



Journey



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A JOURNEY TOWARDS CLIMATE ACTION

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We are witnessing a growing movement of young people standing up for their own futures and the impact of climate change on their well-being and livelihoods.

Through this movement, the world has woken up to discover the essential role young people can play in the societal transformation to net zero-economy.

As a result of this, now it's time to do things differently. In order to realise the full potential of young people in addressing climate change, we need to ensure they are empowered and have the skills necessary to lead change.

The Journey programme offers a transformative educational experience, amplifying and accelerating climate action by training young people (18-30) to become effective change agents so they can create the systems transformation we need to see, now. Through training and empowering young people, the programme supports the realisation of their full potential in working towards climate action, systems transformation and building a brighter future for themselves.



By **2025**, our goal is for **20,000** young people to have undertaken the Journey, and become part of a broad, international community of change makers.



FUTURE LEADERS, PRESENT LEADERS

YOUNG PEOPLE AS CHANGE AGENTS

Young people are our future leaders, but also have the potential to be agents of change right now and have an essential role to play in creating a resilient, inclusive, circular, net-zero future. While many of them are hugely engaged in climate action, they may still struggle to find ways to create change and see where they can make a difference. The Journey offers training to support young people to reach their full potential as change agents and to build a brighter future for themselves.

Young people are not only an important force of energy, creativity, ambition, and vision in creating a net-zero and climate resilient future, but they themselves also need to be supported and feel prepared for the scale of transformation that society faces during their lifetimes.

The Journey supports the skills transition and the development of future-oriented skills that is essential for today's young people as well as essential for realising a just transition to a net-zero economy. This means preparing the next generation with the skills and capabilities they need to not only lead the transformation, but also to adapt and be resilient in the face of the changes and challenges in front of them.

The Journey supports young people to be agents of change, while also equipping them with the skills, knowledge and capabilities needed to take on this role and this challenge.

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

The Journey has a 10 year legacy and has trained over 2,500 young people, from more than 60 countries to be climate leaders. The programme responds to a global demand for future-proof skills and capabilities, and it creates a community of young leaders people who are prepared to act as leaders in the societal transformation we face.

Our multi-stakeholder, multi-disciplinary, contextually embedded approach builds networks and collaborations of solutions-focused change agents who work together to bring change in their local arena or context. It also supports their personal development towards purpose orientation and building a better understanding of themselves and where they can have influence.

Our change agents take actions which emerge from a systemic understanding of the situation, unleash synergies and collective impact among stakeholders, and have the potential to be disruptive and transformative on multiple levels.

WHAT MAKES THE JOURNEY UNIQUE?

The Journey is unique because of our programme methodology and pedagogy. The pillars of this are: developing personal skills for climate leadership; network and community building; contextualised and participant focussed learning; personal transformation and purpose orientation; and our systems thinking core.

The combination of skills development, personal development and transformation, systems transformation and content and contextualised knowledge development prepares young people for the complexity and uncertainty in navigating climate action and empowers them to take action in a way that is meaningful to them and the system they operate in. Our emphasis on cross-cultural and cross-discipline collaboration builds a diverse community uniting in their common goal.

INTERSECTIONAL CHALLENGES

The programme also recognises that climate change is not the only threat society faces.

There will be challenges in delivering a green recovery from the global pandemic and in fully recognising the intersectionality of social, economic, racial and environmental issues.

When we talk about future-skills, we mean skills that reflect and respond to these many and multi-dimensional challenges. Our aim is to prepare young people, so they are equipped to meet these complex and systemic problems head on.



