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Security, Innovation and the Green Transition:

Recap of the EU Industry Days

18 June 2025

08:30-09:45 CET

Online



★ EUROPEAN CLUSTER
COLLABORATION PLATFORM

Agenda

1. News from the European Cluster Collaboration Platform
Nina Hoppmann, Team Member European Cluster Collaboration Platform
2. Key messages from the EU Industry Days
Jitka Vocaskova, Policy Officer, DG GROW, European Commission
3. Panel debate
Aleksander Grabski, Director, East Automotive Alliance
Lina Smovziuk, Fundraising Team Lead, Kharkiv IT Cluster
Manuel Seuffert, Director, Kearney IMP³ROVE, European Cluster Collaboration Platform
Monika Antonowicz, Expert in Strategy and Analysis Department,
Polish Agency for Enterprise Development
4. Funding opportunities
Nina Hoppmann, Team Member European Cluster Collaboration Platform

Housekeeping rules

Zivile Kropaite, presenter

- We will use **slido** to launch polls. Please scan the QR code to answer.
- Please use the **Zoom Q&A function to ask questions**, and the **chat function** to comment or share links.
- If you want to speak: Please **raise your hand** and we will give you the floor.
- Please note that the session is being **recorded** and that the recording will be **published** on the European Cluster Collaboration Platform.

NEWS FROM THE EUROPEAN CLUSTER COLLABORATION PLATFORM

2025 European Semester Spring Package sets out guidance to boost EU competitiveness

The [2025 European Semester Spring Package](#) provides tailored policy guidance to Member States to boost EU competitiveness, resilience, and prosperity.

It aligns national reforms with the [Competitiveness Compass](#) and includes **country-specific recommendations (CSRs)** focused on innovation, decarbonisation, defence capabilities, and skills development. It also supports increased defence spending via the National Escape Clause.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



Commission provides guidance on the implementation of NextGenerationEU – The road to 2026

The European Commission has issued new guidance to help Member States successfully close the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) by its **2026 deadline**, urging them to revise their plans to include only measures achievable by 31 August 2026 and to prepare for final payments by 31 December 2026.

With **over €335 billion still available**, the Commission stresses the need for accelerated implementation and offers a clear menu of options to optimise use of remaining funds.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

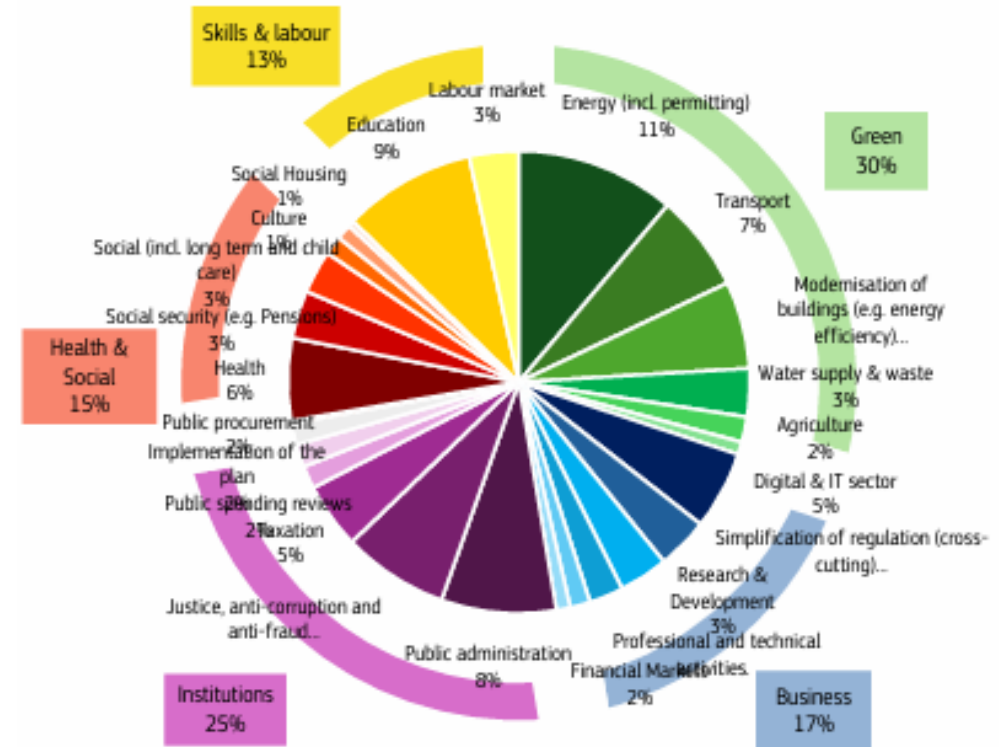


Figure 2: Overall distribution of reforms by key policy domains, in % of total number of reforms (total= 1,131) (°)

