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CLIMACT

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CLIMACT Kick-off in Munich: Eight Partners Launch a European Journey from Climate Awareness to Climate Action

Munich, 29–30 October 2026 – The partners of the Erasmus+ project CLIMACT met at the Hochschule für Politik München of the Technical University of Munich (TUM) for the project's official kick-off meeting. Representatives of eight organisations from eight countries came together in a hybrid meeting, in Munich and online, to plan three years of joint work.



The CLIMACT partners at the kick-off meeting in Munich, with colleagues joining online.

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The consortium brings together TUM (Germany, coordinator), IDDA – Innovation and Digital Development Association (Türkiye), International Hellenic University (Greece), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), University of Stavanger (Norway), Riga Technical University (Latvia), Hryhorii Skovoroda University in Pereiaslav (Ukraine) and University of Molise (Italy).

CLIMACT will give 140 university students the knowledge, skills and international experience to turn climate awareness into real solutions. Students will become “Climate Citizens” who understand, communicate and act on climate challenges.

Laying the foundations (WP1)

The partners agreed on how the project will be managed:

- **Project teams:** each partner names two project managers and a contact person.
- **Coordination:** a monthly online meeting, a shared project drive and a common worksheet to track tasks and deadlines.
- **Management plans:** six plans will be ready in the first six months: Risk Management (IDDA), Quality Assurance (IHU), Sustainability (RTU), Green Plan (UL), Dissemination (HSUP) and the Inclusion Report (TUM).
- **Visual identity:** the partners discussed the new CLIMACT logo and the project's communication channels.

Designing the learning experience (WP2)

A large part of the meeting focused on the 14 micro-modules. Each partner will develop two short online units on its own area of expertise: climate science and EU policy, strategic communication and green technologies, green entrepreneurship, sustainable business, STEM-based climate solutions, social resilience, and digital literacy and AI. Learners will earn a digital badge after each unit and a joint CLIMACT certificate at the end.

The partners also planned the Climate Entrepreneurship Toolkit, a practical guide with tools for impact assessment, business modelling and pitching that students and teachers across Europe will be able to use.



Partners from several countries, including the HSUP team from Ukraine, joined the meeting online.

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The IDDA team at the Hochschule für Politik München, TUM.

Looking ahead

The next milestones are the outlines of the micro-modules in December 2026 and the launch of the learning platform in 2027. In autumn 2027, students at the eight universities will form 16 interdisciplinary teams, and in 2028 the best teams will come to Munich for the 7-day International Climate Camp to turn their ideas into prototypes.

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