



# EUCLUSTERS TALKS

## Private Capital, Big Impact: Financing Clusters

**16 October 2024**

08:30-09:45 CET

**Online**

# Agenda

1. News from the European Cluster Collaboration Platform  
**Ángela Negrete Benedí**, Team Member European Cluster Collaboration Platform
2. Presentation InvestEU – SME window  
**Albena Taneva**, DG GROW, European Commission
3. Presentation on venture capital in the European Union  
**Lucrezia Lo Sordo**, Senior Research Officer, Invest Europe
4. Panel debate  
**Régis Hamelin**, Pôle ALPHA RLH, CTO, Blumorpho  
**Stamatiki Kritas**, Manager Director, CEBR – Council of European Bioregions  
**Thomas Krogh Jensen**, CEO, Copenhagen Fintech  
**Mateo Djouadi**, European Projects and Sustainable Finance, Pôle Finance Innovation
5. Funding opportunities  
**Ángela Negrete Benedí**, Team Member European Cluster Collaboration Platform

# Housekeeping rules

Jennifer Baker, 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

# Apply for the next Cluster Booster Academy

The [Academy](#) will involve up to **50 participants** and will run for **5 days** in a hybrid format including an individual coaching session in between:

## 3 days of online training sessions:

6 November: from 10 AM to 2 PM CET  
11 November: from 10 AM to 2 PM CET  
15 November: from 10 AM to 2 PM CET

**EXTENDED DEADLINE:  
23 October 2024**

**1 coaching session** to be scheduled individually

**2 days of in-person training sessions:** 3-4 March 2025, hosted at the Warsaw University of Technology

1. Provide **learning opportunities for cluster managers** to further develop their skills
2. Meet the needs of European cluster management teams in their **daily work**
3. Offer cluster management teams the chance to **learn from each other's experiences**
4. Provide the opportunity to co-shape **new European value chains**
5. Support cluster management teams and stakeholders in understanding and **contributing to the European policies and programmes**
6. Help in **developing better policy related to clusters**
7. Improve the **skills of clusters' staff** thanks to a “train the trainers” approach by disseminating their knowledge further



# Save the date for the upcoming Clusters meet Regions!



We invite you to join our “Clusters meet Regions” – transnational events that bring together **clusters and policymakers** at the local, regional, and national levels, with the aim of strengthening the industrial ecosystem in a selected host region.

The events facilitate the **implementation of good practices** where clusters play an active role in regional economies and are drivers for economic transition, and to create and promote **collaboration** between clusters and regional stakeholders for the industrial development of the regions.

# How has STEP initiative fueled your Cluster Organization? Give us your feedback!

Have you applied for EU funding or looked into available EU funding opportunities lately? The **European Commission wants to hear** about your experiences to help improve access to these funds. We invite you to share your insights through this brief survey: [EU Funding Research](#).

Tell the European Commission' about any challenges you faced, what factors influence your decision to submit a proposal, and how we can better support you. **Your feedback is crucial** in making the funding process smoother and more effective. We appreciate your input!

 **DEADLINE 20  
OCTOBER 2024 COB**



# Save the date for the upcoming EU-UKRAINE Investment Conference



Organised in **Warsaw** on **13-14 November** by the **European Commission and the Government of Ukraine** as part of [the 4th ReBuild Ukraine International Exhibition in Warsaw](#), it will mobilise private investment towards Ukraine's recovery, reconstruction and modernization.

The event will showcase first results of the EU's Ukraine Investment Framework, foster EU-Ukraine business partnerships and take stock of Ukraine's integration into the EU Single Market and business environment reforms.

- If you want to take part in the Investment conference (attendance upon availability of spots) and workshops (for any workshops that you are interested) please reach out to [EU-UkraineB2B@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EU-UkraineB2B@ec.europa.eu)
- Opportunity to take part in [matchmaking sessions](#) for EU and Ukrainian businesses.



# InvestEU – How it works?

**Albena Taneva,**  
DG GROW, European Commission



# InvestEU SME window

EU Clusters Talk, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

*European Commission*

*Albena Taneva, Unit 'Access to Finance',  
DG GROW*

# InvestEU Programme: an overview



## THE INVESTEU FUND

Mobilising public and private investment using guarantees from the EU budget.



