

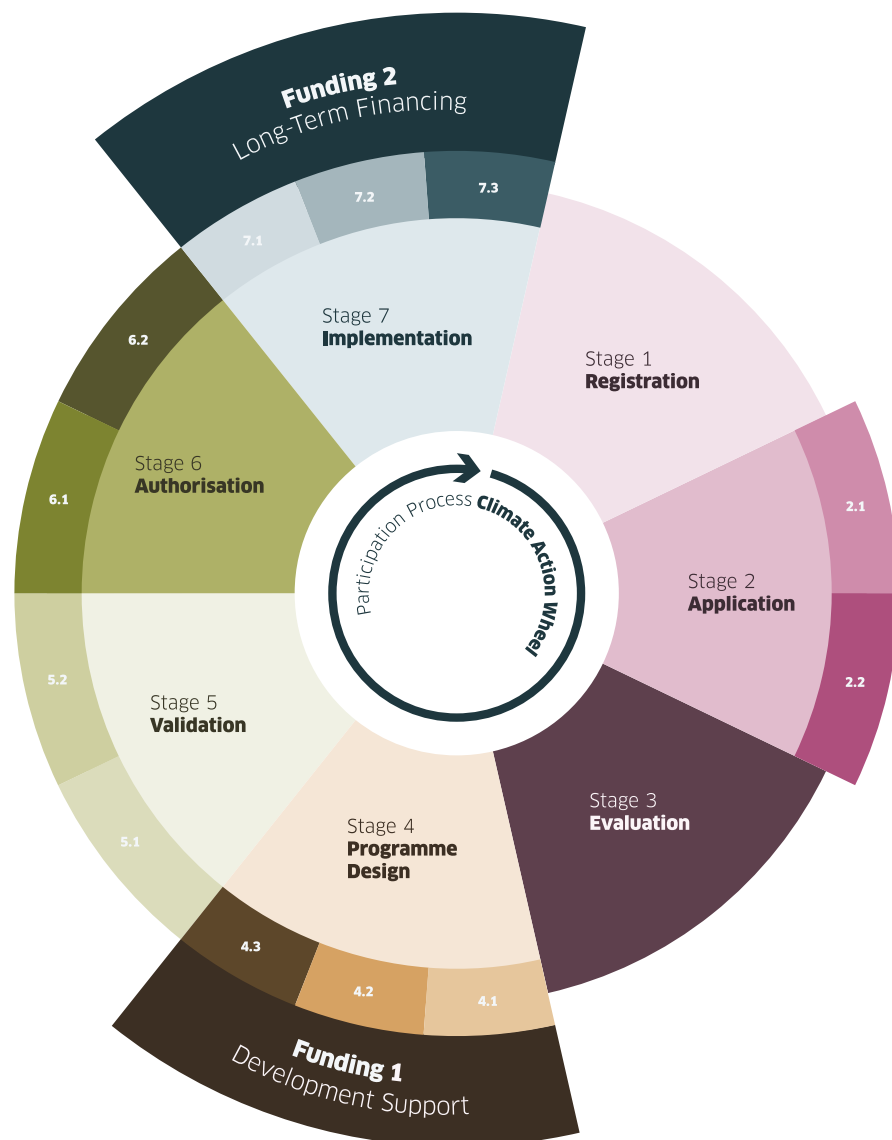
# Participation process

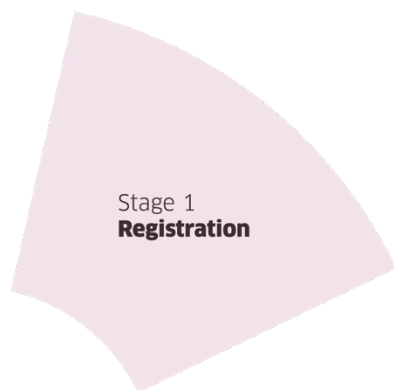
## Climate action wheel

### Do you have a programme idea to cut carbon emissions?

Learn how the KliK Foundation supports the implementation of green technologies and climate mitigation programmes!

The Foundation for Climate Protection and Carbon Offset KliK is a private organisation tasked with fulfilling an official role under the Swiss climate legislation in reducing around 20 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> outside of Switzerland under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement until 2030. Therefore, the KliK Foundation aims to procure around 20 million tonnes of eligible emission reductions in the form of Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) generated by greenhouse gas mitigation programmes until the end of 2030. To apply for financial support from the KliK Foundation, follow the participation process outlined in the Climate Action Wheel.





