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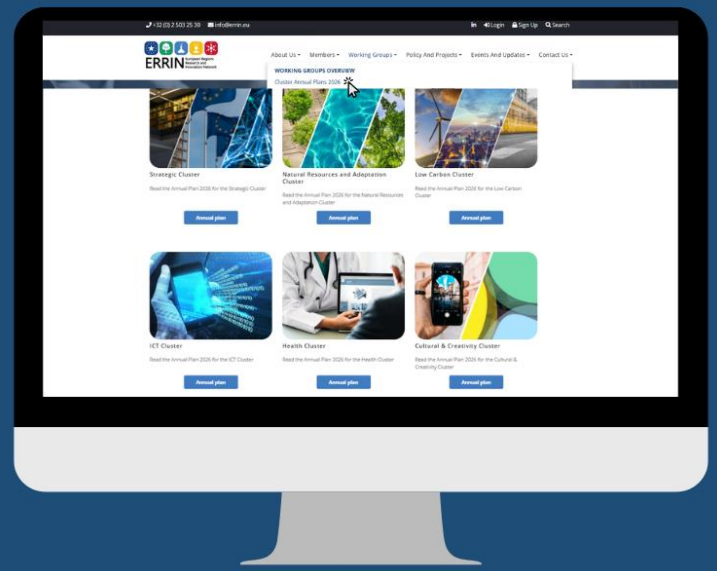
Online launch of ERRIN's Annual Work Plans 2026

ERRIN European Regions Research and Innovation Network

Agenda

10.00	**Welcome & introduction** Astrid Hannes, ERRIN Head of Projects
10.10	**Strategic Cluster Annual Plan 2026** Ewa Chomicz, ERRIN Policy & Engagement Manager
10.20	**Health & ICT Cluster** Kyle Galea, ERRIN Project & Policy Manager
10.30	**Low Carbon Cluster** Silvia Ghiretti, ERRIN Project & Policy Manager
10.40	**Natural Resources & Adaptation Cluster** Gaia Marotta, ERRIN Project & Policy Manager
10.50	**Culture & Creativity Cluster** Dubravka Jurišić, ERRIN Project & Policy Manager
11.00	**How to Engage in ERRIN Cluster Activities** Teresa Vio, ERRIN Finance & Operations Manager
11.10	**Interactive Q&A** Lorna Murphy, ERRIN Project & Policy Manager

