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Delft, 03-10-2019– The global green business ideas competition ClimateLaunchpad is set up to help aspiring entrepreneurs grow their cleantech ideas into global businesses. This year 2,600 ideas were entered in 53 participating countries. National winners will now battle it out for the big win during the Global Grand Final in Amsterdam, November 14-15. A new way to win access to that Grand Final is the Wild Card competition where anyone can vote for their favourite start-up.

The start-ups in the competition work on renewable energy, energy efficiency, food and agriculture, water, transportation, industrial technology or any other way to tackle

climate change. In all participating countries participants took part in rigorous training with intensive 2-day Boot Camps and six Coaching Sessions.

National winners (numbers 1 & 2) gain direct access to the Global Grand Final in Amsterdam. New this year are the Wild Cards for teams that came in third during their National Finals. With online video pitches and a voting mechanism that is open to the public gives these teams now compete for a spot at the Grand Final in The Netherlands.

The Wild Card competition is divided in 3 rounds with different teams competing in each round. The first round is already behind us and close to 10,000 votes were casted. Teams that won a Wild Card in Round 1:

- EINO Environmental Technologies Turkey
- Fruges Pakistan
- UrbaGarden Serbia
- Green Axis Nigeria
- Pulse Cyprus
- ReBuild Jamaica

Round 2 will be open from October 3 until October 7. The final round is October 17 until October 21. All details on this webpage: globalfinal.climatelaunchpad.org/vote

"It is this kind of investment of time and energy that EIT Climate-KIC is for.

ClimateLaunchpad is a space for converting passion to action." - Kirsten Dunlop, CEO Climate-KIC.

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About ClimateLaunchpad

ClimateLaunchpad is the global green business ideas competition. Its mission is to address the negative impacts of climate change by ways of innovation, invention and entrepreneurship. A green future demands thousands of innovations challenging the current business models. The competition supports aspiring and promising cleantech entrepreneurs with training, coaching and networking opportunities.

ClimateLaunchpad operates on a global scale, currently in over 50 countries.

ClimateLaunchpad was established in 2014 and is part of the Entrepreneurship offerings of EIT Climate-KIC.

About EIT Climate-KIC

Climate-KIC is one of the Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs) established in 2010 by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), the EU body that creates sustainable economic growth in Europe, tackling the global challenges of this time.

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