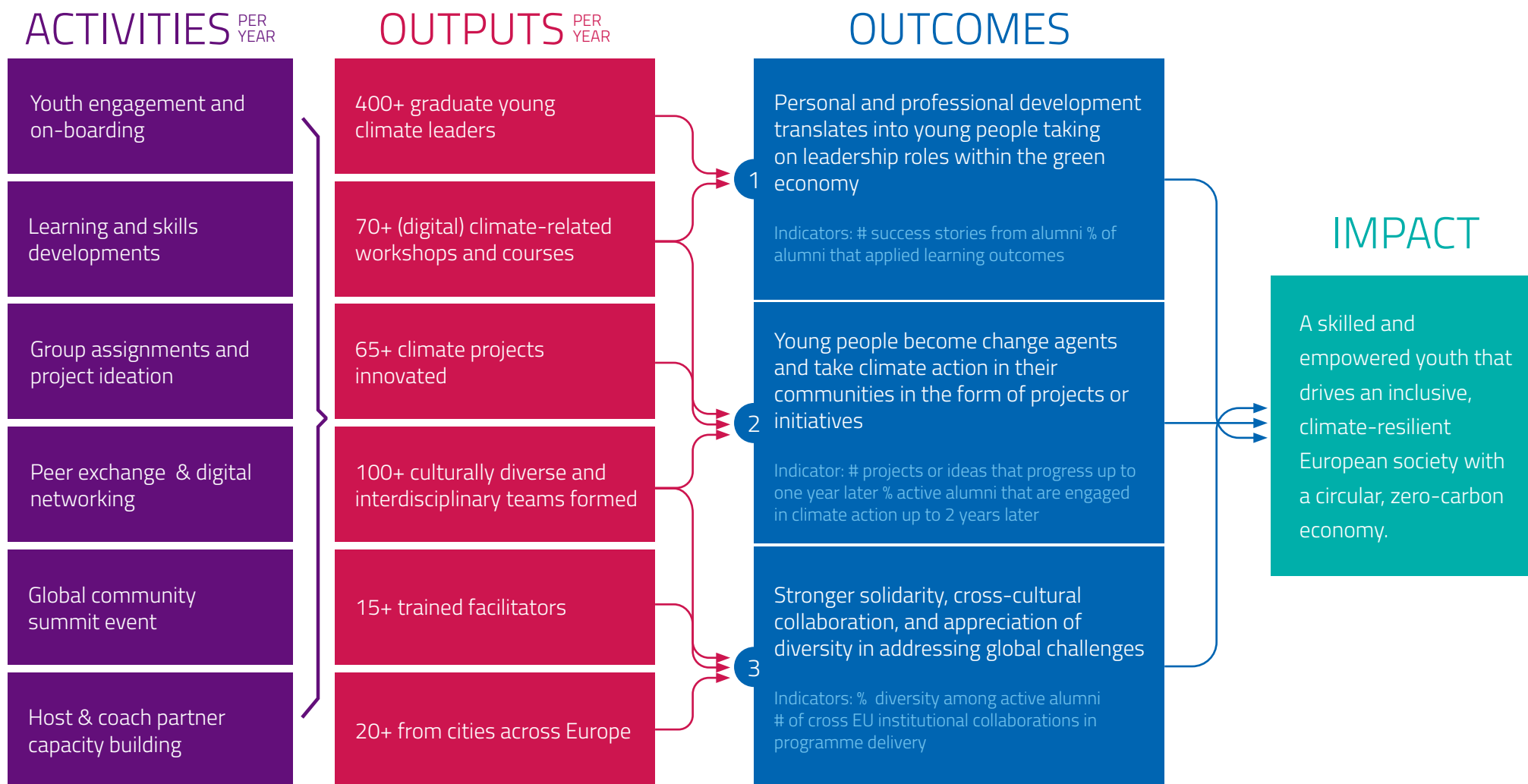
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OUR IMPACT

THE JOURNEY MISSION

It is our mission to empower young people to lead us to a prosperous, inclusive and resilient society based on a net-zero carbon economy. To achieve this we aim to equip young people with the skills and competencies needed to become change-makers while strengthening the capacity of our European-wide partners to adopt more innovative and experiential forms of learning.



THE JOURNEY PROGRAMME

In order to engage with the diversity and range of young people across Europe who exist in a variety of learning and contextual environments, and to maximize and tailor the way we support them to be change agents, we deliver The Journey in three ways:

- » a summer school focused on master's students
- » a tailor-made residential programme for specific regional or thematic transitions
- » a peer-led community learning journey

Each of these delivery modes activates our core programme methodology in a different way that ensures we are adaptable and relevant for all young people keen to take action on climate change in any context, system, level of education.



OUR SUMMER SCHOOL DELIVERS

A 3-4 week intensive, immersive summer school, hosted by universities and in 10-20 cities across Europe where master's students and recent graduates learn about system transformation and develop their climate leadership skills.



