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# Climate Tech Acceleration Program

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#### Introduction

Designed to accelerate the development of technology startups that reduce the environmental impact of our production, energy, and consumption systems, the Cycle Momentum Acceleration Program aims to support entrepreneurs tackling climate change challenges to build a more resilient and environmentally friendly economy.

This program is for start-ups that contribute to decarbonising the economy, the circular economy, climate adaptation, and the deployment of clean energy. It targets key sectors such as agricultural technology (Agtech), carbon capture, utilisation, and storage, building energy efficiency, sustainable mobility, natural resources reduction or materials reuse, and any other industry with a significant impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

Through the program, these companies will benefit from personalised support, mentorship from recognised experts, and privileged access to a network of investors and industry partners.

We will select 10 startups, which will be divided into two groups of five to ensure relevant and targeted support. The allocation criteria will be defined according to the profiles of the selected companies—for example, between pre-seed and seed funding or between precommercialisation and commercialisation—thus guaranteeing a path tailored to each company's situation and aligned with its growth priorities.

At Cycle Momentum, we strongly believe in your potential to reinvent industrial waste management and accelerate the transition to a circular economy. Our mission is to help you turn bold ideas into impactful solutions.

# Program Details

The Climate Tech acceleration Program, which lasts 5 to 8 hours a week over 5 to 6 months, addresses the challenges faced by entrepreneurs through group workshops and individual work sessions. It also includes meetings with a mentor, and 3 diagnostic sessions with an entrepreneur-in-residence and a panel of experts. Our experts are seasoned professionals from various business functions, while our mentors are experienced CEOs or board members of startups.

Most of the topics covered in the program are approached in the same way: an initial **short group session** is given by an expert to bring all participants up to the same level. This is followed by a more **in-depth individual** session with the expert. To take part in the program, a member of the management team (CEO or co-founder) must be available between February 2026 and July 2026.



Benefiting from 10 years of experience supporting entrepreneurs in the clean technology sector, our Acceleration Program assists entrepreneurs who want to be challenged on the critical aspects of their go-to-market plan and financing strategy, and to identify concrete actions to scale their businesses. This hands-on program includes a \$20,000 grant upon completion, as well as a quantification of the greenhouse gas emissions avoided.

PATRICK GAGNÉ, CEO - CYCLE MOMENTUM

## **Advantages**

In addition to this support, participation in Cycle Momentum's Climate Tech Acceleration Program gives you access to:

- Our experts in go-to-market strategies, pricing strategies, supply chain management, financing strategies and storytelling.
- A 360° assessment of your business at key points (beginning, middle, end) during the program, conducted by our Entrepreneurs-in-Residence and our experts, to identify your startup's strengths and weaknesses and to adjust the program accordingly.
- A \$20,000 grant at the end of the program for eligible startups that meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the agreement.
- An established network of clients and partners.
- A quantification of the greenhouse gas emissions potentially avoided by your startup's solution, according to ISO-14064-2 standards.
- Dedicated funding programs.
- Funding opportunities through the Circle of Partner Funds.
- The "Green Light", a pitch day in front of our partner investors.

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## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Entrepreneur: Committed to your project full-time.
- Quebec-based company with at least 2 years of existence.
- Technology: Your solution is a technological innovation, product, process, or software.
- Stage of development: You have already developed a prototype: TRL 5 and +. For solutions requiring a high start-up investment, a less advanced TRL may be accepted.
- Impact: Your solution has a significant and measurable direct impact on reducing GHGs in Quebec.

#### **Selection Criteria**

- Entrepreneur: Ready to be 100% involved in the program. Ideally, you have assembled a small, multidisciplinary, and dedicated team.
- Impact: When brought to commercial scale, your solution has the potential to have a major impact on reducing GHG emissions in Quebec.
- Business model: Your business model is economically viable and offers
  a high potential return on investment. The target market is accessible
  and of a significant size, and you must demonstrate preliminary
  commercial traction.
- Technology: Your solution addresses a real problem. It is innovative, its value proposition is clear, and you own the intellectual property rights to it in a unique and defensible way.
- Financing stage: Pre-seed and seed.
- Commercialisation stage: Pre-commercialisation and early commercialisation.

#### **Next Steps**

#### 1. Pre-selection based on applications

An initial selection will be made on receipt of applications.

#### 2. Qualifying interviews with shortlisted candidates

During the week of January 19, if required, we will arrange an interview to find out more about you, your team, and your company, as well as the product, market, and competitive landscape.

#### 3. Presentation to a selection committee

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to make a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session on January 28.

Selection will be announced to the chosen companies by the week of February 2nd

#### **Key Dates**



\*The first diagnostic, the first activity of the program, will be decisive in validating the match between the company's stage of development and the program, and confirming its participation in the program.

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## Our Impact

+138

**Companies** accelerated

+\$630 M

raised by our alumni

+92%

Survival rate

+1600

Jobs created and maintained

+40 000

Estimated tonnes of GHG emissions avoided since 2017

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#### **About Us**

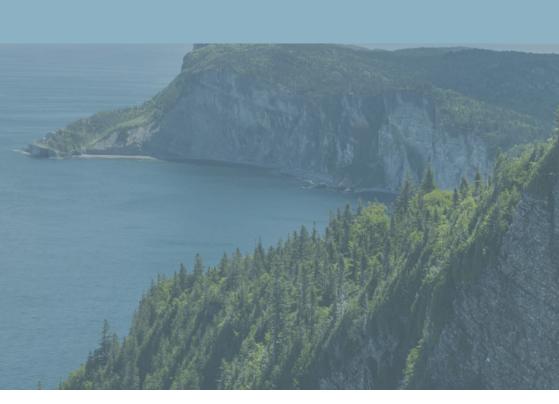
Cycle Momentum is an international acceleration and innovation platform whose mission since 2015 has been to identify and support the development of cutting-edge technologies to address the major ecological challenges facing humanity.

A member of the Cycle Capital platform, Cycle Momentum offers acceleration and open innovation programs to support entrepreneurial growth, financing, and commercialization of climate technologies.

We establish the necessary collaborations between manufacturers and start-ups to accelerate their commercialization.

We offer investment opportunities through our Origo program and our extensive network of investors.





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