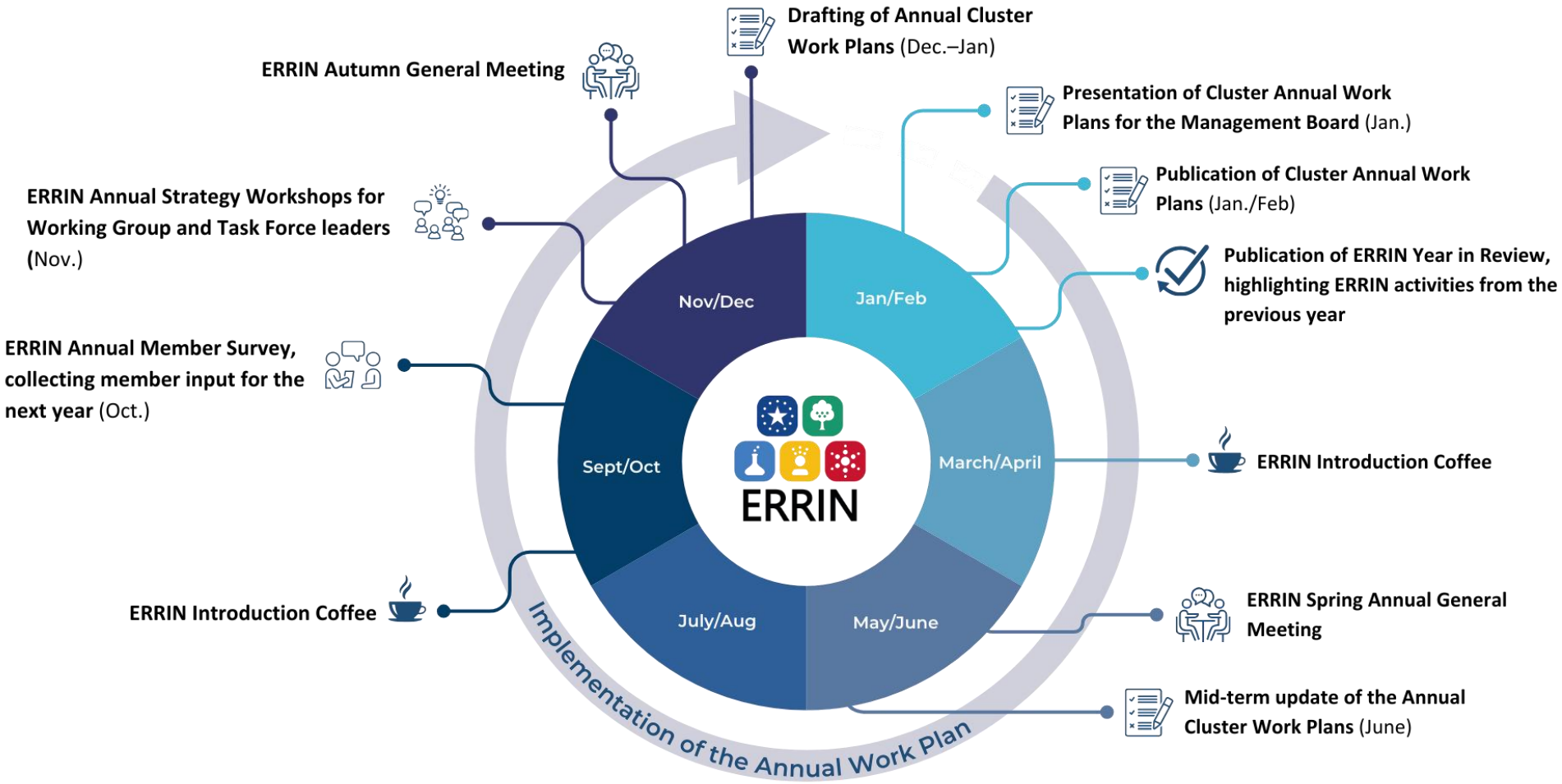
ERRIN'S ANNUAL WORK PLANS 2026 ARE OUT!



Find the plans on the ERRIN website: www.errin.eu

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ANNUAL WORK CYCLE



PRIORITIES FOR 2026 BASED ON THE ANNUAL SURVEY

Reinforcing Research and Innovation ecosystems

MFF-post 2027

- FP10
- ECF
- Cohesion policy
- Defending the territorial dimension of competitiveness
- LIFE programme
- Erasmus+

Projects & funding

- PDT
- Support for building consortia
- Matchmaking/ project development sessions
- Guidance on I3
- Info on upcoming calls & opportunities

Interregional collaboration

- Networking and matchmaking opportunities
- Online events
- Best practices
- Strengthen members capacities to find partners & projects

Thematic priorities

- Climate adaptation
- Environment
- Bio & circular economy
- Industrial decarbonisation
- Mobility
- Energy
- Housing
- NEB
- ERA & Innovation Act
- Skills
- Defence & resilience
- Advanced logistics & technologies
- Digital transformation
- Advanced AI
- Quantum
- Health

ERRIN WORKING GROUPS

STRATEGIC CLUSTER







COMPETITIVENESS WORKSTREAM

NATURAL RESOURCES & ADAPTATION







LOW CARBON CLUSTER







HEALTH CLUSTER



CULTURE & CREATIVITY CLUSTER





ICT CLUSTER



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STRATEGIC CLUSTER

SMART SPECIALISATION

Co-leaders:

- Region of Tuscany (IT)
- Wielkopolska Region (PL)
- West Finland European Office (FI)
- North-East Regional Development Agency (RO)
- Bretagne (FR)



