

STRATEGIC CLUSTER

SMART SPECIALISATION

Co-leaders:

- Tuscany
- Wielkopolska
- West Finland
- North-East Romania
- Bretagne



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SCIENCE AND EDUCATION FOR SOCIETY

Co-leaders:

- Oslo Region
- Welsh Higher Education Brussels
- Technical University Eindhoven/Brainport Eindhoven EU Office
- Slovenian Business and Research Association



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POLICY

Co-leaders:

- Saxony-Anhalt
- Basque Country
- Normandy
- Emilia-Romagna
- Scotland Europa

Competitiveness workstream:

- South Denmark
- Occitanie

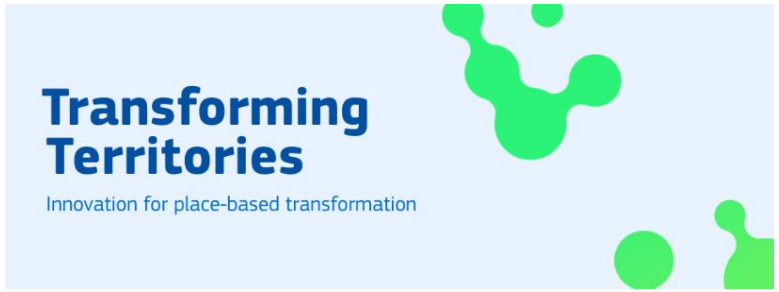


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Innovation for place-based transformation

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

STRATEGIC CLUSTER – FURTHER ACTIVITIES IN 2026

- 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



NATURAL RESOURCES & ADAPTATION CLUSTER

ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE

Co-leaders:

- Turku-Southwest Finland (FI)
- Oslo (NO)
- Bremen (DE)
- Normandy (FR)



Gaia Marotta

BLUE ECONOMY

Co-leaders:

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



Ines Moualil



Ana Nava Tazo

BIOECONOMY

Co-leaders:

- Oslo (NO)
- Cities Northern Netherlands
- Grand Est Europe (FR)
- Bolzano – 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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ENERGY & CLEAN TRANISTION

Co-leaders:

- Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes (FR)
- Brainport Eindhoven (NL)
- Flevoland (NL)
- West Finland (FI)
- North-East Regional Development Agency (RO)
- Trøndelag (NO)



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TRANSPORT

Co-leaders:

- Aragón (ES)
- Ile-de-France (FR)
- Catalonia (ES)
- Stuttgart (DE)



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SMART CITIES

Co-leaders:

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



Paul Brunet

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NET ZERO CITIES

CAPACITIES
Advancing national support for climate neutral cities

Key workstreams:

- MFF: ECF and Horizon
- 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
- Lessons learned: Clean Hydrogen Partnership call 2025 and Hydrogen Valleys Facility - March
- Funding and policy frameworks for clean and resilient mobility - March
- Energy grids – April
- Sustainable and Affordable Housing – April-May
- AI in Transport, implementing the European AI Strategy – April-May
- European Partnerships in transport: strengthening the regional dimension – May-June
- Update on the Cities Mission - June
- Net-Zero Industry Act: implementation, competitiveness and regional opportunities - Q3 2026
- Site visit on inspiring NEB solutions in Belgium – October/November
- Digital services for cities - November
- Preparedness of infrastructure and dual use - Q4 2026



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 (DE)
- Regione Lombardia (IT)
- Provence Alpes-Côte d'Azur (FR)
- Centre-Val de Loire (FR)
- Friuli Venezia Giulia – Autonomous Region (IT)



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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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HEALTH

Co-leaders:

- Greater Copenhagen (DK)
- Ile-de-France (FR)
- Navarra (ES)
- Västra Götaland (SE)
- 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)



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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)