Matchmaking in UAE Event 2025 – 1-3 October 2025



The [EU-UAE Matchmaking Event](#) will take place in Dubai from 1–3 October 2025, organised by the European Commission via the ECCP alongside UAE authorities and in the context of WETEX. It aims to foster cluster and business cooperation in sectors such as clean energy, water management, green mobility, smart cities, and agrifood. Up to **20 EU cluster representatives will be funded**. The first application deadline is **25 June 2025**, with two additional cut-offs if places remain.

[MORE INFO](#)

Matchmaking in India – 29-31 October 2025

The EU–India Matchmaking Event aims to foster collaboration between **European clusters, SMEs**, and Indian partners in key industries, including renewable/clean energy & storage, smart grid and energy infrastructure, electric mobility, and green finance and investment support.

! For Clusters: Financial support is available for up to 20 EU clusters, covering travel, accommodation, and registration **(reimbursement for 1 representative per cluster)**

! For SMEs: Participation costs are at **their own expense**. However, selected SMEs will benefit from free access to the Renewable Energy India Expo 2025 and will be informed about available discounted rates for accommodation and flights.

[**REGISTER NOW**](#)



Matchmaking in Taiwan – 21-23 October 2025



The [EU – Taiwan Matchmaking Event](#) will take place on-site in Taipei, Taiwan, during the week of 21–23 October 2025, held in the context of European Innovation Week and alongside TAITRONICS & AIoT Taiwan. The event will focus on sectors such as AI, robotics, sustainable energy, industrial IoT, semiconductors, and the circular economy.

Matchmaking in Vietnam – 4-6 November 2025



The [EU – Vietnam Matchmaking Event](#) will take place on-site in Bac Ninh, Vietnam, during the week of 4–6 November 2025 in the context of the **Vietnam Industrial & Manufacturing Fair**.

Don't miss this opportunity to engage directly with Vietnamese industry leaders and clusters and explore new collaboration opportunities in advanced manufacturing and industrial innovation