Ewa Chomicz

SCIENCE AND EDUCATION FOR SOCIETY

Co-leaders:

- Oslo Region European Office (NO)
- Welsh Higher Education Brussels (UK)
- Brainport Eindhoven EU Office (NL)
- Slovenian Business and Research Association (SL)



Astrid Hannes

POLICY

Co-leaders:

- Representation of the Free State of Saxony to the European Union (DE)
- Delegation of the Basque Country to the EU (ES)
- Normandy Region (FR)
- Emilia Romagna Region - ART-ER (IT)
- Scotland Europa (UK)

Competitiveness workstream:

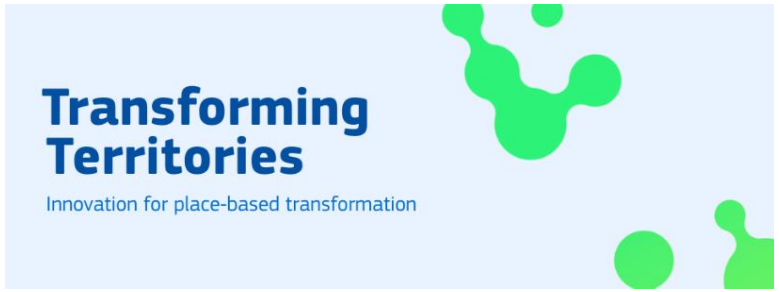
- South Denmark European Office (DK)
- Occitanie Europe(FR)



Ewa Chomicz

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Innovation for place-based transformation

Key workstreams:

- MFF post-2027: Horizon Europe (FP10), European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs) including the future of Smart Specialisation
- ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 and ERA Act, Innovation Act (Competitiveness Compass)
- Exploring resilience, preparedness and security
- Union of Skills, next Erasmus programme

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- ERRIN's role in resilience, security and defence – 24 February
- Update on ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027, ERA Act and link with Horizon Europe – 17 March
- Skills for Competitiveness: how to address skills shortages in Europe's regions? – 23 March
- Future of S3 post-2027 – 14 April (TBC)
- First insights from Innovation for Place-based Transformation EU Preparatory Action – April (TBC)
- In view of the next MFF: online Skills Talks at ERRIN series – April and May
- I3 Instrument – experiences so far and reflections on the future (including 2026 calls) – 19 May
- European Competitiveness Fund: Link with the European Innovation Act and widening perspective – 20 May
- Skills in the next Erasmus programme and MFF – 3 June
- Internal meeting on the state of play of Horizon Europe and European Competitiveness Fund – 16 June
- Irish Presidency of the Council and MFF post-2027 state of play: Discussing the budget 2028-2034 – September
- Future of S3 and innovation dimension of cohesion policy post-2027 – September
- Regional Innovation Valleys – projects follow-up – October
- Follow-up meeting on the Union of Skills: where are we now? – Q4
- Synergies between NRPPs and ECF and HE – November

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CLOSEST ACTIVITIES

- Policy WG reflection meeting: ERRIN's role in resilience, security and defence – 24 February from 14:30-17:00 at ERRIN – **learn more and register** here
- Policy WG meeting: Update on ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027, ERA Act and link with Horizon Europe – 17 March from 14:00-16:00 at ERRIN – **save the date**
- Science and Education for Society WG meeting: Skills for Competitiveness: how to address skills shortages in Europe's regions? – 23 March from 14:30-16:30 at Wales House – **learn more and register** here | **call for inputs open until 24 February** here

HEALTH

Co-leaders:

- Greater Copenhagen EU Office (DK)
- Ile-de-France Europe (FR)
- Government of Navarre (ES)
- Region Västra Götaland (SE)
- Government of Catalonia (ES)



Kyle Galea

Key workstreams:

- Circularity and resilience
- BioTech Act and the Life Sciences Strategy
- Digitalisation of Healthcare, specifically the application of AI
- The Cancer Mission

