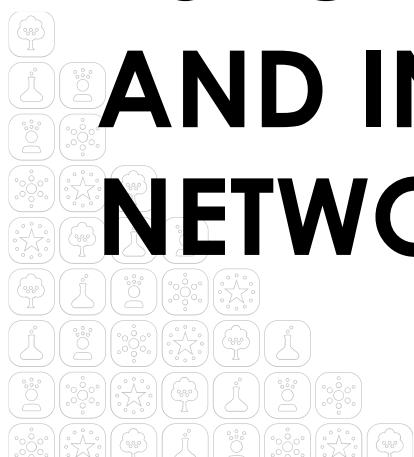




# EUROPEAN REGIONS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION NETWORK



European Regions  
Research and  
Innovation Network



# WHO ARE WE?

# OUR MEMBERS

120

Members

20+

Countries



Brussels-based collaboration



Quadruple helix involvement



Ecosystem approach



# ERRIN FINNISH MEMBERS

West Finland European Office

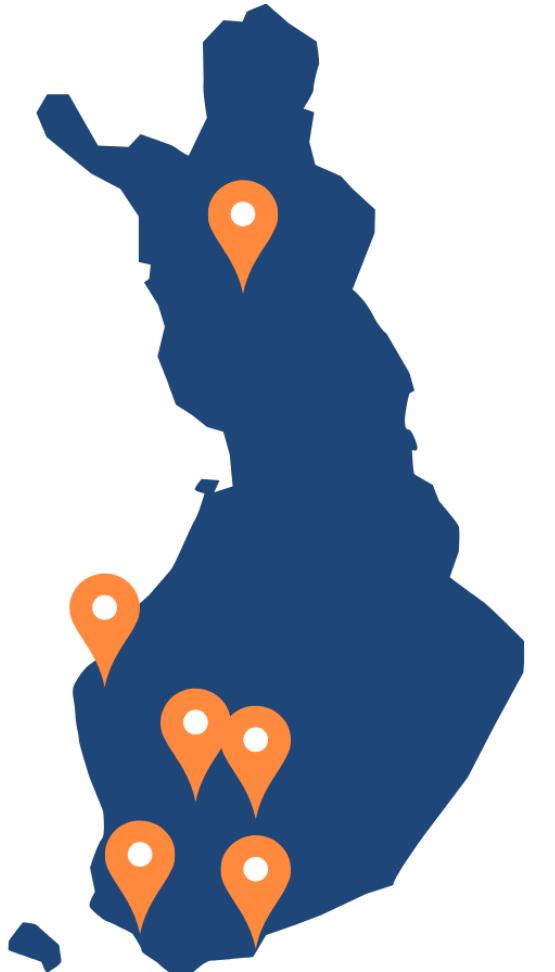
Tampere Region EU Office

Helsinki EU Office

East and North Finland EU Office

Häme EU Office

Turku – Southwest Finland European Office





# OUR MISSIONS



Bring a **place-based perspective** to EU research and innovation policy and programmes



**Make connections and facilitate EU engagement** between member regions, EU institutions, and other partners



**Increase project opportunities** for members



**Position regional interests** in the research and innovation landscape



# WHAT WE OFFER



# OUR SERVICES

## 14 WORKING GROUPS

Policy dialogues, workshops, mutual learning, networking, matchmaking.



## PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Targeted information on funding and calls, project facilitation activities and online tools.



## POLICY

Dialogue with EU institutions and bottom-up work for regional and local dimensions in EU R&I.



