

CLIMATE HACKATHON

THE IDEA

The project is built around an ideathon, an event where people come together to develop, innovate, and build ideas to solve local climate challenges in a creative way. Although any date can be chosen, it is recommended to set up the climathons during Global Climathon Week (in October or November) to be part of a larger movement. During the ideathons, participants typically form groups of about 2-5 individuals and each group works during the given time (between 12 and 72 hours) to come up with a solution to overcome the defined challenge. Each team then pitches its idea to the judges. The ideathon can then be concluded by an award ceremony. The solutions that come out of the ideathon can then be used to feed in local policy, in a “follow-up” phase.

Target

Citizens

Objectives

Citizen participation, address local climate challenges, disrupt status quo

Tools

A tested methodology, support from the EIT Climate-KIC and the network of climathon-organisers

STAGES

1. Introduction - Build your team and your plan
2. Ideation - Brainstorm about the problem you are solving
3. Designing - Create your solution to the problem
4. Planning - Collate your research and pitch to the judges

All of these activities can be done online if it is not possible to organise the events in person.

WHY?

Living Streets and climathons function similarly, as they both are a way to involve citizens in the fight against climate change. Cities can use climathons as a fun tool to bring individuals to brainstorm, overcome a specific challenge, come up with an idea which can then be implemented to transform the cities in a bottom-up way. Just like Living Streets that are built by a network of public servants, local stakeholders and cities' residents, climathons are also a way to bring together many local actors towards a common goal.