ECCP Events 2025



Online EU Clusters Talks

Biweekly: Wednesdays at 8:30 CET



Rzeszów, Poland

Clusters meet Regions | **3-4 June**



Cairo, Egypt

ECCP Matchmaking | **16-18 June**



Foligno, Italy

Clusters meet Regions | **24-25 June**



Cluj, Romania

Clusters meet Regions | **1-2 July**
& ECCP Matchmaking



Ajdovščina, Slovenia

Clusters meet Regions | **10-11 September**



Vaasa, Finland

Clusters meet Regions | **24-25 September**



Dubai, United Arab Emirates

ECCP Matchmaking | **1-3 October**



New Delhi & Greater Noida, India

ECCP Matchmaking | **29-31 October**



Taipei, Taiwan

ECCP Matchmaking | **21-23 October (tbc)**



Hanoi, Vietnam

ECCP Matchmaking | **4-6 November (tbc)**



Regensburg, Germany

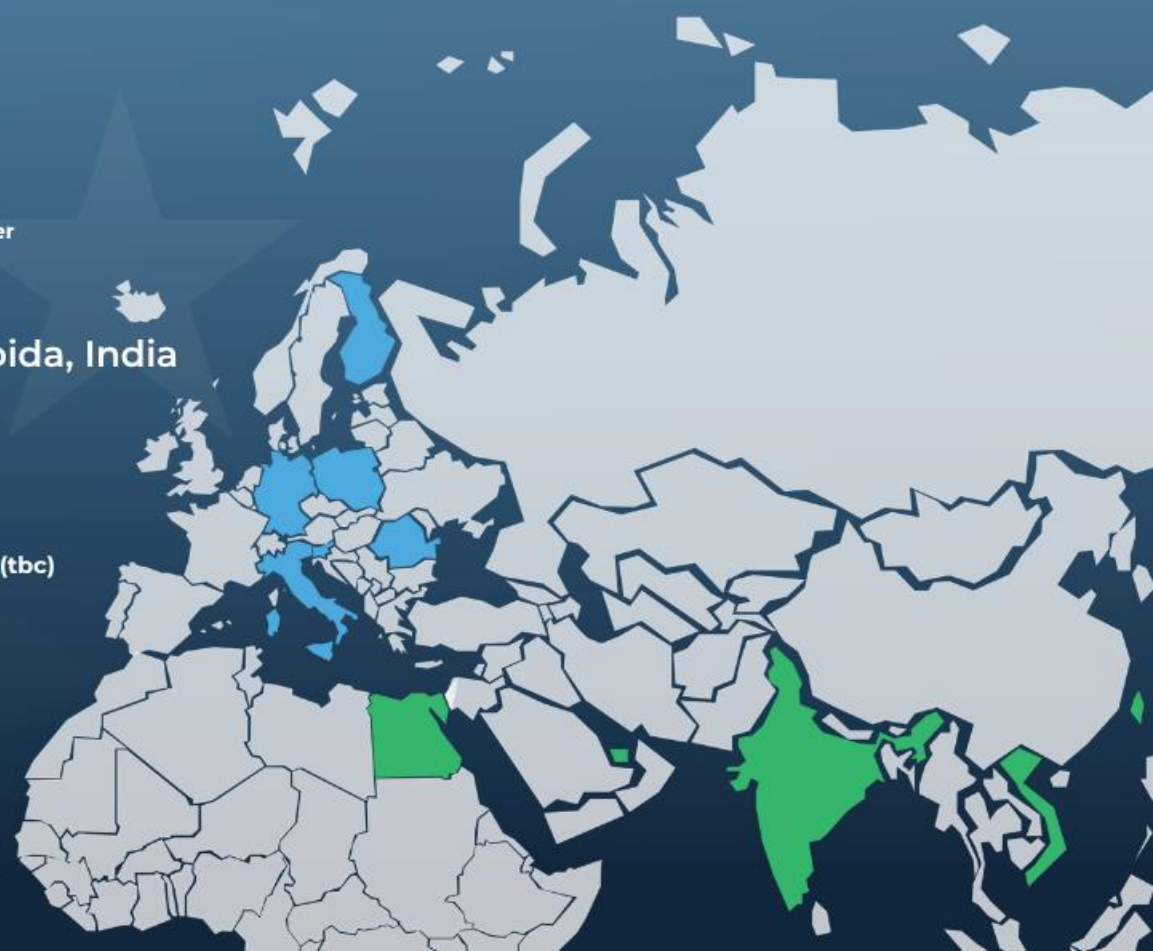
Clusters meet Regions | **26-27 November**



Clusters Meet Regions



ECCP Matchmaking International



Key messages from the EU Industry Days

Jitka Vocaskova, Policy Officer, DG GROW, European Commission



5 - 6 June _____ Rzeszów

EU INDUSTRY DAYS 2025

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KEY FIGURES

PARTICIPANTS

- 4550 participants
- 950 participants onsite
- 3600 online viewers
- 44 nationalities

SESSIONS

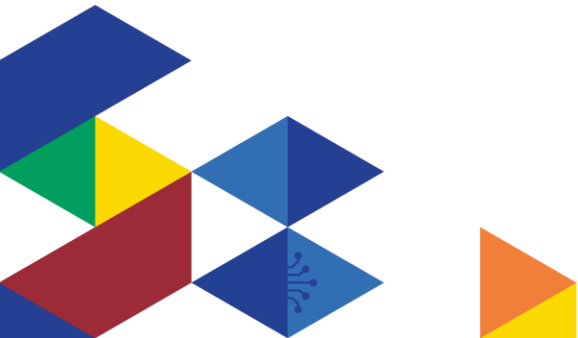
- 31 sessions
- 11 speeches
- 180 speakers

SIDE ACTIVITIES

- 27 exhibition stands
- 12 initiatives at Meet-the-Experts Corner
- 80 matchmaking meetings booked