## THE INVESTEU ADVISORY HUB

Providing technical advice to investment projects seeking financing.

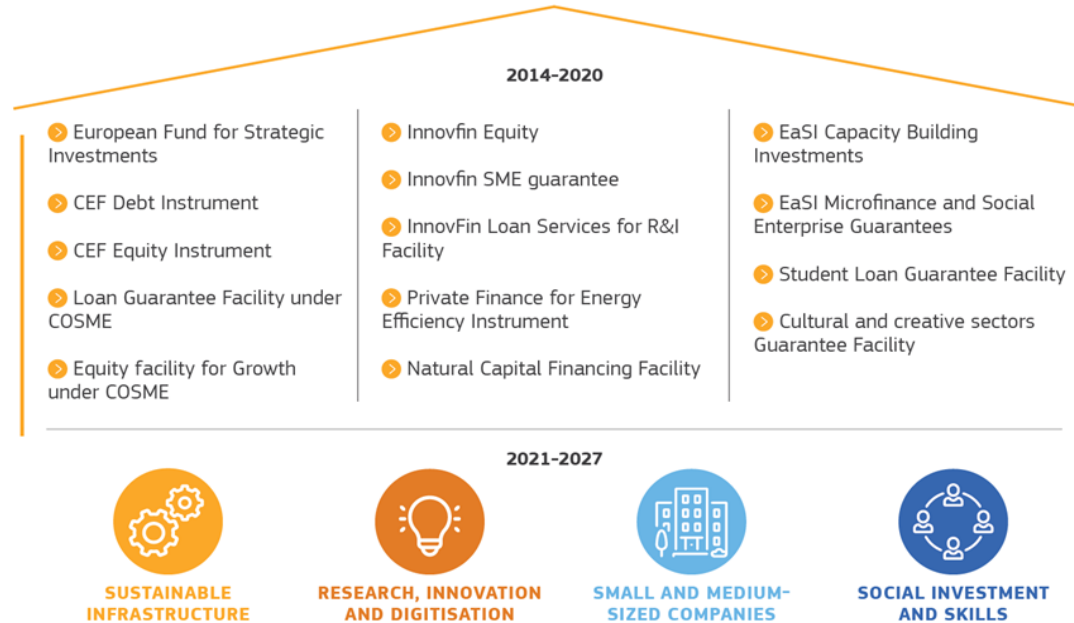


## THE INVESTEU PORTAL

An easily-accessible database bringing together projects and investors.

## InvestEU Fund:

- Single fund bringing together the many different EU-level financial instruments
- **EUR 26,2 billion** EU budgetary guarantee
- Mobilise **EUR 372 billion** in additional investment across Europe, of which 30% to contribute to climate objectives



# InvestEU Fund

€26.2bn  
InvestEU Fund

to mobilise



# InvestEU Advisory Hub



InvestEU Advisory Hub complements the InvestEU Fund by supporting the identification, preparation and development of investment projects

Advisory services offered:

## **1. Project advisory**

- Project identification/generation
- Project preparation & development
- Planning & implementation of investment projects
- Financial structuring
- Establishment of investment platforms and blending facilities

## **2. Capacity building**

- Strengthening capacity and investment readiness of organizations
- Environmental and/or social sustainability structuring and impact assessments
- Procurement and compatibility with State Aid rules

## **3. Market development**

- Market development activities
- Communication and awareness raising

# InvestEU Portal => bringing together investors with project promoters

The screenshot shows the InvestEU Portal website. At the top, it says "European Commission > InvestEU Portal". Below that is the "InvestEU Portal" header with the tagline "The EU Matchmaking Portal". A light blue banner contains the text: "Success Stories: [Watch](#) the testimonials of some of the companies who have received financing after being published on the InvestEU Portal." Below this is a video player showing a man speaking, with a play button in the center. To the right of the video is the section "About the InvestEU Portal" with two paragraphs of text. At the bottom, there are four buttons: "SEARCH ALL PROJECTS" (1112 investment opportunities to choose from), "ADD YOUR PROJECT", "REGISTER AS AN INVESTOR", "FIND INFRASTRUCTURE AND INNOVATION PROJECTS", and "FIND START-UP AND SME PROJECTS".

