

Dr. Kirsten Dunlop, Chief Executive Officer, EIT Climate-KIC



Kirsten's career spans academia, consulting, banking, insurance, strategy, design, innovation and leadership.

She is the Chief Executive Officer at EIT Climate-KIC since February 2017, where she joined from Australian financial services conglomerate, Suncorp. She is one of 16 experts at the Economic and Societal Impact of Research and Innovation (ESIR) expert group, providing independent advice on how future EU research and innovation policy can best support sustainable development and the Von Der Leyen Commission's priorities.

Kirsten is committed to shaping and placing innovation to catalyse profound systemic change, and is honoured to work with Climate-KIC's world-class network of partners to support climate innovation across Europe and beyond. Her vision for EIT Climate-KIC is to offer a capability in systems transformation, resilience and renewal to achieve a zero-carbon economy and a climate resilient society through innovation.

In her role at Suncorp, Dr. Dunlop founded and led a bespoke division focused on managing and responding to strategic risk through innovation, transforming core business and industry models from within. Prior to roles in Suncorp, in Second Road and in KPMG in Australia, Kirsten worked in the UK and Italy for 15 years. In Italy, she led the Generali Group Innovation Academy for Assicurazioni Generali, pioneering proprietary thinking in the areas of Strategic Risk management, strategic innovation, strategic leadership development and cultural change. Dr. Dunlop holds a Ph.D. in cultural history. Her publications include a case study in *The Routledge Companion to Strategic Risk Management*, Routledge 2016.