EVENT COVERAGE

- 484 120 social media impressions
- 15 075 website views



KEY TOPICS

Competitiveness and decarbonisation

- Business case for decarbonisation
- Regulatory conditions
- Market conditions
- Investment needs

Innovation

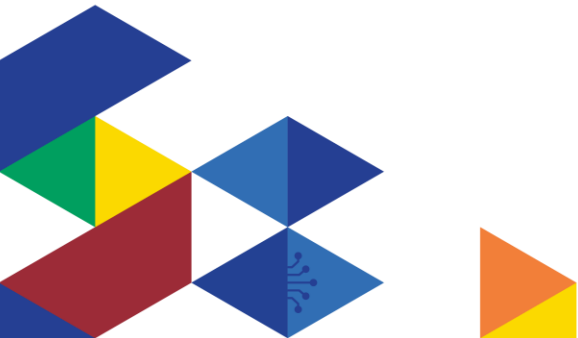
- Bridging the lab-to-market gap
- Spurring innovation-based competitiveness
- Support for start-ups and scale-ups

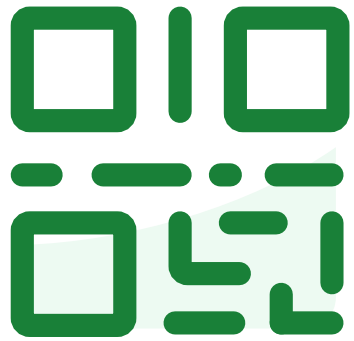
Single Market and simplification agenda

- Enabling the potential of the SM
- Reducing SM barriers, cutting red tape

Economic and military security

- Strengthening EU value chains for defence and security
- Securing and diversifying supply chains
- Advancing support and cooperation with Ukraine





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Did you attend the EU Industry Days 2025?



Which of the three main themes of EU Industry Days 2025 is most relevant to your organisation activities?



**In one word, what best describes your
takeaway from EU Industry Days 2025?**



Which topics should be discussed at the next EU Industry Days?

Panel debate

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Supporting the clean energy transition of European industry and businesses

- This call aims to support coordination and support actions that accelerate **the clean energy transition** across Europe by promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy uptake, and climate neutrality.
- Target key areas:
 - Building renovation
 - Decarbonisation of industry and heating systems
 - Energy skills and financing solutions
 - Addressing energy poverty, contributing to the EU's 2030 energy and climate targets and the European Green Deal.
- Topic ID: LIFE-2025-CET-INDUSTRY
- Deadline: 23 September 2025
- Published on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Advanced manufacturing technologies for leadership of EU manufacturers in products for the net-zero industry

- The objective of the call is to boost the EU's strategic autonomy and clean tech capacity through advanced manufacturing technologies for **net-zero industries**.
- Focus areas:
 - **Manufacturing for strategic net-zero technologies**
 - **Additive & advanced manufacturing, automation, surface processing**
 - **Digital twins, circularity, and low environmental impact**
- Proposals must include a strong **business case and exploitation strategy** to demonstrate their market potential and path to industrial deployment. The business case should outline the targeted market, user needs, competitive advantage, and expected impact in the EU.
- Topic ID: HORIZON-CL4-INDUSTRY-2025-01-TWIN-TRANSITION-05
- Deadline: 23 September 2025
- Published on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Additional activities for the European Partnership Water Security for the Planet (Water4All)

- This call supports the demonstration of innovative, cost-effective solutions to fully replace fossil fuels in industrial plants with high heating demands by locally integrating **renewable energy sources**
- Projects should enhance energy efficiency, process flexibility, and storage, while reducing emissions and reliance on the electricity grid.
- The solution must be **physically demonstrated** in an industrial setting, scalable, and tailored to meet the common needs of the sector across the EU and Associated Countries.
- Proposals must include a **strong business model** and exploitation strategy to support broad deployment and ensure competitiveness.
- Topic ID: HORIZON-CL5-2026-02-D4-06
- Planned opening date: 16 September 2025
- Deadline 17 February 2026
- Published on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

Register for the next Talks

25 June

Launch. Grow. Lead: The EU Strategy for Startups and Scaleups

2 July

Single Market Strategy

... summer break

Continue the discussion



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