European Commission > InvestEU Portal

## InvestEU Portal

The EU Matchmaking Portal

Success Stories: [Watch](#) the testimonials of some of the companies who have received financing after being published on the InvestEU Portal.

### About the InvestEU Portal

Are you a project promoter based in the EU, and want to reach potential investors worldwide? Register your project in the InvestEU Portal and boost its visibility to a large network of international investors! Start today by submitting your project below.

Or are you an investor looking for investment opportunities in areas such as energy efficiency, transport, healthcare, renewable energy, broadband infrastructure or in financing SMEs? The InvestEU Portal will offer you a broad choice of viable projects.

**SEARCH ALL PROJECTS**  
1112 investment opportunities to choose from

**ADD YOUR PROJECT**

**REGISTER AS AN INVESTOR**

FIND INFRASTRUCTURE AND INNOVATION PROJECTS

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EU-based projects

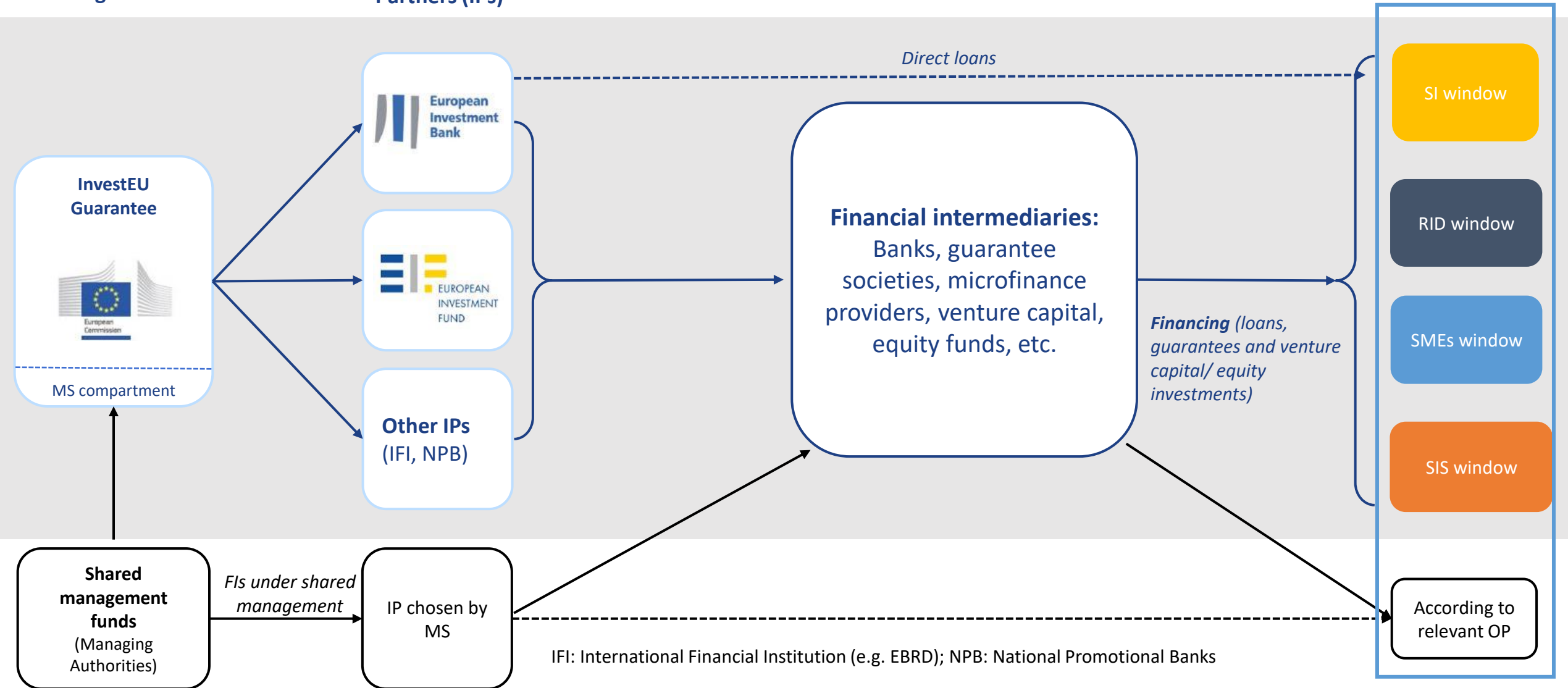
International Investors

# Implementation scheme

Programmes

Implementing Partners (IPs)

Beneficiaries



# SME window



# The SME window of InvestEU – calls are published by EIF

Guarantee products

Guarantee products – calls for expression of interest

Equity products

Equity products – calls for expression of interest

## The EIF and InvestEU

Helping to achieve InvestEU objectives by crowding in private funding and supporting Europe's small businesses

### Our role

InvestEU brings a new wave of finance for innovation and job creation in Europe. We are proud to be a major InvestEU implementing partner and help deliver support to smaller companies across Europe.

We will be leveraging €11bn of InvestEU Fund resources and attract additional private investments through guarantee and equity risk sharing instruments aiming to mobilise €145bn in investments benefiting SMEs, small mid-caps and mid-caps, infrastructure projects, individuals.



### InvestEU products managed by the EIF

Our aim is to help maximize the reach & impact of public resources whilst focusing on key policy areas that are important for InvestEU. To achieve this, the EIF will use its proven risk sharing instruments that have, over the years, delivered up to 13x leverage on initial funds.

Our InvestEU toolkit includes (counter) guarantees, equity investments, and capacity building investments.

Furthermore, advisory support will be offered alongside InvestEU products in cooperation with EIB Advisory services.