Cooperation



Information sharing



Visibility

# NETWORK PRIORITIES



Shape and increase  
engagement in EU  
Missions



Widen and deepen  
engagement in R&I



What could be done

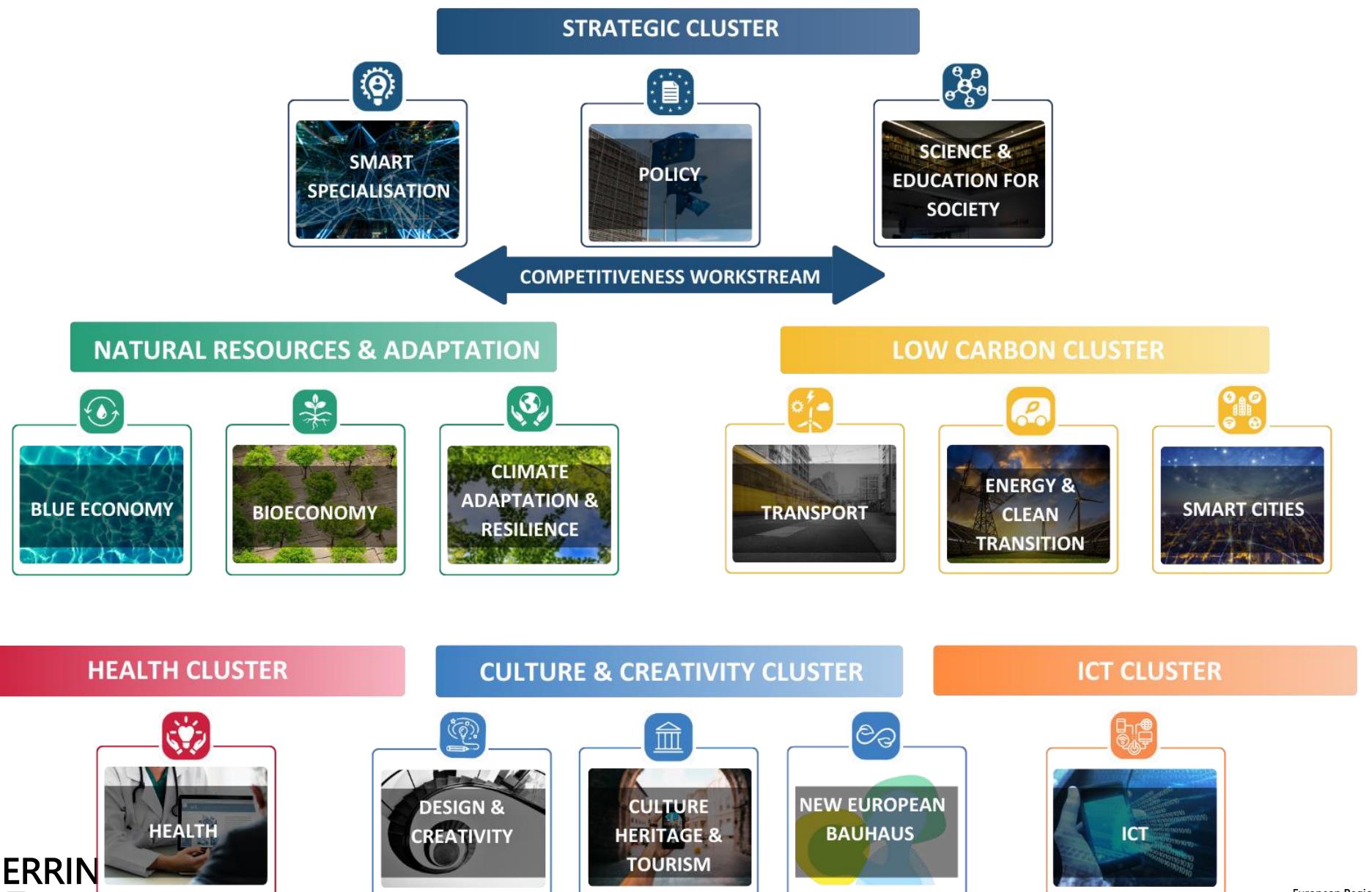
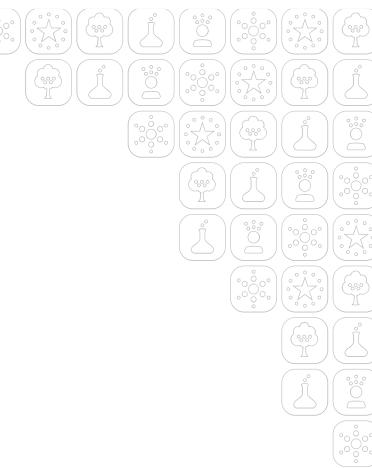
- EU Missions provide a clear focus
- EU Missions cannot be embedded into the EU budget
- The EU Missions should be embedded into the EU budget to ensure that the EU budget reflects the EU's priorities
- Need for a new governance model for EU Missions
- EU Missions should be allocated to the correct EU institutions