## Stage: 1.0 Registration

### Actors:

Applicant

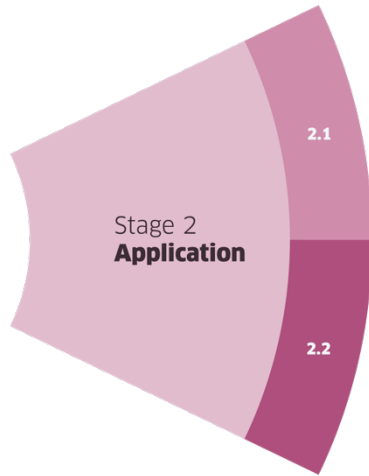
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Do you have a climate action idea? One that mitigates emissions, in addition to the national commitment on climate action (Nationally Determined Contributions, NDCs) of the host country? Do you want to develop and implement a mitigation activity and hence need funding for your programme? The KliK Foundation seeks to purchase mitigation outcomes from mitigation activities carried out under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and supports you in the implementation process with two funding opportunities:

- **Funding 1:** As of early 2026, Funding 1 is granted only in specific, individual cases. Based on the submission of a Mitigation Activity Idea Note (MAIN), the KliK Foundation decides whether or not to award the funding.
- **Funding 2:** By purchasing the resulting emission reductions of your programme, the KliK Foundation provides the necessary financial contribution to make the programme financially viable.

In Stage 1 you **register as an applicant** to apply for funding. In doing so, you are initiating the KliK Foundation's Climate Action Participation Process.

Before registering, you are invited to acquaint yourself with the general **eligibility criteria**. These criteria outline the scope of applicants and supported applications.



## Stage: 2.0 **Application**

### **Actors:**

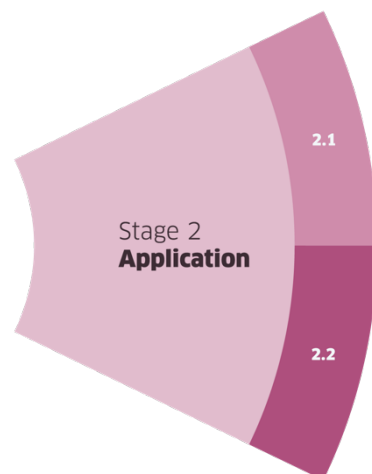
Applicant

Partner Countries

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Stage 2 includes (2.1) the elaboration of your programme idea (Mitigation Activity Idea Note, MAIN) as well as (2.2) the obtaining of a Letter of Intent (LoI) from both the host country and Switzerland.

The MAIN describes the proposed mitigation activity and contains all the information needed to assess your programme idea against the eligibility criteria. A positive evaluation (Stage 3) grants funding for the development of the detailed proposal (Stage 4).



## 2.1. Programme Idea (MAIN)

### Actors:

Applicant

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The MAIN (Mitigation Activity Idea Note) describes the proposed climate protection programme with technical and financial details. It should contain an indicative ITMO price and the idea for a business model, providing evidence that the applicant organisation or consortium possesses sufficient capacity.

You will get timely feedback on your submission, whether (i) the application is approved, (ii) revisions are requested or (iii) the application is rejected. Definitive approval may only be granted if the proposal is supported with a Letter of Intent from both countries.

## 2.2. Letters of Intent (LoIs)

### Actors:

Applicant

Partner Countries

Through the Letters of Intent, the host country and Switzerland reflect their interest in the programme. Such letters are requested from the respective authorities and may be subject to country-specific provisions that are explained in the application process documents (Modalities and Procedures for MADD Support in 4.1). These letters should be requested after the in principle approval of the programme idea by the KliK Foundation.



## **Stage: 3.0**

# **Evaluation**

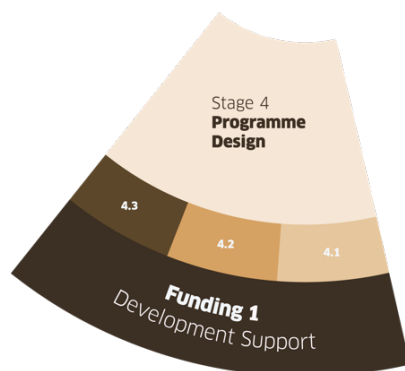
### **Actors:**

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In Stage 3, the KliK Foundation evaluates the Mitigation Activity Idea Note (MAIN) and provides an evaluation response that entails detailed feedback and potential clarification requests for a re-submission.

If the key criteria are met in the evaluation, the application is approved, and the MAIN is deemed pre-selected. If the eligibility criteria cannot be met, the application will be rejected.

Upon pre-selection and subject to the availability of a LoI from the host country and Switzerland, the applicant is awarded funding of up to USD 150K to develop the Mitigation Activity Design Document (MADD) in Stage 4.0.