HEALTH CLUSTER

- Health WG Cluster 2026 Agenda Kickoff and BioTech Act I (30th January)
- Next Generation of Healthcare: Resilience and Circularity (June 2026)
- The Biotech Act II and Life Sciences Strategy: Bioindustry in the regions (October 2026)
- AI in Healthcare (4 November 2026)

ICT CLUSTER

Co-leaders:

- Eindhoven (NL)
- Helsinki EU Office (FI)
- Hauts-de-France (FR)
- Thuringia (DE)
- Tampere Region (FI)



Kyle Galea

Key workstreams:

- The Quantum Act
- AI in Healthcare
- AI in Public Administration
- Key Digital Technologies in industry

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- Upcoming Quantum Act and what it means for the Regions (24 March 2026)
- AI and Public Administration (23 April 2026)
- Digitalisation in industry: The future of Manufacturing in the Regions (23 September)
- AI in Healthcare (4 November)




LOW CARBON CLUSTER

ENERGY & CLEAN TRANSITION

Co-leaders:

- Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes (FR)
- Brainport Eindhoven EU Office (NL)
- Province of Flevoland (NL)
- West Finland European Office (FI)
- North-East Regional Development Agency (RO)
- Trøndelag European Office (NO)



Silvia Ghiretti

TRANSPORT

Co-leaders:

- Aragón Exterior (ES)
- Ile-de-France Europe (FR)
- Government of Catalonia (ES)
- Stuttgart Region EU Office (DE)



Gaia Marotta

SMART CITIES

Co-leaders:

- Cities Northern Netherlands EU Office(NL)
- Stavanger Region European Office (NO)
- North-East Regional Development Agency (RO)
- Turku-Southwest Finland European Office (FI)
- South Denmark European Office (DK)



Paul Brunet

LOW CARBON CLUSTER

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NET ZERO CITIES

CAPACITIES
Advancing national support for climate neutral cities

Key workstreams:

- MFF: ECF and Horizon Europe
- EU Cities Mission: 100 climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030
- EU Agenda for Cities
- Digital services for cities
- Sustainable and Affordable Housing
- Competitiveness, Net-Zero Industry Act and Net-Zero Acceleration Valleys
- Energy Grids
- Hydrogen Valleys
- Preparedness of infrastructure and dual use
- AI in transport
- European Partnerships in transport

LOW CARBON CLUSTER

- EU Agenda for Cities in practice: next steps and funding opportunities for innovative action – 18 February
- Hydrogen Valleys: lessons learned and opportunities for 2026 - 12 March
- Funding and policy frameworks for clean and resilient mobility – 26 March (TBC)
- Energy grids – April
- Sustainable and Affordable Housing – June
- AI in Transport, implementing the European AI Strategy – May-June
- European Partnerships in transport: strengthening the regional dimension – May-June
- Net-Zero Industry Act: implementation, competitiveness and regional opportunities - May (TBC)
- Update on the Cities Mission – September
- Site visit on inspiring NEB solutions in Belgium – October/November
- Digital services for cities - November
- Preparedness of infrastructure and dual use - Q4



NATURAL RESOURCES & ADAPTATION CLUSTER

ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE

Co-leaders:

- Turku-Southwest Finland European Office (FI)
- Oslo Region European Office (NO)
- Free Hanseatic City of Bremen (DE)
- Normandy Region (FR)



Gaia Marotta

BLUE ECONOMY

Co-leaders:

- Turku-Southwest Finland European Office (FI)
- Emilia Romagna Region - ART-ER (IT)
- South Denmark European Office (DK)
- Småland Blekinge Halland South Sweden (SE)
- Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (FR)



Ines Moualil



Ana Nava Tazo

BIOECONOMY

Co-leaders:

- Oslo Region European Office (NO)
- Cities Northern Netherlands EU Office
- Grand Est-Europe (FR)
- Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen – South Tyrol (IT)



Gianpiero Petruzziello

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Adaptation Hubs

P2R PATHWAYS2RESILIENCE

RESIST

SOILL STEPUP

Circular Cities & Regions Initiative

co-waters

MIP Ocean

BLUE ACTION BANOS

Key workstreams:

