Call for proposals:
Innovative ideas to support European investors in tackling climate change

Under the umbrella of the UN initiative Financial Centers for Sustainability (FC4S) that also helps to implement the EU Action Plan for Financing Sustainable Growth, South Pole and EIT Climate-KIC today officially launch a call for proposals to utilise innovation to help investors combat and manage climate change.

About FC4S

The EIT Climate-KIC supported FC4S network consists of 30 global financial centres, aims to be a key actor in delivering the EU's Action Plan for Financing Sustainable Growth and works across five thematic areas:

1. **Strengthening strategic commitment**: stimulating strategic action by financial centres through guidance, assessment tools and data systems.
2. **Boosting Market Integrity**: bringing clarity and convergence on key definitions, taxonomies and classifications, as well as endorsing international standards.
3. **Building Capacity**: strengthening the capacity of developing country financial centres, supporting implementation, and strengthening the skills base of financial practitioners.
4. **Fostering Innovation**: pooling experience on critical issues, such as how to leverage fintech and digital finance solutions for sustainable finance markets.
5. **Serving the real economy**: exploring models to connect financial centres with real economy needs, such Green Finance Zones.

We hereby invite European investors, financial advisors, think tanks/NGOs, universities or government agencies to submit innovative ideas (e.g. on assessment tools, financial instruments, collaborative approaches) to address one of the following challenges;

1. How can investors and asset managers better align their investments with the Paris Agreement (1.5 - 2°C world) and the EU's Action Plan for Financing Sustainable Growth?
2. How can investors and asset managers better manage their climate risks, in line with the recommendations of the Task Force for Climate-Related Financial Disclosure (TCFD)?
3. How can the transition of investments to net-zero GHG emissions be accelerated via concrete action and practical solutions?

What's in it for you?

Through the FC4S Open Innovation Platform, selected ideas will receive support, including technical guidance and advisory from selected experts, on the building and implementation of the innovative solution to address climate change.

Winners will be announced at a dedicated financial sector event where proponents will be able to shortly present their idea.

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Step 1: Submit your idea
Send an e-mail to FC4S@southpole.com with your idea (maximum 500 words) before Friday, December 13th 2019.

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Step 2: Submit a full pr oposal
After submitting your idea, South Pole will notify you within two weeks whether or not you should submit a full proposal. South Pole will provide a template for this incl. the deadline for submission.

Who can submit an idea?

European investors, financial advisors, think tanks / NGOs, universities or government agencies are eligible to receive support from the Open Innovation Platform to develop their innovative solution to addressing climate change.

Assessment criteria

South Pole looks for ideas which address the use of innovation in tackling climate change. The criteria by which South Pole will evaluate the ideas are as follows:

- **Relevant** – how will your idea help investors and asset managers to better align with the Paris Agreement, the EU Action Plan and/or manage climate risks?
- **Innovative** – how is your plan a unique discovery or idea?
- **Implementable** – is your idea executable within one year?
- **Concreteness** – is there a concrete interest from an investor or asset managers to directly apply the idea once it is further developed?