

Be the change

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Climathon

Austria



What is Climathon?

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Raise climate awareness



Strengthen local ecosystems



Inspire projects and climate action

- The **Climathon** is an event to hack* climate change on a local level.
- It is a space for citizens and decision-makers to work **together** on a better future for all, create change and make a positive, sustainable impact.
- It has been initiated by EIT Climate-KIC in 2015 and is **run independently** by local organizers.
- 2022: 57 countries, 167 cities and over 7.500 participants.

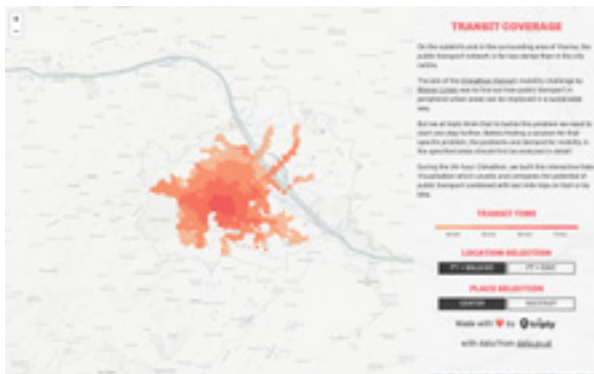
(* means: find solutions to the challenges climate change creates on a local level.)

What is Climathon Austria?



- Climathon Austria is the Austrian platform to the program, providing assistance for organizers in German and enabling exchange across the regions.
- Coming up (Spring 2023): A low-key training to allow individuals across Austria to organize a Climathon in their area.
- Since 2018:
 - 4x Graz in cooperation with the Green Tech Cluster Styria
 - 2x Vienna
 - 2x Wolkersdorf
- Newcomers 2022: Universities of Lower Austria (with Base BOKU, FH St. Pölten, IMC FH Krems, Wieselburg, FH Wr. Neustadt), Vorchdorf, Großschönau.

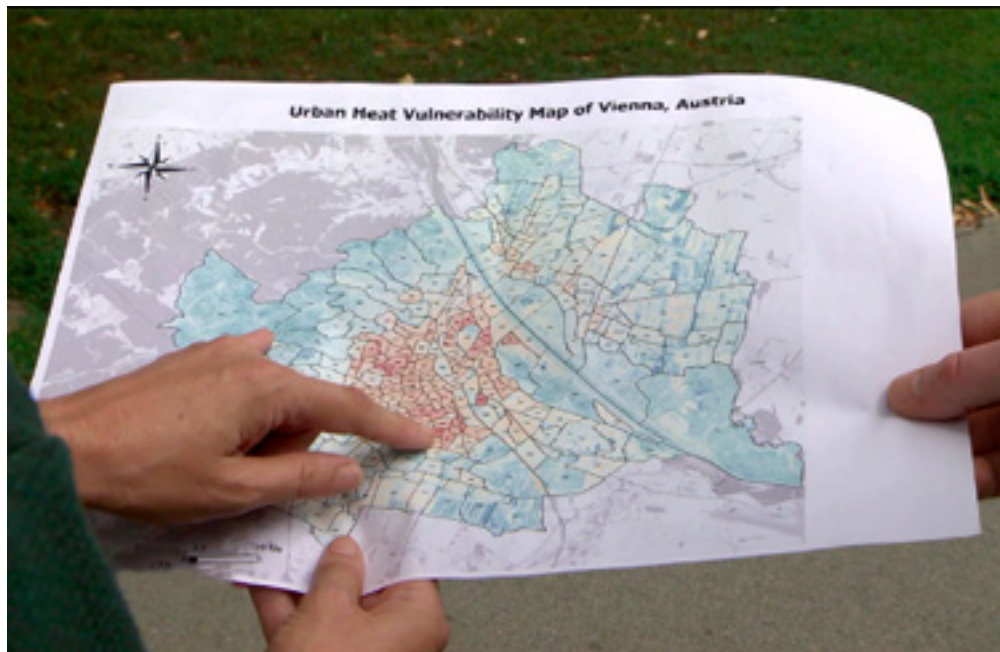
Solution-oriented approach



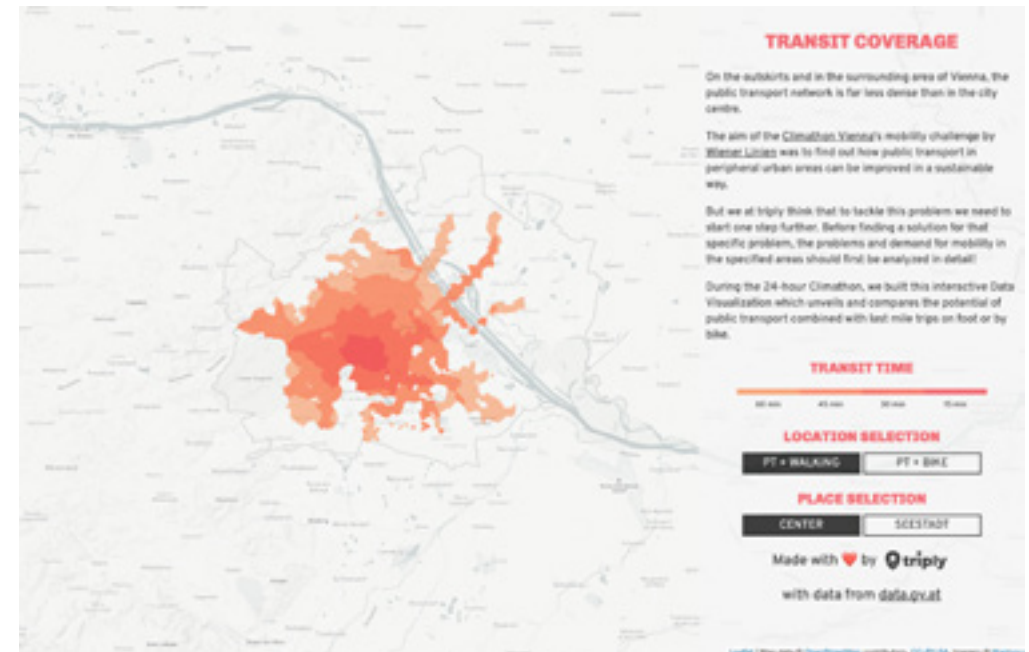
Outcome: Examples

Start-Up Spirit

providing a space and connecting the dots between students, start-ups, future entrepreneurs, established companies and institutions.



2018: The **Urban Heat Vulnerability Map** presented by the ECOTEN-team allows to identify hot spots in the city. The tool was the start for a cooperation with the City of Vienna, aiming at improving the quality of life through targeted interventions and reduce the stress caused by heat events.



2019: The start-up Triply and the Viennese public transport network Wiener Linien started working together through the solution presented at the Climathon: The team presented a data visualization concept to tackle the problems and demands for **mobility** in the specified areas.

Outcome: The more, the merrier – the faster

Citizen participation

Hands-on approach, enabling citizens to get actively involved to improve the quality of life and strengthen the sense of community – both in cooperation with the municipality and independently.



October 2021



March 2022: Clean the creek



Outcome: The more, the merrier – the faster

Citizen participation



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April & May 2022: Build boxes and plant 3 trees in the village center

September 2022: Living space – street event with 200 visitors



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**November 2022:
Plant 50 trees and 50 bushes**



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Upcoming training: Spring 2023