- EU Bioeconomy Strategy
- Circular Economy Act
- EU Missions (Soil, Climate Adaptation, Ocean and Waters)
- Project development sessions (Cluster 6 and EU Missions)
- Ocean Act & Water resilience strategy
- European Climate resilience framework

NATURAL RESOURCES & ADAPTATION CLUSTER

- 2026 Kick-off meeting Natural Resources and Food cluster – 26 January
- Open Public Consultation for the new European climate resilience framework – by 23 February
- Taskforce to support the design of the Mission Ocean and Waters Label (CO-WATERS project) – 17 February (1st meeting)
- Policy Recommendations from the Circular Cities and Regions Initiative to the Circular Economy Act - 12 February
- Project Development session – 27 February
- Launch of the Coalition of Cities, Regions, Islands and Ports for the MOW + Blue networking event – 4 March
- EU Bioeconomy Strategy – 16 April (TBC)
- Innovative solutions for Climate Adaptation – April
- Ocean Act: Regional priorities in focus – September
- ERRIN Circular Economy Event: Circular Economy Act and regional perspectives – October
- Study Visit (TBC)
- Mission Soil: Lessons learned and upcoming opportunities – November
- Implementing the EU Mission on Adaptation to Climate Change - Regional Experiences and Next Steps - November

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CULTURE & CREATIVITY CLUSTER

CULTURE, HERITAGE & TOURISM

Co-leaders:

- Free Hanseatic City of Bremen (DE)
- North-East Regional Development Agency (RO)
- Trøndelag European Office (NO)
- Liguria Region (IT)



Lorna Murphy

NEB & CREATIVITY

Co-leaders:

- Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen – South Tyrol (IT)
- Stuttgart Region European Office (DE)
- Lombardia Region (IT)
- Région Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (FR)
- Centre-Val de Loire Region (FR)
- Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region – Brussels Office (IT)



Dubravka Jurišić

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PROSPERO

NEBJunction

European Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage (under GA negotiations)

Key workstreams:

- **EU culture policy & funding**: Position of culture in EU policies and the future MFF (FP10, EUAgora) and Project development (Cluster 2 and NEB)
- **New European Bauhaus (NEB)**: Housing policy, inclusion and youth policies, and NEB Facility implementation
- **Culture, wellbeing & inclusion**: Culture and heritage in relation to mental health and wellbeing
- **Cultural innovation, skills for digital transition & resilience**: CCI and AI (challenges and opportunities); cultural heritage and data spaces; skills development and sectoral resilience
- **Sustainability & tourism**: Sustainable tourism, Tourism Transition Pathway, smart/digital tourism

CULTURE & CREATIVITY CLUSTER

Culture & Creativity cluster kick-off meeting – 10 February 2026

NEB Junction Policy conversations – 16 March 2026

Project development session on CCI-related calls – 25 March 2026

Culture, arts and mental health – 21 May 2026

Strengthening NEB governance: the local pathway towards the NEB chapter – 9 June 2026

EU Design Day – Housing as a game-changer - 11 June 2026

CCI and AI – Risk, opportunities, skills and resilience – Sept 2026

NEB and Youth policies – Oct 2026

Cultural Heritage and Earth Observation – Nov 2026

Site visit on inspiring NEB solutions – Oct/Nov 2026

Innovative approaches to sustainable tourism – Dec 2026

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2026 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT



- Info session – Navigating ERRIN's Project Development Tool 6 February: recording
- Project Development Session: Horizon Europe Cluster 6 and EU Missions Soil, Ocean and Waters, Climate Adaptation – 27 February (Online)
- **Project Development Session: Horizon Europe Cluster 2 and NEB Facility – 25 March (Online)**

Further matchmaking sessions to be organised based on expressions of interests on the Project Development Tool