## Stage 4.0

# Programme Design (MADD)

## Actors:

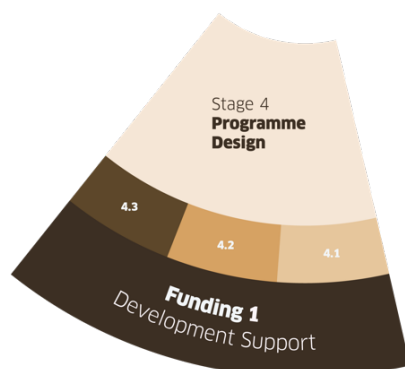
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In Stage 4, a comprehensive Mitigation Activity Design Document (MADD) with annexes is developed, which forms the basis for the authorisation of the mitigation activity under Article 6 by the countries. Authorised and approved applications are rewarded by the KLiK Foundation with appropriate funding (Funding 2 in Stage 7).

## FUNDING 1: Development Support

As of early 2026, Funding 1 is granted only in specific, individual cases. The main goal of this funding is to support the establishment of a robust business model and the development of the necessary programme documentation; the Mitigation Activity Design Document (MADD). The MADD is the basis for requesting validation and authorisation under the bilateral Cooperation Agreement between Switzerland and the partner country regarding Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement. Based on the submission of a Mitigation Activity Idea Note (MAIN), the KLiK Foundation decides whether or not to award the funding.



## 4.1 Development of a Mitigation Activity Design Document

### Actors:

Applicant

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The Mitigation Activity Design Document (MADD) consists of a full programme description including SDG monitoring, an approach for monitoring and calculating mitigation outcomes, baseline setting, additionality, etc. – comparable to a Project Design Document under the CDM.

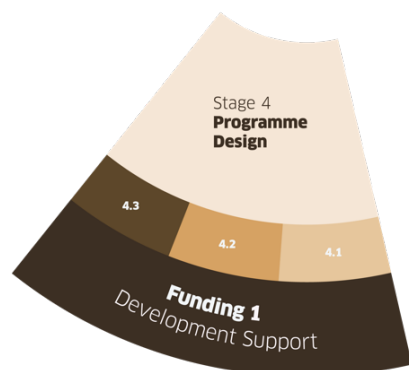
MADD development is carried out in close cooperation with the host country to ensure that national priorities are reflected. Following an agreement in principle from the countries, and clearance by the KliK Foundation, the MADD development mandate will be concluded, and the MADD will be ready to proceed to Validation (Stage 5). National regulatory frameworks governing climate change activities under Article 6 will guide MADD development, validation, and authorisation, as applicable.

## 4.2 Methodology, Monitoring Plan and Business Model

### Actors:

Applicant

In addition to the MADD, further prerequisite documents have to be produced. The Methodology and the Monitoring Plan operationalise the calculation of the mitigation outcomes and monitoring in an Excel file, in accordance with the guidance of the KliK Foundation. The Business Model is captured in a separate Excel file that contains a cash flow analysis presenting financial viability. It also includes a roadmap for financing programme implementation.



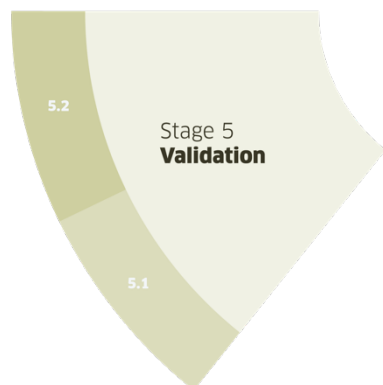
## 4.3 Term Sheet for Commercial Agreement

### Actors:

Applicant

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Based on the business model, commercial discussions with the KliK Foundation and the programme owner may be initiated to agree on the commercial terms of long-term funding through a Mitigation Outcome Purchase Agreement (MOPA). The MOPA contractually ensures revenue from the sale of mitigation outcomes (Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes, ITMOs) to the KliK Foundation until the year 2030. It becomes effective upon successful authorisation (Stage 7).



## Stage 5.0 Validation

### Actors:

Partner Countries

Third-Party Validator

Stage 5 includes the clearance of the MADD developed (in Stage 4) by the two cooperating countries and the subsequent validation by a third-party validator. This process is provided for in the bilateral agreement and governed by the national regulations.

### 5.1 Clearance to Start Validation

#### Actors:

Partner Countries

The finalised MADD, the Methodology and the Monitoring Plan are cleared by the host country for validation, although supplemental requests may be applied. The clearance observes national priorities and possible unintended overlaps with domestic policy.

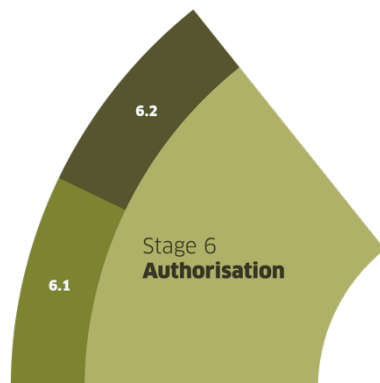
### 5.2 Validation by Third-Party Validator

#### Actors:

Third-Party Validator

Validation by a third-party validator against the Swiss and host country's Article 6 framework is a prerequisite. Both countries provide guidance on validation requirements and accredited validation bodies.

