIT RawMaterials, EIT Health, EIT Urban Mobility, EIT Manufacturing)?	*Yes/No. If yes, explain how (max. 500 words).*

3. GENERAL MOTIVATION

In a maximum of 500 words, please describe why you would like to get engaged with EIT Climate-KIC?

4. MEETING THE SELECTION CRITERIA

Alignment with Hub's goals and Thematic Framework	*Please describe in a maximum of 1,000 words*
Motivation for and track record in innovation	*Please describe in a maximum of 1,000 words*
Capacity	*Please describe in a maximum of 1,000 words*
Relations with national/local authorities	*Please describe in a maximum of 1000 words*
Plans to use other sources of funding	*Please describe in a maximum of 1,000 words*
Additional information	*Please use this text field to share any other potentially relevant information, e.g. project ideas, pertinent memberships of other organisations, etc.*

5. HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THIS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS?

- EIT Climate-KIC Website
- EIT Climate-KIC Social Media
- EIT Website

- EIT Social Media
- EIT Climate-KIC Malta Hub Social Media
- Horizon Europe National Contact Point
- EIT National Contact Point
- Recommendation by an EIT Climate-KIC partner
- Other

I hereby confirm that all information provided in this form is true and correct at the time of the application.

Signed: