


AUSTRIA 2026

Climate Launchpad

POWERED BY:  ClimateKIC

Application Deck



About us

Thinkubator is the National Lead for ClimateLaunchpad Austria.

Thinkubator is a leading Austrian think tank focused on circular economy and sustainable business. Offering **education, research and consulting** services, Thinkubator is providing the skills and competencies needed to drive the transition towards a net-zero economy. One of the programs Thinkubator is hosting in Austria is **ClimateLaunchpad**. In 2025, Thinkubator got to host the Global Grand Final of ClimateLaunchpad at the new event format **Climate Innovation Festival CIFE**.

Check out the Thinkubator [website](#), social media & newsletter



Climate KIC is Europe's leading climate innovation agency, supporting systemic transformations to achieve climate goals across cities, regions, and industries. In 2014, they launched ClimateLaunchpad.



ClimateLaunchpad is the world's largest competition for green business ideas, guiding promising innovators through boot camps and pitch competitions at national, Regional and Global levels.

About ClimateLaunchpad

ClimateLaunchpad is the **world's largest green business ideas competition**. The mission is to unlock the world's cleantech potential that addresses climate change. We fill a gap in developing a pipeline of early-stage climate ventures and provide a platform for those ideas to flourish. ClimateLaunchpad is part of the Entrepreneurship offerings of Climate KIC.

OUR 8 CLIMATELAUNCHPAD THEMES

- CIRCULAR ECONOMY
- ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE
- URBAN SOLUTIONS
- SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY
- FOOD SYSTEMS
- CLEAN ENERGY
- THE NEXT BIG THING
- BLUE ECONOMY

12 years

In operation

5.000

Start-ups incubated since 2014

15.000

Applications received

500m EUR

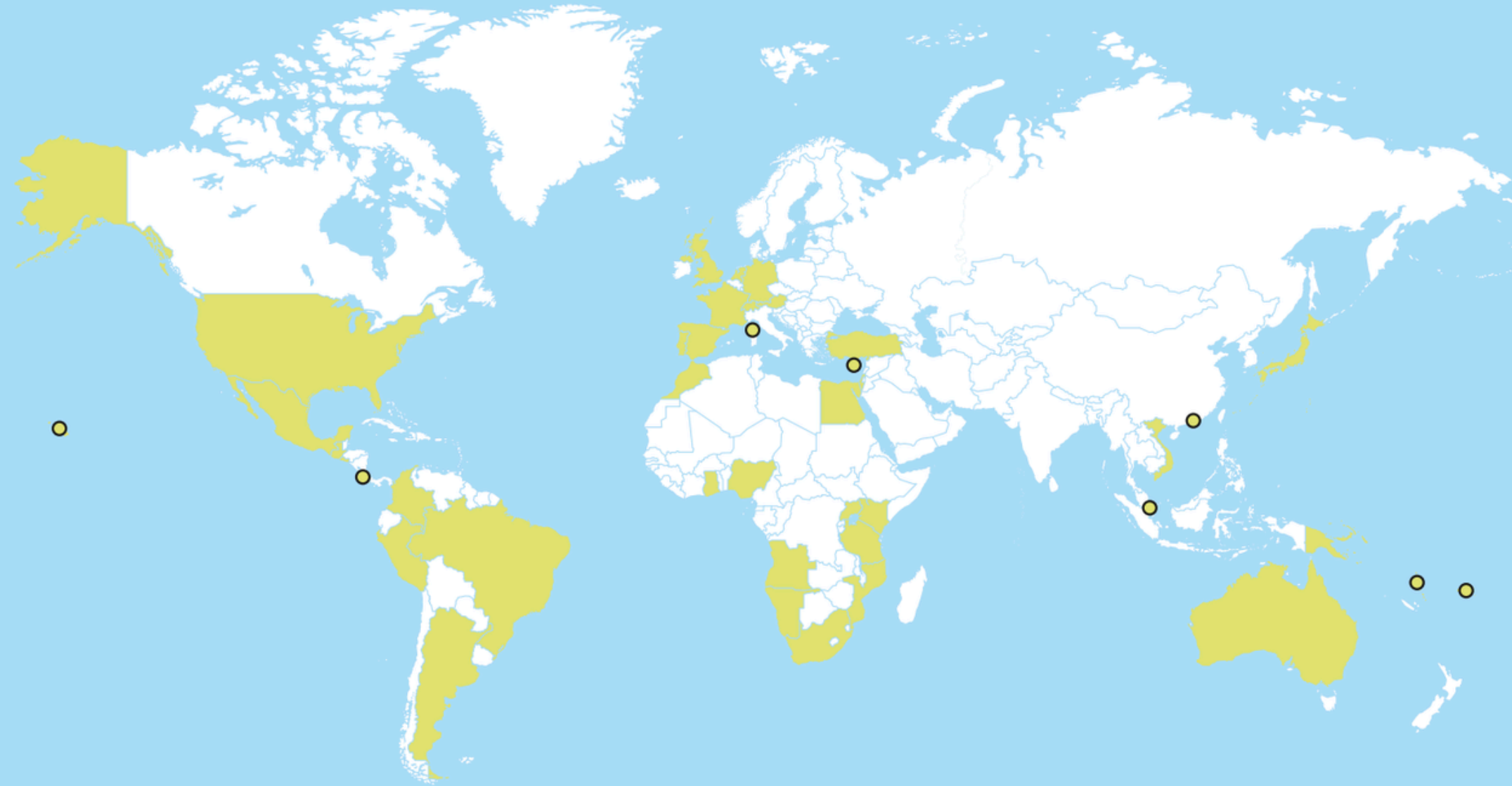
Funding raised by ClimateLaunchpad Alumni