OUR PEER-LED COMMUNITY LEARNING EXPERIENCE DELIVERS

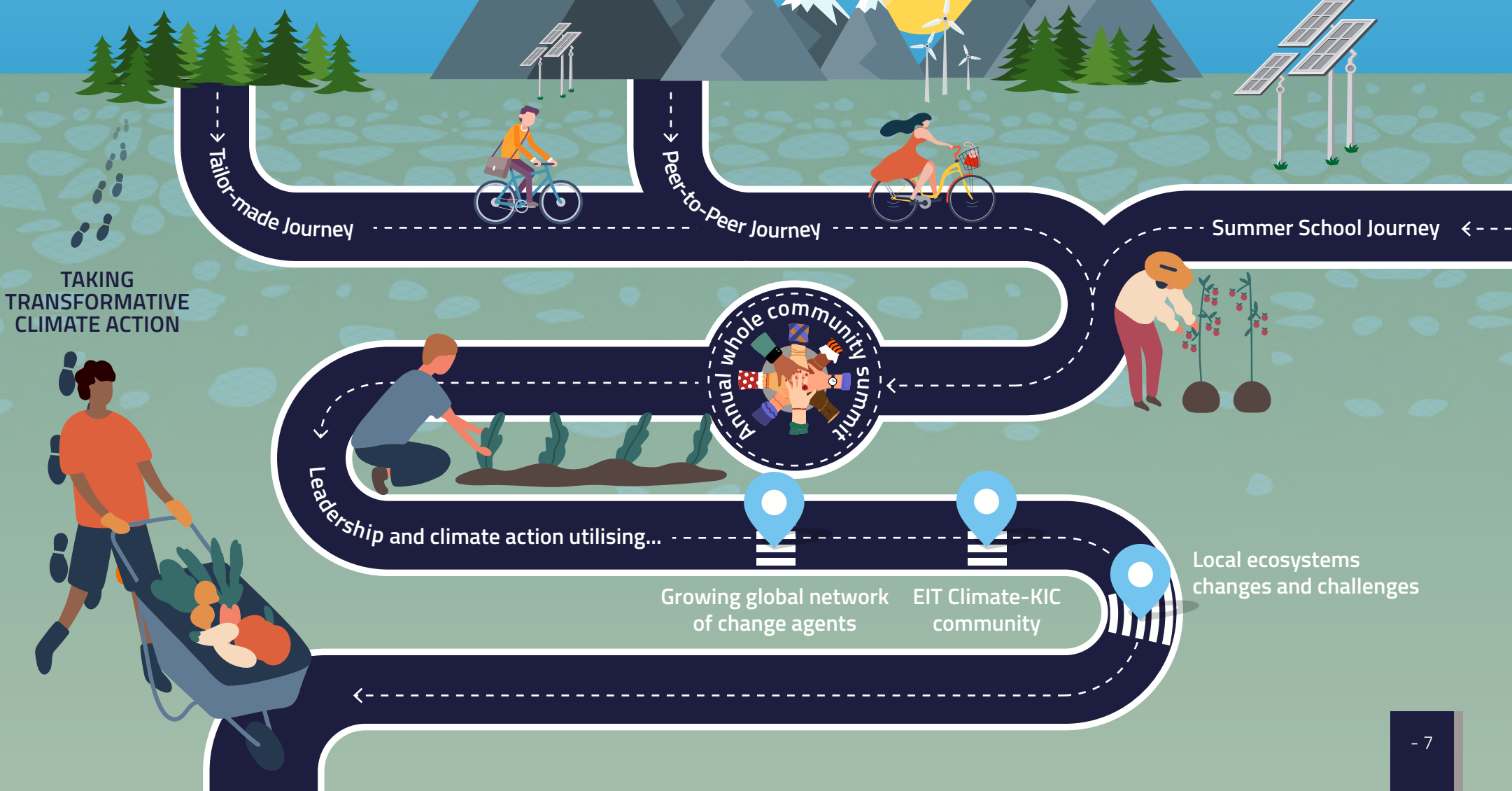
A highly localised, smaller version of our summer school, delivered by alumni in a peer-to-peer learning format to disseminate learning and build local momentum with diverse young people.

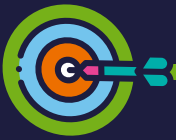


OUR TAILOR-MADE PROGRAMME DELIVERS

A tailor-made intensive and immersive educational experience for young people (18-30), where they learn about transforming a particular system. We deliver this in collaboration with a particular set of stakeholders, or in a particular local ecosystem, on a demand or interest basis.

THE Journey





WE ARE AIMING TOWARDS THE FOLLOWING GOALS

1

Young people are leading climate action in their contexts, ecosystems and communities

2

Young people realising their personal goals and aspirations in tackling climate change

3

Young people developing and delivering solutions to climate change in many different forms, such as innovation, projects, start-up, governance, activism, etc.

4

Increased activation and participation of young people in climate dialogues at a local, national, international and in businesses and organisations

5

Diverse groups of young people are coming together to build a cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary community of change agents.



INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING US?

Help us build capabilities in young people to be change agents and to lead the systemic transformation we need.

We're looking for partners who are interested in:

- » Supporting local delivery of the journey, by organizing the summer school programme or supporting a peer-learning community at your location
- » Supporting the coordination and management of the programme
- » Supporting young people directly by sponsoring places for your young professional staff, community, or local young people.
- » Co-designing a tailor-made Journey for a particular group, region or system.



COME WITH US ON THIS JOURNEY!

Support us in enabling the young people, the next generation of climate leadership, in driving systemic change.



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