# WORKING GROUPS



# ERRIN'S CLUSTER STRUCTURE



# WORKING GROUPS IN PRACTICE



60+ leaders leading the work,  
representing 40+ regional  
ecosystems



Networking



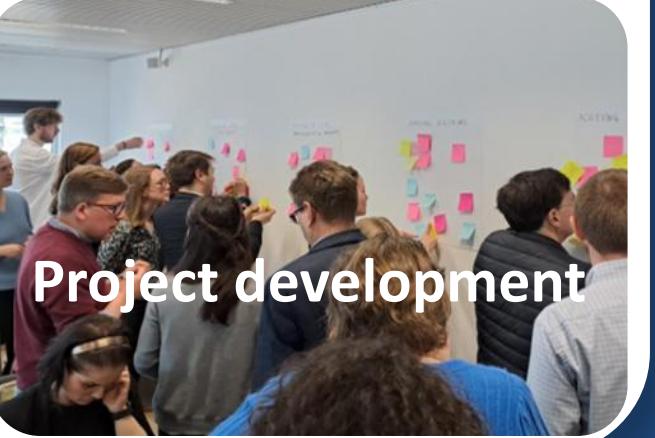
Influencing policy



Exchanging information  
and local practices

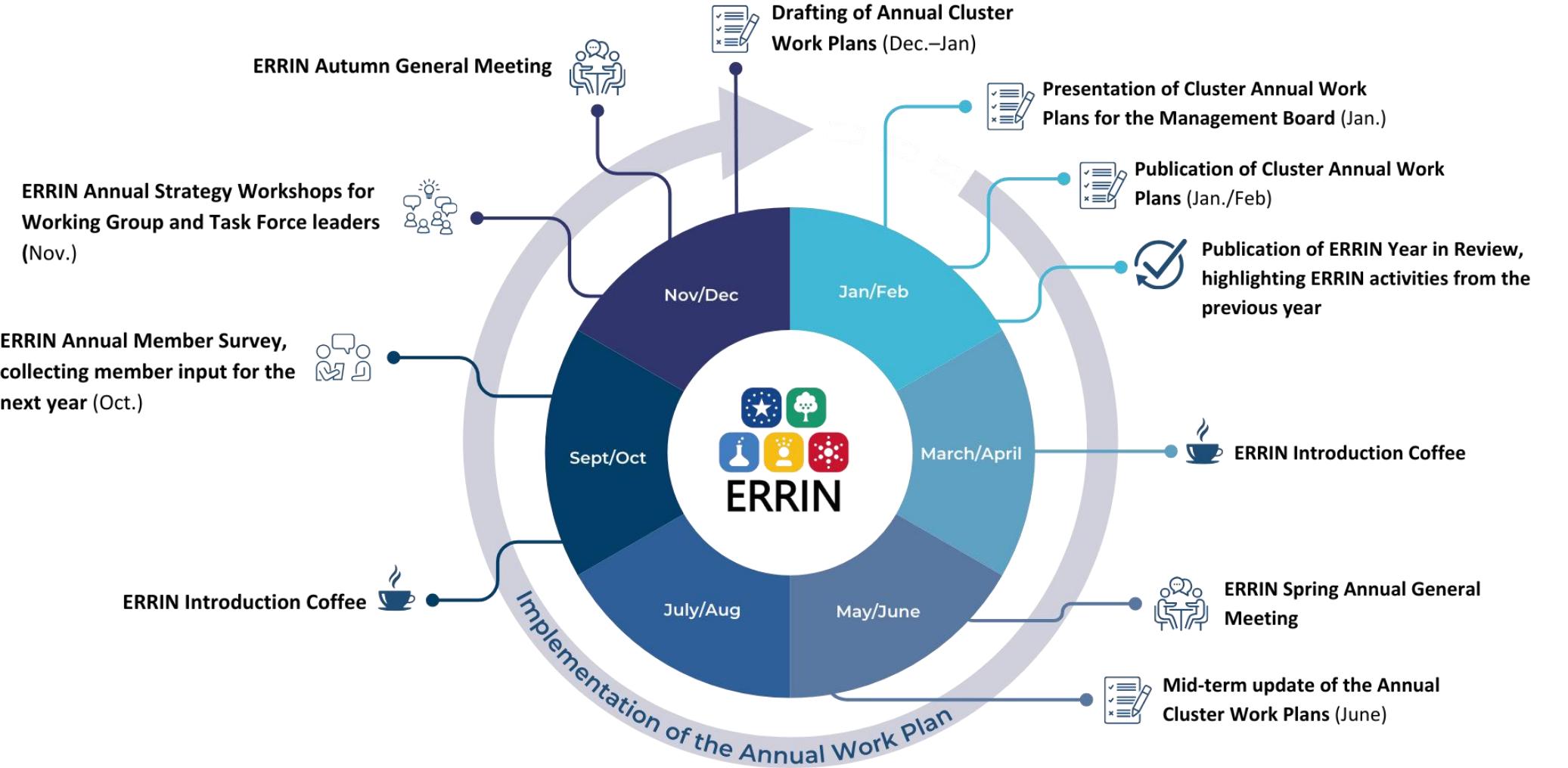


Building partnerships and  
fostering your network



Project development

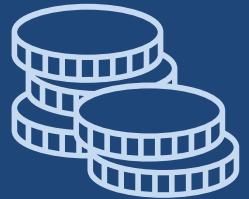
# ANNUAL WORK CYCLE



# PRIORITIES FOR 2026



## Reinforcing research and innovation ecosystems



### MFF-post 2027

- FP10
- European Competitiveness Fund
- Cohesion policy
- LIFE programme
- Erasmus+



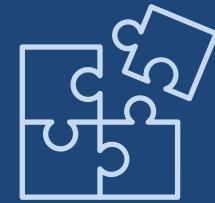
### Projects & funding

- Project Development Tool
- Support for building consortia
- Matchmaking/project development sessions
- Info on upcoming calls & opportunities