40+

Participating countries in 2025

Participating countries

Since its inception, ClimateLaunchpad has supported thousands of entrepreneurs across more than 70 countries. In 2025, we delivered the programme in 40 countries across our four regions: Africa, the Americas, Asia-Pacific and Europe.



Programme structure



STAGE 1: APPLICATIONS OPEN

We open our call for early-stage green business ideas in February.



STAGE 2: BOOT CAMP

The top 10 ideas are selected for intensive training led by certified trainers in April.



STAGE 3: COACHING

We provide tailored mentoring to refine each team's business model and pitch in May.



STAGE 4: NATIONAL FINAL

'Dragons' Den' style pitching at the National Finals at the Speakout Festival in June.



STAGE 5: REGIONAL FINALS

The top three start-ups move on to one of the four regional finals taking place in September.



STAGE 6: GLOBAL GRAND FINAL

The Global Grand Final this year will be held in Singapore in Autumn.

Impressions of CLP 2025



October 2025, CLP Global Grand Final



April 2025, CLP Boot Camp



April 2025, CLP Boot Camp



June 2025, CLP National Final @ SpeakOut Festival



October 2025, CLP Global Grand Final

[Aftermovie CLP Global Grand Final](#)



Selected Alumni of CLP Austria

CLP targets innovators who have a climate-impact idea and are based in or building their business in Austria. The program specifically supports early-stage founders who can apply if they haven't yet raised more than 200K or incorporated (less than 2 years ago).

Hempstatic
Kern Tec
MATR
Minimist
Neworn GmbH
revo foods
Scale Energy
sequestra
SolarWing
Terraformer
Troponaut
uptraded

Meet our Alumni



**Katharina Porenta,
Managing Director
colibrie FlexCo**



**Lukas Hückel,
Co-Founder & COO
sonnig FlexCo**

“ ClimateLaunchpad was the perfect chance for us to hit pause and really think about the fundamentals - where we're headed, what we're building, and how we'll make it happen.

The in-person coaching was also incredibly valuable, packed with hands-on advice that helped us refine our strategy and vision.

“ The CLP program is a great chance to get your idea ready to present it to potential clients and partners. From the coaches and the workshops we received a fresh take and perspective on our materials. It was more impact oriented and international than other programs! Pitching our startup in front of a big audience at the Kurier Speak Out festival was exciting! It was a great chance to demonstrate our idea to a sustainability-interested crowd!