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- **Contribute to ERRIN's Working Group** meetings by shaping the agenda, presenting your work, raising your questions, engage with Working Group leaders
- **Benefit from opportunities from ERRIN projects** (cascade funding, peer learning and twinning programmes, ...)
- **Find new partners**: express your interest in funding calls through **ERRIN's Project Development Tool** and take part in ERRIN's **Project Development Activities**
- In October: inform your Brussels office about your prioritities for the next ERRIN year through **ERRIN's Annual Member Survey**

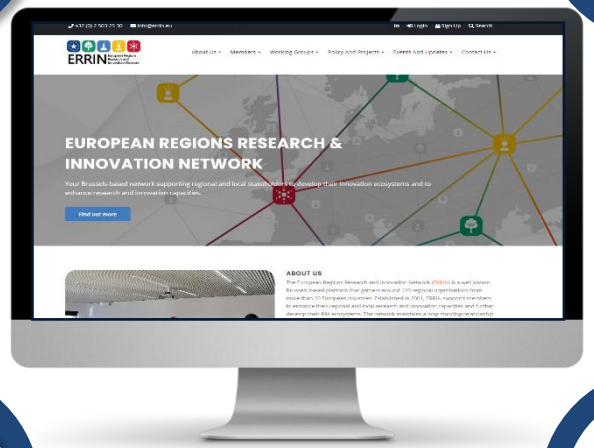
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Browse calls, express interest and connect through the Project Development Tool



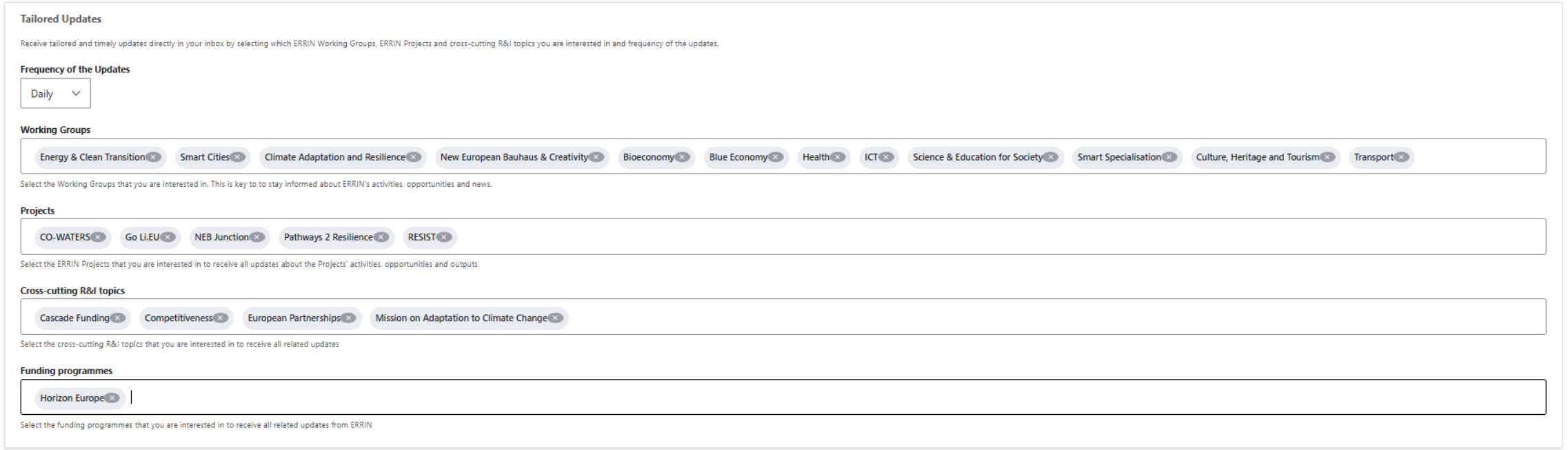
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CLUSTER PLANS

- Find the Annual Cluster Plans under Working Groups overview
- Find and register to upcoming events on through the ERRIN calendar
- Find opportunities to share regional examples, contribute to policy inputs etc. on the ERRIN Noticeboard
- Explore the dedicated Working Group pages for all related updates