### InvestEU financing – who is it for?

With InvestEU, we are able to offer targeted finance for a range of beneficiaries, from the EIF's traditional focus on smaller



# EIF portfolio guarantee products

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Adapted  
(ex COSME Loan  
Guarantee Facility)



*Enterprises perceived as high risk (or lacking collateral) to improve the competitiveness of European enterprises*

*(including new solvency support)*

Adapted  
(ex InnovFin SME  
Guarantee Facility)



*Innovation and digitalization-driven enterprises to help drive Europe's economic growth and global competitiveness*

Continued  
(ex cultural and Creative  
Sector Guarantee Facility)



*Enterprises to support a thriving, agile and profitable European creative and cultural space, & one which is adaptable to change*

**NEW**



*Sustainable enterprises as well as green investments contributing to the green and sustainable transformation of Europe*

*(Taxonomy inspired!)*

# Equity products\*

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\*EIF Joint products between SME and RID window, investment capacity of over € 6 billion

**Capital  
Market  
Union  
support**

*Promote an integrated European capital market, provide diversification of sources of financing & strengthen solvency of enterprises*

**Enabling  
sectors**

*Support crucial sectors which can sustain the EU as a independent and autonomous economy*

**Climate &  
environmental  
solution**

*Boost support for R&D upscaling & commercialisation of solutions that contribute to the EU Green Deal*

**Digital &  
Cultural and  
Creative  
Sector**

*Strengthen the EU's competitiveness, digital independence strategic autonomy*

# InvestEU: How to apply – businesses

- [www.access2finance.eu](http://www.access2finance.eu)



Select region  
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 - Any -

Company category  
 Show all

Amount of finance  
 Show all

Type of finance  
 Loan/ Guarantee  Equity/ Venture capital

Investment focus  
 Covid 19 - EU support x

Sources of finance  
 Choose some options

Keyword search

Search PDF

Displaying 4 results

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Financial Intermediaries	Region Of Activity	Type Of Finance	Amount Of Finance	Investment Focus	Additional Information	Sources Of Finance
Participatiefonds Vlaanderen (Flemish Participation Fund) 	VLAAMS GEWEST	Loan/ Guarantee	> 25.000 € < 7.500.000 €	Covid 19 - EU support, All sectors/ general, Research, development, innovation, Start-up, early stage		InnovFin, EFSI



