JOINING FORCES FOR A SUCCESSFUL REGIONAL TRANSITION

STUDY VISIT TO NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA

28 – 30 October 2019 | North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

Achieving a successful transition of industrial areas and regions into low carbon innovation hotspots requires creative solutions, forward-thinking and new collaborations. By taking on board research, society and industrial representatives, it is expected that new, as well as more sustainable solutions, will be created in the region. But what does successful stakeholder involvement for industrial transformation look like?

We warmly invite you to join the Re-Industrialise Study Visit, where we will be diving deeper into experiences and lessons learnt on fostering successful collaborations.

This study visit will connect you with experts and practitioners in North Rhine-Westphalia who have actively worked with diverse actors to foster a regional transition – also in the form of Real World Labs. During site visits, workshops, and discussions you’ll be able to exchange ideas with peers and experts on how impactful collaboration can be achieved and how new ideas, that turn your region into a low carbon innovation hotspot, can be fostered!

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**Hard Facts**

**When:**
28 – 30 October 2019

**Where:**
Essen and Bottrop, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany (exact location will be announced in due time)

**For whom:**
Regional policy makers, representatives of local initiatives, development agencies

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**PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**

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<td><strong>Site visit at the Zeche Zollverein, Essen</strong></td>
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<td>Talks with regional policy makers and scientists on their experience in fostering new collaborations for a successful transition.</td>
<td>You have the chance to experience the transition of the city of Bottrop live and through expert talks. You will also gain insight into the place where the approach of the “Real World Lab” was successful and draw lessons for your own region.</td>
<td>Discussion on pushing forward innovative and sustainable business models and digitalisation. Startup ecosystem developers, regional development agencies and financing experts share their experiences.</td>
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**Bring your own challenge!**

The programme will not only allow you to exchange ideas with peers from different regions and meet with experts – it will also provide a space for discussions and workshops that will enable you to work on your own challenge. You will be able to directly transfer insights from the study visit to your own challenge.

Practitioners from regions that move towards a low carbon transition are invited to participate in the study visit. No costs are incurred for the programme of the study visit. However, accommodation [approx 450 EUR] and transportation to and from the location will need to be covered by the participants. A limited number of stipends are available.

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**Please register – explaining your motivation and challenge –**

for this event online: [re-industrialise.climate-kic.org/events/studyvisit/](re-industrialise.climate-kic.org/events/studyvisit/)

If you have any further questions, please contact Dorit Lehr ([dorit.lehr@provadis-hochschule.de](mailto:dorit.lehr@provadis-hochschule.de)).

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all in North Rhine-Westphalia and spending these exciting days together!