Timeline Austria 2026

29TH OF MARCH

1ST OF APRIL

25TH-26TH OF APRIL

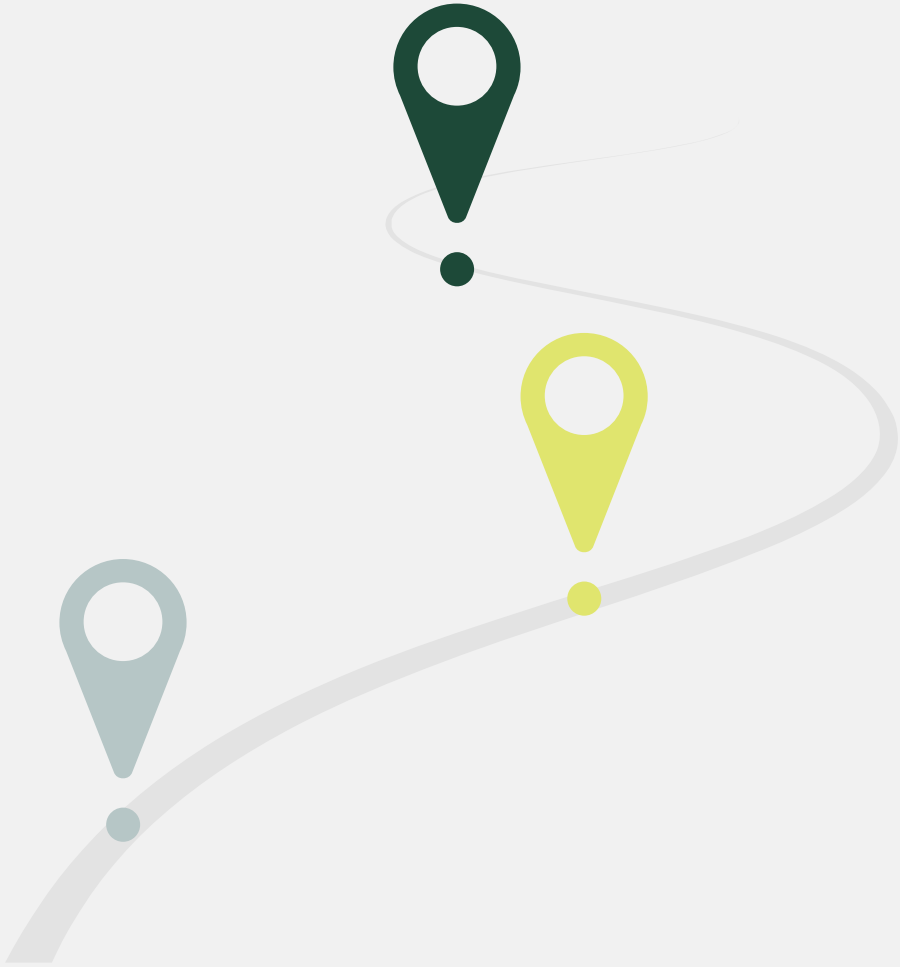
12TH & 20TH OF MAY

& 1ST OF JUNE

9TH OF JUNE

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER



APPLICATION DEADLINE

FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT

BOOTCAMP (VIENNA)

COACHING SESSIONS

(VIENNA)

NATIONAL FINAL (VIENNA)

REGIONAL FINAL (ONLINE)

GLOBAL FINAL (SINGAPORE)

Your journey starts by **applying**. If you have a solid idea, we will call you back for the **boot camp and coaching sessions**. There you will learn to define your mission & purpose, shape your business model, find and reach your audience, understand the numbers and data, maximize your climate impact, validate your idea with real users and to sell your idea with confidence.

When you are ready, it's time to take the stage and compete at the **National final!** Advance to the **Regional Finals** and gain international exposure. Compete at the **Global Grand Final** in Singapore and win funding, prizes, and business acceleration opportunities.

Your application

You should apply if you:

- have an idea with **climate impact**
- live in or build your business in **Austria**
- have a team of at least **2 members** attending the program
- have **not yet**, or incorporated your company **less than two years ago**
- are a **start-up, SME, researcher, student, public organisation, consultant, engineer or other**
- have attracted **less than € 200.000 in investment** or not yet sold products, solutions or prototypes on commercial terms.

You can apply here:



Find out more about ClimateLaunchpad

Thinkubator Website



ClimateLaunchpad Website



or find us on **Social Media:** @thinkubator.earth & @climatelaunchpad

Questions

If you have **any questions about the competition or your application**, feel free to reach out to us anytime.

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