- Guidance on I3



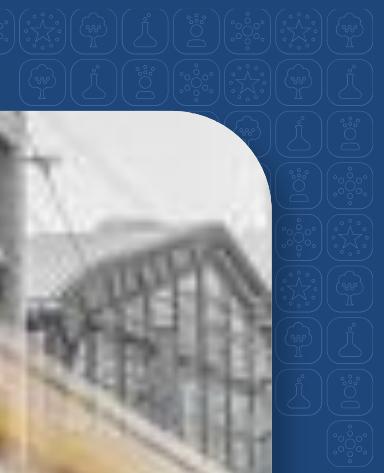
### Interregional collaboration

- Networking and matchmaking opportunities
- Online events
- Best practices
- Strengthen members capacities to find partners & projects



### Thematic priorities

• Climate adaptation	• ERA & Innovation Act
• Environment	• Skills
• Bio & circular economy	• Defence & resilience
• Industrial decarbonisation	• Advanced logistics & technologies
• Mobility	• Digital transformation
• Energy	• Advanced AI
• Housing	• Quantum
• NEB	• Health



# LOW CARBON CLUSTER



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NET ZERO CITIES

**CAPACITIES**  
Advancing national support  
for climate neutral cities

## Key workstreams:

- 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
- Sustainable and smart mobility



