

# STRATEGIC CLUSTER



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## Key EU processes and workstreams in 2025

- Competitiveness workstream – co-leads: Siri Raahede Bentzen (South Denmark), Marie Vaugeois (Occitanie), ERRIN Management Board
- Multiannual Financial Framework post-2027 and Framework Programme 10
- Cohesion policy post-2027 and future of Smart Specialisation
- Future of the European Research Area
- Union of Skills
- ERRIN project



# STRATEGIC CLUSTER – ACTIVITIES 2025

- [Exchange with MEPs: Connected regional innovation ecosystems – key for Europe’s competitiveness](#) – 28 January 
- [ERRIN Strategic Cluster kick-off meeting: Towards a European Competitiveness Fund?](#) – 11 February   
- Internal meeting – state of play of FP10 and the MFF post-2027 – 12 March 
- Peer-learning event on the future of S3 – 13 March 
- Towards a Union of Skills: what can regions expect? – 2 April 
- Regional Innovation Valleys: lessons learned and next calls [information session incl. matchmaking] – 10 April  
- Workshop on the use of cohesion funds by research institutions – challenges and opportunities for the future – 19 May  
- Exchange on ERA Policy Agenda 2025-2027 and ERRIN commitments – 3 June  
- Internal meeting – state of play and Commission proposals for FP10 and MFF post-2027 – September 
- How can fourth generation universities take up a transformative role for delivering innovation and impact for regions? 
- European Innovation Act – October 
- Capacity Building Workshop Horizon Europe for newcomers – November  
- First insights from Innovation for Place-based Transformation EU Preparatory Action – November  