Financing from EU financing programmes (2014-2020) still available to businesses

**Thank you for  
your attention!**



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InvestEU: <https://investeu.europa.eu/>

Access to finance: [www.access2finance.eu](http://www.access2finance.eu)

# Presentation on venture capital in the European Union

**Lucrezia Lo Sordo,**  
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# VC ecosystem in Europe: Connections, Barriers and Priorities

**Lucrezia Lo Sordo**  
Senior Research Officer

EU Cluster Talk “Private Capital, Big Impact: Financing Clusters”

16<sup>th</sup> October 2024



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ABOUT US

## The voice of private capital

### Who we are

Invest Europe is the association representing Europe's private equity, venture capital and infrastructure sectors, as well as their investors.

Invest Europe's role is to build global understanding and awareness of private equity, and to make a constructive contribution to policy affecting our membership in Europe.

We do this by explaining how private equity operates and its social and economic value. We contribute proactively and collaboratively to policy which affects European private capital investment.

Invest Europe is the most authoritative source of data, research and insight on private equity, shining a light on the industry's activity in Europe. We promote best practice and the highest standards of professional conduct through our professional standards guidelines and training. And we create must-attend events to foster valuable connections and facilitate the sharing of ideas and information throughout the industry.

# Introduction to Invest Europe

## Introduction to Invest Europe

Who we are

Invest Europe is the  
**voice of investors**  
in privately held  
companies in Europe

- > Invest Europe is the association representing Europe's private equity, venture capital and infrastructure sectors, as well as their investors. We have over 650 members, split roughly equally between private equity, venture capital and limited partners - with some 110 associate members representing advisers to our ecosystem. Those members are based in 57 countries, including 42 in Europe, and manage 60% of the European private equity and venture capital industry's €1,154 billion of capital under management. Businesses with private capital investment employ 10.9 million people across Europe, 5% of the region's workforce.
- > Our members take a long-term approach to investing in privately held companies, from start-ups to established firms. They inject not only capital but dynamism, innovation and expertise. This commitment helps deliver strong and sustainable growth, resulting in healthy returns for Europe's leading pension funds and insurers, to the benefit of the millions of European citizens who depend on them.
- > Invest Europe aims to make a constructive contribution to policy affecting private capital investment in Europe. We provide information to the public on our members' role in the economy. Our research provides the most authoritative source of data on trends and developments in our industry.
- > Invest Europe is the guardian of the industry's professional standards, demanding accountability, good governance and transparency from our members.
- > Invest Europe is a non-profit organisation with 29 employees in Brussels, Belgium.
- > For more information please visit [www.investeurope.eu](https://www.investeurope.eu/)

## Introduction to Invest Europe

The European Data Cooperative (EDC)

The EDC is the **most comprehensive database** of European private equity and venture capital statistics

4,200+ Firms

12,100+ Funds

1000,300+ Portfolio companies

383,000+ Transactions

- > The European Data Cooperative (EDC) is a joint initiative which is owned & operated by Invest Europe and its national association partners to collect Europe-wide private equity and venture capital industry data.
- > The EDC serves as a single data entry point for members of private equity and venture capital associations and other contributors across the continent.
- > Using one platform with a standardised methodology allows us to have consistent, robust pan-European statistics that are comparable across the region.
- > Audit efforts are conducted in close coordination with data contributors and partnering national associations to ensure the best coverage and consistent application of methodology.
- > As a result we produce the most comprehensive overview of Europe's private equity and venture capital markets available, allowing us to better inform fund managers, investors, policymakers, regulators, and other stakeholders.
- > Invest Europe processes all available information at the time of the data collection cut-off to produce its annual statistics. Any differences between Invest Europe's statistics and those of other associations partnering in the EDC may be related to different reporting approaches, restatements and timing of data collection cut-offs.
- > The most recent data publications are always available on Invest Europe's website ([www.investeurope.eu/research](https://www.investeurope.eu/research)) or by contacting the research team ([research@investeurope.eu](mailto:research@investeurope.eu)).
- > Invest Europe members and data contributors are eligible to receive dedicated research and data support from our research team. Please contact us at [research@investeurope.eu](mailto:research@investeurope.eu) to find out more about how to use this service.

