

# QING Innovation Track

## within the Competition for Climate Adaptation in Food Systems

To achieve a transformation in food systems under climate change we need you! Yes, you, the climate generation, who are both vulnerable to the current and future impacts of climate change, but also offer the way forward.

### Who

The target audience of this track are students and young professionals with ideas about innovative projects on climate adaptation in food systems. You can participate with a team of up to 5 members.

### How

You can apply for the **QING Innovation Track** by submitting a [Concept Note](#) on your envisioned innovative project, focusing on climate adaptation in food systems. **Deadline July 5**. The selected teams will submit a vlog with results by September 19.

### Prizes

- Five teams will be selected and will receive **2500 Euro** and **mentoring** by a QING Engineer from July-September.
- The top vlog in this track will be shared during the Pre-COP #All4ClimateItaly on September 29.

### Timeline QING Innovation Track

1. Join the Q&A session on **June 22, 3 - 4 pm CEST** for all your questions. [Register here](#). You will receive the zoom-link after registration.
2. Apply before **July 5, 9.00 am CEST** by sending in your Concept Note (by using the provided [template](#)).
3. **July 7, 3.00-5.00 pm CEST**. Selection Event with a panel of experts from WUR, CCAFS and QING. The panel will interview the teams after short presentations. Teams will be notified if they are invited to the Selection Event before July 6, 3 pm CEST.
4. **July 12**, announcement of the five selected teams.



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5. **July 15, 3.00 – 6.00 pm CEST:** QING and IAAS will organise a training about Project Planning that will help all five teams in making their project successful.
6. **September 19:** Submit a vlog on the results of your project and a business concept.
7. **September 22, 3.00-5.00 pm CEST:** Presentation Day with the 5 teams, experts and mentors!
8. **September 29:** Pre-COP #All4ClimateItaly, showcasing the winning vlog.

## Selection Criteria

The panel of experts from CCAFS, WUR and QING will judge the proposed projects based on the innovation component, scalability, feasibility and sustainability. We strive to cover all continents, e.g team from Africa, team from Europe, etcetera.

## Other way to participate in the Competition for Climate Adaptation in Food Systems

You can also participate and be part of the competition if you are not amongst the five selected teams! You can enter the competition by **submitting a vlog** of your project, action or initiative. The vlog should focus on climate adaptation in food systems.

**Deadline September 19.** [More info on the Competition for Climate Adaptation in Food Systems.](#)

## Background

*Youth initiatives have led to widespread changes in households, schools, business ventures, communities, countries and regions. Unfortunately, climate change impacts affect the ability of both young men and women to secure livelihoods, incomes and food. Engaging and collaborating with youth organizations through social learning approaches and platforms is key to empowering young people. These collaborations can link youth with cutting edge science on climate change, agriculture, and food security, putting them in the centre of development. Together we can transform the food systems to make it sustainable and resilient in order to secure food for all.*



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## Organizers

The QING Innovation Track is part of the Competition for Climate Adaptation in Food Systems. The competition is organized by CCAFS, WUR, GAIN, IAAS, CSAYN and QING. Leading up to the Pre-COP #All4ClimateItaly and in support of the Global Youth Pledge, #Act4Food #Act4Change.

**CCAFS** The overall purpose of The CGIAR research program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) is to marshal the science and expertise of CGIAR and partners to catalyse positive change towards climate-smart agriculture (CSA), food systems and landscapes.

**WUR** Wageningen University & Research (WUR) is an educational and research institution in The Netherlands that focuses on the domain 'healthy food and living conditions'. WUR's mission: 'To explore the potential of nature to improve the quality of life'

**GAIN** The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) is a Swiss-based foundation launched at the United Nations in 2002 to tackle the human suffering caused by malnutrition. Working with governments, businesses and civil society, GAIN aims to transform food systems so that they deliver more nutritious foods for all people, especially the most vulnerable.

**IAAS** The International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences (IAAS) is the biggest student organization in the field of agriculture and related sciences worldwide. IAAS was founded in 1957 in Tunisia, and started with only 8 member countries. It grew a lot to the organization it is nowadays with over 50 member countries and about 10.000 students as members.

**CSAYN** The Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network (CSAYN) is a group of volunteers (based in in the African continent and , also Asia, USA and Europe)- linked across the world via an online platform to share findings and seek advice for their practical projects – that have a strong interest in Climate-Smart Agriculture and the environment.

**QING** QING is a high-tech engineering consultancy company with plug & play engineers who solve today's complex problems with tomorrow's technology with a special focus on food production and energy; so called Forward Engineering. QING is based in The Netherlands.

## More information, templates and sign up

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