

European Innovation Ecosystems Round Table

Fostering common understanding

25 March, 10:30-12:30 (CET)

Organised jointly by: Helsinki EU Office, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council and ERRIN.
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Helsinki EU Office and Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council together with ERRIN are organising a round-table discussion to unite different innovation ecosystem stakeholders to share their views on place-based innovation ecosystems and what makes them robust. The discussion aims to explore stakeholders' perspectives, practices and challenges and foster 'out of silos' collaboration among them. The objective is to launch a debate and process to improve Europe's research and innovation performance through a more coherent perception and improved understanding of innovation ecosystems and their crucial role in the R&I landscape.

Moderator: **Pirita Lindholm**, Director of European Regions Research and Innovation Network (ERRIN)

10.30 Welcome

Eero Venäläinen, Director of Helsinki EU Office

10:35 Opening remarks

Markku Markkula, Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions, President of the Board of the Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council

10:45 Panel Discussion

- **Fabienne Gautier**, Head of Unit, Innovation Ecosystems, DG R&I, European Commission
- **Marek Przeor**, Team Leader, Advanced Technologies, Clusters and Social Economy, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- **Jitka Vocaskova**, Policy Officer, Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
- **Antonio Novo**, President, European Clusters Alliance
- **Stephane Berghmans**, Director, Research & Innovation, European University Association
- **Aleksandra Olejnik**, Policy Advisor, Economic Development and Innovation, EUROCITIES

12:05 Commentary remarks

Tuija Hirvikoski, Director responsible for strategic research, development and innovation alliances, Laurea University of Applied Sciences

12:15 Key outcomes

Pirita Lindholm, Director of European Regions Research and Innovation Network (ERRIN)

12:25 Closing remarks

Anne Karjalainen, Chair, Commission for Social Policy, Education, Employment, Research and Culture, European Committee of the Regions