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# The hottest VC hubs in Europe

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Gender lens  
edition



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YEARS

Data-driven insights about European  
VC and its gender diversity trends

## The geography of VC hubs

VC Factor 3 (2007-2021)

- **Geography:** we geolocate start-ups and VC firms according to their city.
- **FUA(Functional Urban Area):** a city and its interconnected suburbs, forming a cohesive urban region where economic, social, and demographic interactions take place.
- 613 FUAs have at least one active start-up/VC firm in the period 2007 –21.
- **Network analysis:** a network is a formal way to represent a group of individual objects that are connected to each other, forming a larger system. In our case, the individual objects are the VC hubs (i.e., the FUAs) and the connections are the VC investments that link these hubs.

2,824  
VC firms



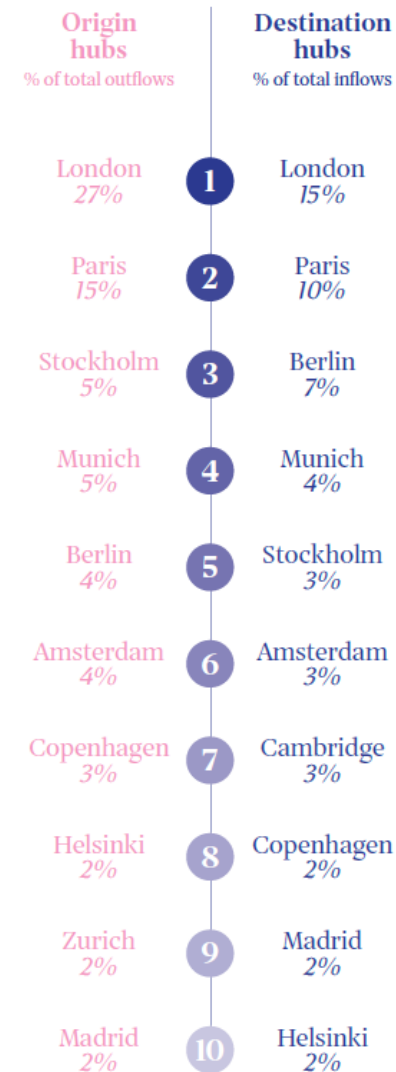
35,310  
start-ups



## Top 10 origination and destination hubs for VC

VC Factor 3 (2007-2021)

- Volumes are more concentrated on the originating side than on start-ups.
  - Top 10 **origin hubs** are responsible for a substantial **69%** of the total investment distributed.
  - Top 10 **destination hubs** account for **51%** of the total investment received.
- Two-thirds of total investment volumes involve two different (but not necessarily distant) hubs.



## Top 10 central hubs for VC - trends and differences

VC Factor 3 (2007-2021)

