

EU-Korea Climate Action project



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PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The European Union (EU) and the Republic of Korea (Korea) share the goal to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and to foster more resource efficient and greener economies. Both the EU and Korea are strongly committed to implementing the 2015 Paris Agreement and delivering on their respective domestic commitments under the Agreement.



The EU climate and energy framework contains a binding target to cut GHG emissions domestically by at least 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 across all sectors of its economy. Korea's Nationally Determined Contribution target is to reduce GHG emissions by 37% by 2030 below business-as-usual emissions. Ambitious climate action at all levels is needed to achieve those goals.

The EU-Korea Climate Action project is a three-year project funded by the European Union to accelerate climate actions in Korea. The project aims at strengthening networking, dialogue and cooperation among Korean stakeholders and between Korea and the EU to enhance climate action at the non-state actors' level.

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PRIORITY AREAS OF CLIMATE ACTION





Today more than half of the world's population lives in cities. By 2050 it is projected that two thirds of the world's population will reside in cities. Korea is one of the most urbanised countries in the world, with almost 80% of the population living in cities. In the EU, almost three guarters of the population live in cities.

Urban areas are both the major cause of and the solution to mitigate and adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change. Therefore, non-state actors at sub-national level play a vital role in pursuing effective climate actions.

The impact on the climate is determined by many factors such as energy consumption for various purposes and services, transportation, building, production and consumption of goods. Effective climate action has to focus on:



how **energy** is generated and used



how **mobility** needs are met





how citizens and industry conduct their daily transactions of consuming and producing



what political and economic decisions are made by local authorities



how **national policies** enable climate actions at local levels

STAKEHOLDERS FOR CLIMATE ACTION

The project aims at amplifying the scope of non-state stakeholders to take effective climate action, particularly:











Urban stakeholders such as cities, local authorities, utilities and public services share, exchange and learn from each other in implementing local climate actions to increase urban resilience, prosperity and quality of life.

NGOs at national and sub-national levels

representing the civil society become better empowered to promote and advocate for more ambitious climate actions.

Businesses intermediaries and businesses from

large to medium and small enterprises share lessons learnt and step up their efforts in greening and decarbonising business and industrial operations, facilities and supply chains to increase productivity, efficiency, new and green business opportunities.



Academia and research institutions exchange scientific approaches of taking climate action at the nonstate actors' level to translate national climate policies and international commitments into measures to reduce GHG emissions on the ground.





JOINT RESEARCH AND PILOT PROJECTS

The project supports the creation of Climate Partnerships between Korean and European non-state climate actors who are interested in implementing Climate Actions on priority areas such as renewable energy, energy efficiency in buildings, sustainable mobility, circular economy and best low-carbon business practices. The project publishes calls for proposals, in response to which interested climate partners can submit proposals for Joint Research or Pilot Projects that contribute to to accelerating Korea's transition to a low-emissions, climate resilient, sustainable economy and society.

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Minimum two climate partners, one based in an European Member States and one in Korea are required for the creation of a Climate Partnership and the submission of an Expression of Interest.
- Applicants shall belong to one of the following stakeholder categories: private sector (particularly small and medium sizes enterprises), public services, utilities, academia and research institutes, local authorities, NGOs and CSOs (see stakeholder list on previous page).
- Proposed actions must take place mostly in the Republic of Korea, with the exception of capacity building measures in the form of study tours to European Member States.



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE



The **Calls for Proposals** are published on the project website *www.climateaction-korea.eu*. Proposals for Joint Research or Pilot Projects shall be submitted electronically.



Proposals will be **examined and evaluated** by the project steering committee with the possible assistance of external assessors.



Joint Research or Pilot Projects that adequately address the technical guidelines, eligibility criteria and requirements published as part of the Call for Proposals will be supported during the Climate Action project's lifetime via the provision of limited **Technical Assistance** and/or **Financial Support**.

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www.climateaction-korea.eu

THE EU-KOREA CLIMATE ACTION PLATFORM

The main communication instrument of the project is its bilingual, English-Korean interactive website www.climateaction-korea.eu that features news, project updates and best practices for climate action from both the EU and Korea. This platform is designed to promote interactions among climate action stakeholders from both regions. It serves as repository of information and knowledge-base for climate action in the EU and in Korea along the identified priority areas. Through an exclusive member access area, registered users can upload and exchange information as well as screen information for match-making purposes between stakeholder needs and offerings.



STAKEHOLDER EVENTS



The project organises annual flagship events, workshops, matchmaking events, seminars, public debates and dialogues, joint initiatives and study tours to complement the exchange under the digital EU-Korea Climate Action Platform.