# ERRIN'S ROLE IN THE CITIES MISSION

## NET ZERO CITIES

- **Two City Advisors:** French cities, Latvian cities
- Support to Mission Cities in developing and implementing their **Climate City Contracts**
- **Policy**
  - Multi-level governance
  - EU funding programmes – e.g. Cohesion policy
  - National governments and platforms
- Support to **Mission-minded cities**
- **Stakeholder engagement**
- Creation of external partnerships

## CAPACITIES

Advancing national support  
for climate neutral cities

- Supporting the creation and scaling of **national platforms** linking cities, regions and national authorities
- Identifying and enhancing **regional enabling conditions**, including governance, regulatory and funding frameworks
- Strengthening **regional capacities** to support cities in delivering climate neutrality under the EU Cities Mission
- Connecting **European and international initiatives** to increase alignment and impact

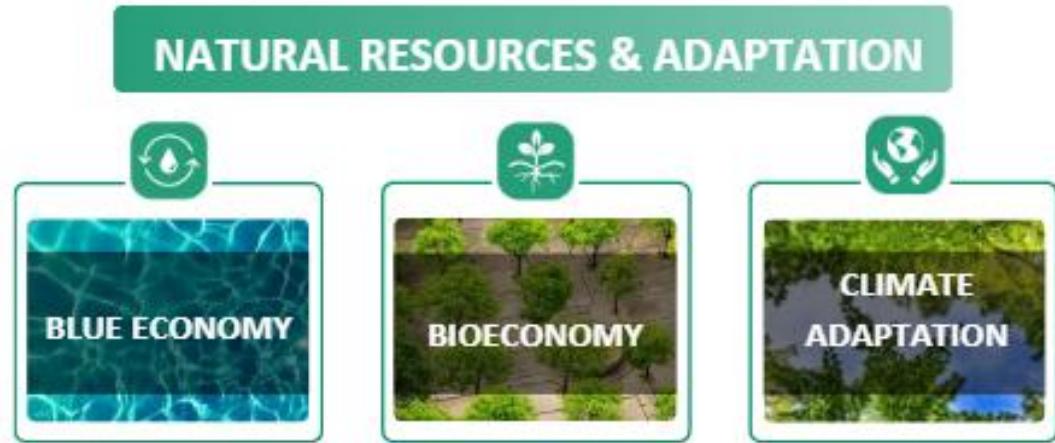




# NATURAL RESOURCES CLUSTER



# NATURAL RESOURCES AND ADAPTATION CLUSTER



## Upcoming activities:

- [Cluster Kick-Off meeting 2026](#) | 26 January

## 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

## ERRIN Projects



# MISSION OCEAN & WATERS – OPEN OPPORTUNITIES



## COMMUNITY-LED ACTIONS OPEN CALL



### WHO CAN APPLY:

Teams/consortia of a minimum of 2 up to 12 entities registered in the Baltic and North Sea basin (BANOS) countries



Grants between **€200,000 and €2 million** to carry out action-oriented projects that tackle pollution, restore marine ecosystems, or advance sustainable blue economy solutions.

24 months Support Programme at maximum



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## 1ST TRANSITION AGENDAS OPEN CALL



### WHO CAN APPLY:

Individual entities or consortia of up to 3 entities registered in the Baltic and North Sea basin (BANOS) countries



Up to **€100,000 each** to design action plans guiding local sustainability, marine or freshwater ecosystem restoration, decarbonisation and climate adaptation pathways

18 months Support Programme at maximum



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Find out more [here!](#)

# MISSION OCEAN & WATERS – OPEN OPPORTUNITIES



## TWO STEPS TO APPLY:



Compulsory submission of the **Project Idea Form** and individual consultations



Submit as soon as possible (**deadline: 16 March 2026, 17:00 Brussels time**) and join individual consultations.



Submission of the **full proposal**



Deadline: **29 May 2026, 14:00 Brussels time**.