Programme owners bear the cost of validation and choose and contract the third-party validator.



## Stage 6.0 Authorisation, Approval

### Actors:

Applicant

Partner Countries

The authorisation of Stage 6 is carried out by the two cooperating countries subsequently, as provided for in the bilateral Cooperation Agreement. The host country, however, may refer to this step as “approval”, while the “authorisation” is not given until later for the transfer to Switzerland.

### 6.1 Request for Authorisation and Registration

#### Actors:

Applicant

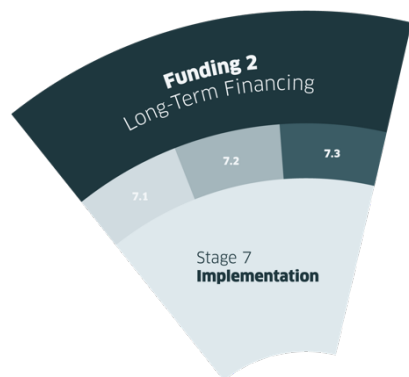
By submitting the validated MADD and the validation report by the third-party validator, you request the authorisation of your programme, first from the host country and subsequently from Switzerland. The countries evaluate the request in accordance with national regulations.

### 6.2 Authorisation and Registration of the Programme

#### Actors:

Partner Countries

The programme will be registered in the national registry. This ensures the avoidance of double counting. Registration modalities may differ across countries. The countries will issue a respective document that is considered as permission for programme implementation.



## Stage 7.0 Implementation

### Actors:

Applicant

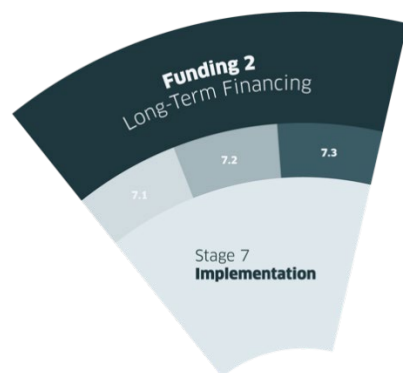
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Partner Countries

The real Mitigation Outcomes only start materialising with the implementation and the continued operation of the programme. The quantification of the mitigation outcomes takes place as laid out in the authorised MADD and is subject to permanent measurement, reporting and verification. Finally, compensation by the KliK Foundation is commensurate with the effectively accomplished mitigation outcomes transferred.

### **FUNDING 2: Long-Term Financing**

The KliK Foundation contractually commits in a Mitigation Outcome Purchase Agreement (MOPA) to acquire and compensate Internationally Transferred Mitigation Outcomes (ITMOs) from a mitigation activity, subject to its authorisation. The financial contribution provided through the MOPA renders the programme financially viable in the long term.



## 7.1. Implementation of the Programme

### Actors:

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Upon authorisation, the crediting of the programme can start. The programme must be implemented and operated as laid out in the authorised MADD.

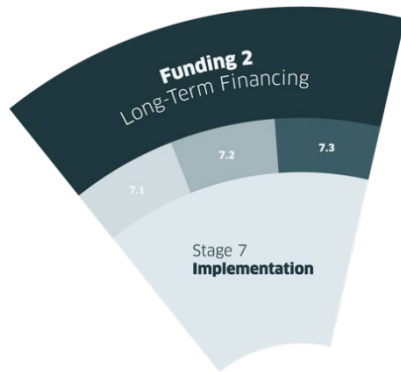
## 7.2. Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV)

### Actors:

Applicant

Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) refers to the 3-step process.

(1) During programme operation, the emission reductions will be measured continuously in accordance with the monitoring plan defined in the authorised MADD. (2) Using the measurement data acquired, the corresponding mitigation outcomes are calculated with the formulas contained in the MADD and the results are condensed in a report. (3) The monitoring reports are subject to independent verification as under other carbon schemes.



### 7.3. ITMO Transfer and Payment Actors:

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Partner Countries

Verified Mitigation Outcomes can be transferred through a respective request to the competent authority. The transfer takes place according to the provisions of the Cooperation Agreement between Switzerland and the host country. To this end, the host country cancels the units authorised for transfer in its registry, and Switzerland issues the same amount in its registry as a nonfungible unit called “international attestation”.

Corresponding Adjustments, to rule out any double counting and guarantee the integrity of emissions accounting under the Paris Agreement, will be performed by the host country as mandated by the bilateral Cooperation Agreement.