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These 7 startups are shaping a climate-positive new normal

From sustainable agriculture to smart cities, these 7 startups are contributing to the net-zero carbon economy and resilient societies.

The MED ClimAccelerator acceleration program, sponsored by the largest sustainable network in the European Union, EIT Climate-KIC, selected and supported 7 startups in Portugal in 2021. This program was conducted locally by the accelerator Building Global Innovators (BGI), which underlines the importance of catalyzing the potential of startups' innovation to build a robust and resilient sustainable society.

According to Cláudia Carocha, responsible for the program at BGI, initiatives such as the MED ClimAccelerator are more important than ever, considering that the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere reached record levels in 2020 - 417 parts per million in May -, according to data from BBC. Faced with a global challenge, it is increasingly important to promote innovation in green technologies to achieve carbon neutrality. "The EIT Climate-KIC program goes beyond European borders and links experts from the world's industry and systems to break new ground in carbon reduction." - explains the project manager.

At a time when the world needs proof of how inclusive change is possible to achieve a transformative green recovery, these startups from BGI's portfolio are an inspiration to the climate industry:

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Shimejito

Shimejito allows customers to invest in urban farms that produce organic mushrooms with zero waste by processing waste from other industries. After 2 years, customers recover the full amount of investment as well as the amount of revenue from the sale of mushrooms. The administration of urban farms is in charge of Shimejito.

WeTrack

WeTrack develops and implements hardware and software adaptable to any industry, in order to respond to a need that currently exists in companies with a strong productive character, for data collection and control of production means, already based on Industry 4.0.

EVIO

EVIO develops electric mobility solutions, including the management of charging stations installed in spaces not accessible to the public and the management of electric vehicle fleets.

eCO2Blocks

eCO2Blocks develops and produces 100% recycled building materials with a 10x faster production cycle, up to 50% lower production costs and the ability to absorb CO2. The Eco2paver is made from steel slag, waste water and CO2.

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SCUBIC

SCUBIC is an analytical platform for the intelligent management of water supply networks. Its Artificial Intelligence (AI) models and optimization algorithms integrate data from multiple sources to deliver optimized operational requests, in real time, and at 20% less energy costs.

AgroGrIN Tech

AgroGrIN Tech is a Research and Development (R&D) company that created a patented technology to separate natural ingredients from waste streams. Currently, the team is selling this process to fruit processing factories, which allows them to significantly reduce the total amount of waste and monetize previous waste streams.

FullCycle

FullCycle intends to integrate the concepts of circular economy and technology, offering its customers solutions to one of the most challenging problems in the world: Waste Recovery.

These were the 7 selected startups from a total of 50 applications submitted to the program. For each of these applications, BGI will bring together its team, the startups, as well as other key members of the sustainability startup community to plant 50 trees in the Sintra-Cascais Natural Park in October with collaboration of the association Plantar Uma Árvore. The activity, developed under the #1application1tree campaign, is in line with the EIT Climate-KIC's goals: building resilience, promoting sustainability and mitigating future impacts and shocks that climate change may bring.

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BGI has been a partner of the EIT Climate-KIC since 2016, and to date it has held 5 editions of the program, through which it has supported 464 entrepreneurs to launch and boost their sustainable companies, with a survival rate of 91%, and to raise more than 13 million euros.

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