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Welcome to the May edition of our monthly newsletter!

This month we have several updates to share with our community, ranging from ECCP highlights, news from the European Commission, events from our partners and much more!

If you are on social media, please follow us to stay connected and updated.

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- EREK: Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter

ClusterXchange

This new pilot supports short-term exchanges to better connect industrial ecosystems across Europe.

There are four simple steps to participate! Take part today as our virtual exchanges have been extended to 31 August 2021!

Find out more

News

The Towards Green Transition Facility Winners are Announced!

Congratulations to the clusters that will receive support for their green initiatives. The intended benefits of the facility include improved resource efficiency, support and best practices for greener and more efficient supply chains.

Learn more

Horizon Europe is the **EU's key funding programme** for research and innovation.

With a budget of €95.5 bn, the initiative tackles **climate change**, helps to achieve the United Nations'

Trade fairs are a **key channel for clusters** to introduce their product to the new market, expand visibility and customer base, and seek partners for manufacturing, distribution, and retail.

Sustainable Development Goals and boosts the EU's competitiveness and growth. The programme currently has new open calls relevant for clusters.

Read more

Read the latest article from the China IPR SME Helpdesk to learn how to secure effective evidence at trade fairs.

Read more

The **EU Industrial Strategy** update is set to strengthen the resilience of the single market!

The updated Strategy responds to the lessons learned from the COVID-19 crisis to boost the recovery and enhance the EU's open strategic autonomy.

Read more

A new **Therapeutics Strategy for the EU** has been proposed.

The Strategy includes clear actions and targets, including authorising three new therapeutics to treat COVID-19 by October 2021 and possibly two more by end of the year.

Read more

The European Commission has welcomed the adoption of the **first single market programme**.

With **€4.2bn** allocated, the programme is set to support and strengthen the governance of the Single Market and promote competitiveness of SMEs.

Read more

The European Commission launches the Conference on the Future of Europe digital platform!

The platform is available in **24 languages**, allowing clusters to share and exchange their ideas and views through online events.

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The European Commission opens first European Innovation Council calls.

The funding, worth over €1bn, aims to help SMEs and is open to **breakthrough innovations** in any field. €495M is for innovations that support the **European Green Deal, digital and health technologies.**

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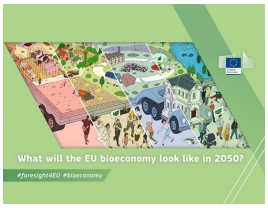

The European bioeconomy in 2050.

A team of six core experts have built **four alternative scenarios** and share how each scenario would contribute to the objectives of the **EU Bioeconomy Strategy** and to selected United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Read more

Community news

With over 1,200 clusters registered on the ECCP, we are proud to be supporting cluster organisations with collaboration opportunities to increase their visibility.

If you have not already updated your profile, now is the time to do so! By updating your profile, you can benefit from our new features and stay tuned for more exciting announcements coming soon!

Update your profile now

Events

Join the online event for EU SMEs

The Delegation of the European Union to Canada is organising a webinar on 'Taking advantage of public procurement opportunities in Canada.'

This training session on 19 May is geared towards European SMEs that are interested in **bidding for public procurement** contracts at various levels in Canada.

Sign up today

Registration is Now Open!

Join our 6th capacity building webinar on 19 May at 10:30 AM CET to learn how clusters are enablers of ecosystems and ways to engage stakeholders effectively.

Don't miss out - **register before 18 May**, 9 AM CET.

Register now

Register now for the upcoming events!

The platform covers a range of events from the ECCP, our partners and the cluster community across Europe and beyond.

Search upcoming events

European Cluster Partnerships Events

- One hour to reinforce your knowledge about the Copernicus Marine Service
  18 May
- Are universities at the heart of innovation and entrepreneurship?
  19 May
- MAGIA2Market webinar - The Kansai MedTech ecosystem
  19 May
- Online collaborative training for clusters: enhancing partner search & innovation funding
  21 May
- Circular Economy Powwow Online Event
  25 -26 May
- MAGIA2Market webinar - What makes a VC Fundable Company in the U.S.?
  25 May

See all community events

ECCP Community Events

- Clusters & Food - with Food & Agribusiness Network Australia
  20 May
- Smart Agrifood Industry Expo - deep tech innovation in the agri-food chain
  25 -26 May
- The Winning Days "Target zero pollution with Water Smart Territories"
  27 May
- Webinar Cleanest air in the world
  28 May
- Slovenian Wood & Furniture Industry Go International virtual B2B matchmaking event
  9 June
- Webinar Intellectual Property in the E-Mobility sector
  14 June
- Expandeo 2021! Where the market meets!
  16-17 June

See all partner events

Open Calls

Low Carbon Business Action: Calls Open now!

Is your cluster looking to do business in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, or Colombia? The Low Carbon Business Action LATAM currently have **15 open calls** for EU Greentech providers.

Apply now

European Innovation Procurement Awards

The European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) launched the first edition of the EU Innovation Procurement Awards (EUIP Awards) helping SMEs and start-ups across Europe to **bring their innovative products and services** to the market.

Find out more

Discover the latest open calls for your sector and programme. There are several open calls that have deadlines that are fast approaching:

- StandICT Fellowship Programme: Apply for the third open call
  Deadline: 18 May
- Galactica project first open call
  Deadline: 19 May
- Data 4 Healthy Recovery Hackathon: submit your idea now
  Deadline: 24 May
- Apply now to BlockStart's last open call
  Deadline: 26 May
- InvestHorizon: Last call for applications
  Deadline: 28 May

Search all open calls

Publications

Our assessment of European cluster capacity building needs is out

The report provides a topical overview of the capacity-building needs of European clusters and cluster managers, considering their key challenges and priorities for 2021. It builds on experiences and evidence collected on capacity-building activities in 2020, a dedicated Needs Survey among European cluster staff and additional supporting materials.

Read it now

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