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**BLUE ACTION BANOS**

**ONLINE WEBINAR**

**BlueActionBANOS: Open Calls for Community-Led Actions and Transition Agendas**

**Thursday, 5 February 2026 14:00 - 15:00 (CET)**

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the European Union

**Link to register [here](#)**



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# MISSION OCEAN & WATERS – OPEN OPPORTUNITIES

## Taskforce meeting to support the design of the Mission Ocean & Waters Label 5 February (afternoon - time TBC)

- Open to key members of the ERRIN Blue Economy Working Group, relevant actors within their ecosystems
- Impact the future Mission Ocean and Waters (MOW) Label
- Contact: [silvia.ghiretti@errin.eu](mailto:silvia.ghiretti@errin.eu) and [ana.tava@errin.eu](mailto:ana.tava@errin.eu)

## Official launch of the Coalition of Waterfront Regions, Cities and Islands (CO-WATERS) 4 March 2026 (9:30-12:30 CET) in Brussels

- Interactive session encouraging sharing of experiences and impact stories
- Promote coordinated approaches combining funding, instruments, stakeholders and local initiatives to accelerate engagement and ownership
- Register [here](#)



CO-WATERS Events | 4 March 2026

### Together for change: A Coalition to empower communities for Mission Ocean and Waters

This event will bring together representatives from regions, cities, ports, and islands to celebrate the growing community supporting the Mission Ocean and Waters. The fully interactive session will invite participants to share their...



## PROJECT SUPPORT



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# ERRIN'S PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TOOL

- A central hub for ERRIN members to explore, express interest and engage with a variety of funding opportunities
- ERRIN members who have expressed interest in the same calls can directly connect, initiate discussions and explore potential collaboration
- ERRIN Working Groups and Clusters will conduct follow-up activities through dedicated project development sessions where there is sufficient interest

Learn how to use the Project Development Tool [here](#).

Start expressing interest via the Project Development Tool [here](#)!



# ERRIN IN PROJECTS

## CULTURE & CREATIVITY CLUSTER

### PROSPERO

Interreg Europe  
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[PROSPERO](#)



[NEB Junction](#)

## STRATEGIC CLUSTER

Transforming Territories  
Innovation for place-based transformation



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## ICT CLUSTER



[Go Li.EU](#)

## LOW CARBON CLUSTER



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# SHAPING POLICY



# BRINGING THE PLACE-BASED PERSPECTIVE TO R&I POLICY AND PROGRAMMES

- **Collective Voice:** Brings together a 120+ regional R&I ecosystems across Europe.
- **Bridge to Decision-Makers:** Builds strong relationships between regions, EU institutions, and partners.
- **Bottom-Up & Co-Created:** Policy input comes from members, ensuring regional perspectives shape EU R&I policy and programmes.



By Ewa Chomicz 29/01/2025

Key takeaways from the ERRIN high-level event on connected regional innovation ecosystems



By Maria Bostrom 30/04/2025

ERRIN's 10 key messages towards the next Multiannual Financial Framework



By Maria Bostrom 12/03/2025

ERRIN Paper Series: 'Connected regional innovation ecosystems - key for Europe's competitiveness'



03/07/2025

ERRIN in conversation with Commissioner Zaharieva on strengthening regional R&I ecosystems

# TOWARDS THE NEXT FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME (FP10)

## ERRIN FP10 PAPER SERIES

### EU Missions

- Maintained support of the Missions, with improved governance and stronger political ownership
- Mission-specific recommendations

### Widening

- Integration of widening measures across FP10

### European Partnerships

- A more inclusive and transparent partnership framework

### Connected regional innovation ecosystems

- Strengthened support to place-based R&I ecosystems
- Brings together ERRIN's main messages across the above areas





# HOW TO ENGAGE





# BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER

## Network

**Build a contact network in Brussels and across Europe**, benefit from mutual support, collaborate with other member regions and stakeholders.



## Stay informed

**Join Working Group meetings on key R&I topics** and opportunities from a regional perspective, receive updates tailored to your interests.



## Influence policy

**Provide input to Working Groups** as they aim to foster opportunities for regional and ecosystem actors in European policy and programmes.



## Develop projects

**Find partners, build consortiums**, access information about funding opportunities from ERRIN members and the Secretariat.





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