

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ADAPTATION CLUSTER



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Key EU processes and workstreams in 2025

- EU Missions (Soil, Climate Adaptation, Ocean and Waters)
- EU Bioeconomy Strategy Update
- Circularity
- Water Resilience
- EU Partnerships - HE Cluster 6
- ERRIN projects



+ CO-WATERS, Blue Action Banos, AdaptationHubs

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ADAPTATION CLUSTER – ACTIVITIES 2025

- 2025 Kick-off meeting Natural Resources and Food cluster – 3 February
- ERRIN's Blue Economy Get Together – 3 March
- Update of the EU Bioeconomy strategy – 14 March
- Project Development Session – April
- Water Resilience – 9 June (TBC)
- Info session on EU Partnership on Forestry – June



- Info session on P2R second call – June
- ERRIN's Circular Economy workshop: opportunities and challenges for members – October
- Revitalising our seas and waters: how to address nutrient run-offs? – 9 October
- The competitiveness of Europe's maritime industry – 20 November
- Meeting with the Adaptation Mission secretariat: projects implementation and future calls - November



LOW CARBON CLUSTER



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Key EU processes and workstreams in 2025

- EU Mission on 100 climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030
- Clean Industrial Deal and competitiveness from a transport, energy and urban development perspective
- Hydrogen Valleys
- Affordable and sustainable housing
- Funding opportunities (EIC, Horizon Europe, EUI, etc.)
- Decarbonisation and resilience of transport infrastructure
- ERRIN project  + CapaCITIES 2.0

LOW CARBON CLUSTER – ACTIVITIES 2025

- Decarbonisation and resilience of transport infrastructure – 20 February



- Clean Industrial Deal and competitiveness: Focus on energy, transport and urban development – March



- The future of European competitiveness and new transport-related priorities – 16 April



- Innovation and funding: Best practices of regional participation and future calls – 12 June



- Affordable and sustainable housing – 5 June



- Hydrogen Valleys



- The digital component of transport – 24 September



- Update on the Mission Label – September/October



- EU 2040 climate targets – September/October



- Funding opportunities for cities: Inclusiveness and co-creation in the twin transition - November



- Renewable energy – November/December



CULTURE AND CREATIVITY CLUSTER



Andreea Leru (North-East Romania), Francisco Vigalondo (Aragon Exterior), Lorna Murphy (Scotland Europa), Martina Hilger (Free Hanseatic City of Bremen), Katinka Sætersdal Remøe (Trøndelag European Office), Elena Álvarez Brasero, (Junta de Extremadura)



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Key EU processes and workstreams in 2025

- Horizon Europe – Cluster 2 and the upcoming Horizon Europe Partnership on Resilient Cultural Heritage
- Tourism Transition Pathways
- Cultural Compass, AI strategy for cultural and creative industries
- New European Bauhaus Facility
- EIT Culture and Creativity KIC
- Pact for Skills on CCIs
- EU Design Days
- New projects: NEB Junction and PROSPERO

CULTURE AND CREATIVITY CLUSTER – ACTIVITIES 2025

- Cluster Kick-off meeting the Culture and Creativity cluster – 3 or 4 March (TBC)
- Climate change and Cultural Heritage – April
- Project development session on CCI-related calls – May
- EU Design Days – May
- Third places supporting skills – boosting NEB implementation
- Safeguarding the past, securing the future: How and why protecting Cultural Heritage in nature and man-made conflicts and crisis. Learnings from the EU and Ukraine.
- Continuous Dialogue with the EC on the regional roll-out of the NEB Facility



HEALTH CLUSTER



Co-leads: Cédric Daumas (Île-de-France), Beatriz Irala Aliaga (Navarra), Maria Tørnsø Østergaard (Greater Copenhagen), Ingeborg Bennink (Cities Northern Netherlands), Louise Årebäck (Västra Götaland)

Key EU processes and workstreams in 2025

- Mission on Cancer and EU Beating Cancer Plan (engaging with ECHoS project)
- Digital transformation of health care and European Health Data Space
- Prevention (particular with regard to the ageing population and mental health)
- One Health approach and environmental aspects of health care
- Skills in health care
- EU funding (Horizon Europe, EU4Health, partnerships in the health area)
- Regional Innovation Valleys in health

HEALTH CLUSTER – ACTIVITIES 2025

- Kick-off meeting and the EU 2025 Health Agenda with DG SANTE (30 January)
- New EU Life Science strategy (if published) possibly with an angle on immunology (March/April)
- Digital transformation of health care to meet evolving needs in an ageing society (September)
- Environment and Health (October/November)



ICT CLUSTER



Co-leads: Annelie Zapfe (Thuringia), Romain Wascot (Hauts-de-France), Leila Kylliäinen (Helsinki EU Office), Wim De Kinderen (Brainport Eindhoven), Alexandra Schafhauser (Västra Götaland)

Key EU processes and workstreams in 2025

- Digital transformation of local and regional authorities (linking with Living-in.EU)
- Understanding the landscape of tools and support mechanisms accessible for public authorities
- Positioning ERRIN in the digital policy landscape at EU level
- Digital Europe programme and its evolution in the next MFF
- Implementation of the AI Act and related AI strategies for local and regional authorities
- Green and digital transition
- ERRIN project **LIVING-IN.EU**

ICT – ACTIVITIES 2025

- Information session “Understanding the EDICs and opportunities for local and regional authorities” (March)
- Meeting with the wider membership on regional authorities’ position in Living-in.EU (March/April)
- AI in the public sector (June)
- Digital transformation of health care to meet evolving needs in an ageing society (September)
- Networking of EDIHs and information on Phase 2 (November)



STRATEGIC CLUSTER



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Co-leads: Joakim P. Berg (Oslo Region), Berwyn Davies (Welsh Higher Education Brussels – Welsh Government), Delia Mitcan (Technical University Eindhoven)

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 