

PROGRAMME

7 MAY 2024

08.30 - 09.00

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

WARMING UP

09.00 - 09.45

Antonio Novo, President of the European Clusters Alliance
Jan-Philippe Kramer, Team Leader, Data and Policy, European Cluster Collaboration Platform, Prognos
Teodora Jilkova, International Relations & Business Development, Cluster Veritas – Services of the European Cluster Collaboration Platform

09.45 - 10.00

WELCOME ADDRESS

Thierry Breton, European Commissioner for Internal Market (video message)

PANEL SESSION - CLUSTERS FOR EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS: BUILDING NEW AND RESHAPING EXISTING VALUE CHAINS

10.00 - 11.15

Mark Andries, General Administrator, Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship (VLAIO)
Christian Ketels, Director and Co-Chair of Innovation Fund Denmark, and Senior Advisor of House of Governance at Stockholm School of Economics
Montse Daban, President of the Council of European Bioregions (CEBR)
Bianca Muntean, Transilvania ICT Cluster,
Andrea Barbagelata, SME Counsellor for Aerospace, Security and Defence Industries Association of Europe
Moderator: Kerstin Jorna, Director General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

11.15 - 11.45

COFFEE BREAK

PANEL SESSION - BEING FIT FOR THE NEXT EU MANDATE: CLUSTERS AS HOTSPOTS FOR ATTRACTING INVESTMENTS

11.45 - 12.45

Ole Janssen, Deputy Director General for Innovation and Technology Policy at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action
Pierre-Alexandre Balland, Professor at Utrecht University and Research Fellow at the Center for Complex Systems Studies
Veronique Willems, Secretary-General, SMEUnited
Kristina Šermukšnytė-Alešiūnienė, Vice-President of the European Clusters Alliance
Isabelle Grippa, Chief Executive Officer, hub.brussels
Moderator: Jakub Boratynski, Director for Networks and Governance, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission

12.45 - 14.15

LUNCH

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PARALLEL SESSION 1 - GREEN TRANSITION

Kirsten Dunlop, Chief Executive Officer, EIT Climate-KIC

14.15 - 16.00

PARALLEL SESSION 2 - DIGITAL TRANSITION

Jens Verbeeck, CEO, Magics Technologies NV

PARALLEL SESSION 3 - RESILIENCE BUILDING

Olga Shapoval, Executive Director, Kharkiv IT Cluster

16.00 - 16.30

COFFEE BREAK

PARALLEL SESSION 1 - SKILLS

Alain Tubiana, Head of Master in Cluster Management and Regional Networks, University of Strasbourg, and Chairman of gnomon

16.30 - 18.00

PARALLEL SESSION 2 - FUNDING

Minna Martikainen, Professor and President of the University of Vaasa

PARALLEL SESSION 3 - TECHNOLOGY

Andrew Lynch, Chief Innovation Officer, Irish Manufacturing Research

18.00 - 18.30

WRAP-UP

18.30 - 20.00

NETWORKING DINNER

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| 08.30 - 09.00 | REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE |
| 09.00 - 09.15 | OPENING |
| 09.15 - 13.45 | MATCHMAKING |
| | PARALLEL SESSION 1 - METACLUSTERS - BUILDING NEW OR RESHAPING EXISTING VALUE CHAINS |
| 09.15 - 10.30 | <p><u>Mercedes Delgado</u>, Associate Professor of Strategy and Innovation at Copenhagen Business School <u>Thomas Röhr</u>, Secretary General, European Automotive Cluster Network <u>Veerle De Graef</u>, Program Manager, Flanders' FOOD; Established Office, SS4AF <u>Erasmia Dupenloup</u>, Chairwoman, Silicon Europe Alliance, and CEO of MINALOGIC <u>Silvia de los Santos Trigo</u>, Head of Aerospace & Production Andalusian Technological Corporation Moderator: <u>Carolina Garces</u>, Clusters of Sweden</p> |
| | PARALLEL SESSION 2 - CREATING SHARED VALUE THROUGH CLUSTERS, ALIGNING BUSINESS WITH SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENT |
| 09.15 - 10.30 | <p><u>Alberto Pezzi</u>, Clusters Senior Manager, ACCIÓ <u>Elisabetta Bracci</u>, Manager, Clust-ER Innovate <u>Ola Svedin</u>, Cluster Manager, Swedish Mobile Heights <u>Mykyta Fisenko</u>, Project Manager, "Molodvizh" Youth NGO and Coordinator of Youth Entrepreneurship Programs for European Youth Capital 2025 Moderator: <u>Lucia Seel</u>, General Manager, Lucia Seel International Consulting GmbH</p> |
| | PARALLEL SESSION 3 - STRENGTHENING THE EU'S DEFENCE, HEALTH, ENERGY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY |
| 10.30 - 11.45 | <p><u>Fernando Riza Fernandez</u>, Economist and Policy Analyst, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, OECD <u>Kaspar Richter</u>, Head of Unit, Sustainable Growth & Business Environment, Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support, European Commission <u>Frederik Loecx</u>, CEO of Flux50 <u>Adeline Gleizal</u>, EU & Innovation Project Manager, SAFE CLUSTER <u>Adrian van den Hoven</u>, Director General, Medicines for Europe Moderator: <u>Anais Le Corvec</u>, Network Manager, Council of European BioRegions (CEBR)</p> |
| | PARALLEL SESSION 4 - BOOSTING EU CLUSTERS' COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH INTERNATIONALISATION |
| 10.30 - 11.45 | <p><u>Silvia Brembati</u>, Project Manager, LE2C <u>Vladimir Gumilar</u>, Director, Construction Cluster of Slovenia <u>Louise Gubanski</u>, International Project Manager, Ecoliance RLP <u>Sara Martínez</u>, Business Development Manager, Fundación Hidrógeno Aragón <u>Rigo Belpaire</u>, Acting Head of Unit, Private Sector Engagement, Directorate-General for International Partnerships, European Commission Moderator: <u>Ander Gonzalez</u>, Basque Energy Cluster</p> |

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PARALLEL SESSION 5 - GRAND HALL 2 - DEVELOPING A SUCCESSFUL CLUSTER BUSINESS MODEL

12.15 - 13.45

Heikki Sirviö, Regional Development Manager, Regional Council of Pohjois-Savo
Barbara Gibbon, Director General, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada
Annie Renders, Head of Unit, Cluster Policy, VLAIO
Ásta Kristín Sigurjónsdóttir, CEO, Iceland Tourism Cluster
Nicolò Bertolini, Project Manager, Clust-ER Mech
Moderator: Victor Haze, Ecosystem Strategy Designer, Victor Haze Strategy Desig

PARALLEL SESSION 6 - COPPER FOYER - BOLSTERING START-UPS AND SCALE-UPS

12.15 - 13.45

Elise Descamps, Program Manager, imec.istart
Walter Eevers, Director of Research and Development, VITO
Andrey Kolodyuk, Founder and Managing Partner, AVentures Capital, Chairman of Ukrainian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association
Karine Clauwaert, Chief Executive Officer, ABSCINT
Moderator: Nicolas Brien, President, European Startup Network

13.45 - 14.00

WRAP-UP AND CLOSING SESSION

14.00 - 15.00

LUNCH

15.00 - 17.15

SITE VISIT TO GREEN ENERGY PARK, ZELIG