



STRATEGIC CLUSTER



SMART SPECIALISATION

Co-leaders:

- Tuscany (IT)
- Wielkopolska (PL)
- West Finland (FI)
- North-East Romania (RO)
- Bretagne (FR)



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SCIENCE AND EDUCATION FOR SOCIETY

Co-leaders:

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



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POLICY

Co-leaders:

- Saxony-Anhalt (DE)
- Basque Country (ES)
- Normandy (FR)
- Emilia-Romagna (IT)
- Scotland Europa (UK)

Competitiveness workstream:

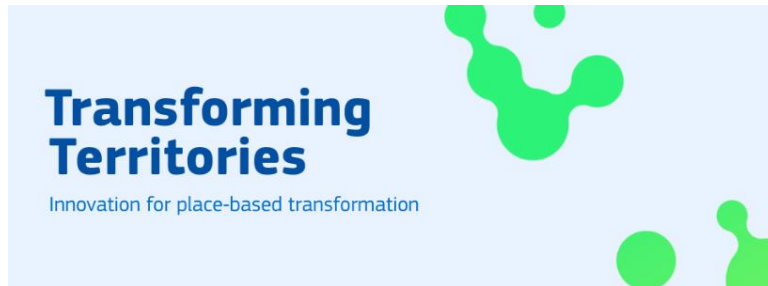
- South Denmark (DK)
- Occitanie (FR)



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ERRIN Projects



Innovation for place-based transformation

Key workstreams:

- MFF post-2027: Horizon Europe (FP10), European Competitiveness Fund (ECF), National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs) including 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 – ACTIVITIES SO FAR IN 2026



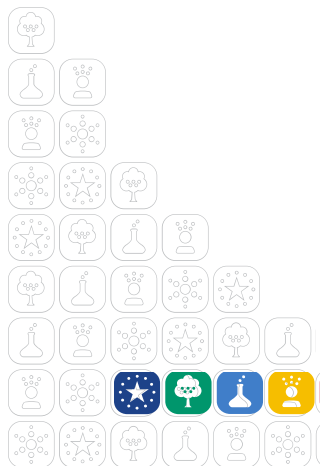
Project Matchmaking and Training Lab: Erasmus+ Horizon Europe

15-16 January



2026 kick-off cluster meeting: From Danish to Cypriot
Presidency – links to place-based innovation

23 January



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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