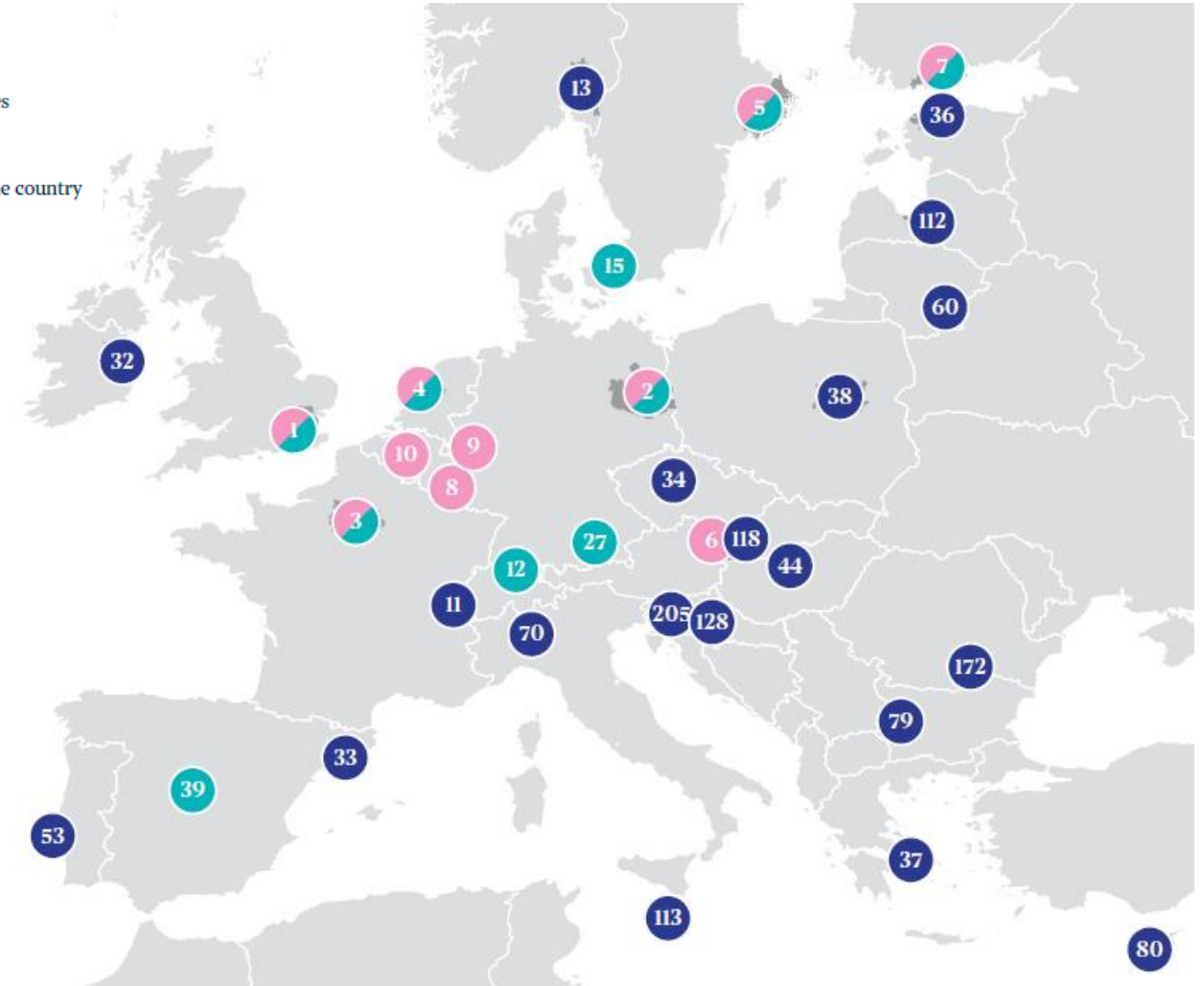
- Temporal trends (2007-2021):
  - More connections.
  - In times of low overall activity, the ecosystem shrinks to its most resilient “core”, composed of highly transitive hubs that can benefit from a faster diffusion of investment opportunities.
- Investment stages:
  - Early-stage network appears more interconnected than later-stage.
- Sectoral differences:
  - ICT has more reciprocated connections.
  - Biotech exhibits higher transitivity.

# Top 10 most influential “origin” hubs for VC

VC Factor 3 (2007-2021)

Origin IVI	Hub	Origin IVI	Hub
1	London	37	Athens
2	Berlin	38	Warsaw
3	Paris	39	Madrid
4	Amsterdam	44	Budapest
5	Stockholm	53	Lisbon
6	Vienna	60	Vilnius
7	Helsinki	70	Milan
8	Luxembourg	79	Sofia
9	Cologne	80	Limassol
10	Brussels	112	Riga
12	Zurich	113	Valletta
13	Oslo	118	Bratislava
15	Copenhagen	128	Zagreb
27	Munich	172	Bucharest
32	Dublin	205	Ljubljana
33	Barcelona		
34	Prague		
36	Tallinn		

- Top 10 by IVI and volumes
- Top 10 by IVI only
- Top 10 by volumes only
- Most influential hub in the country



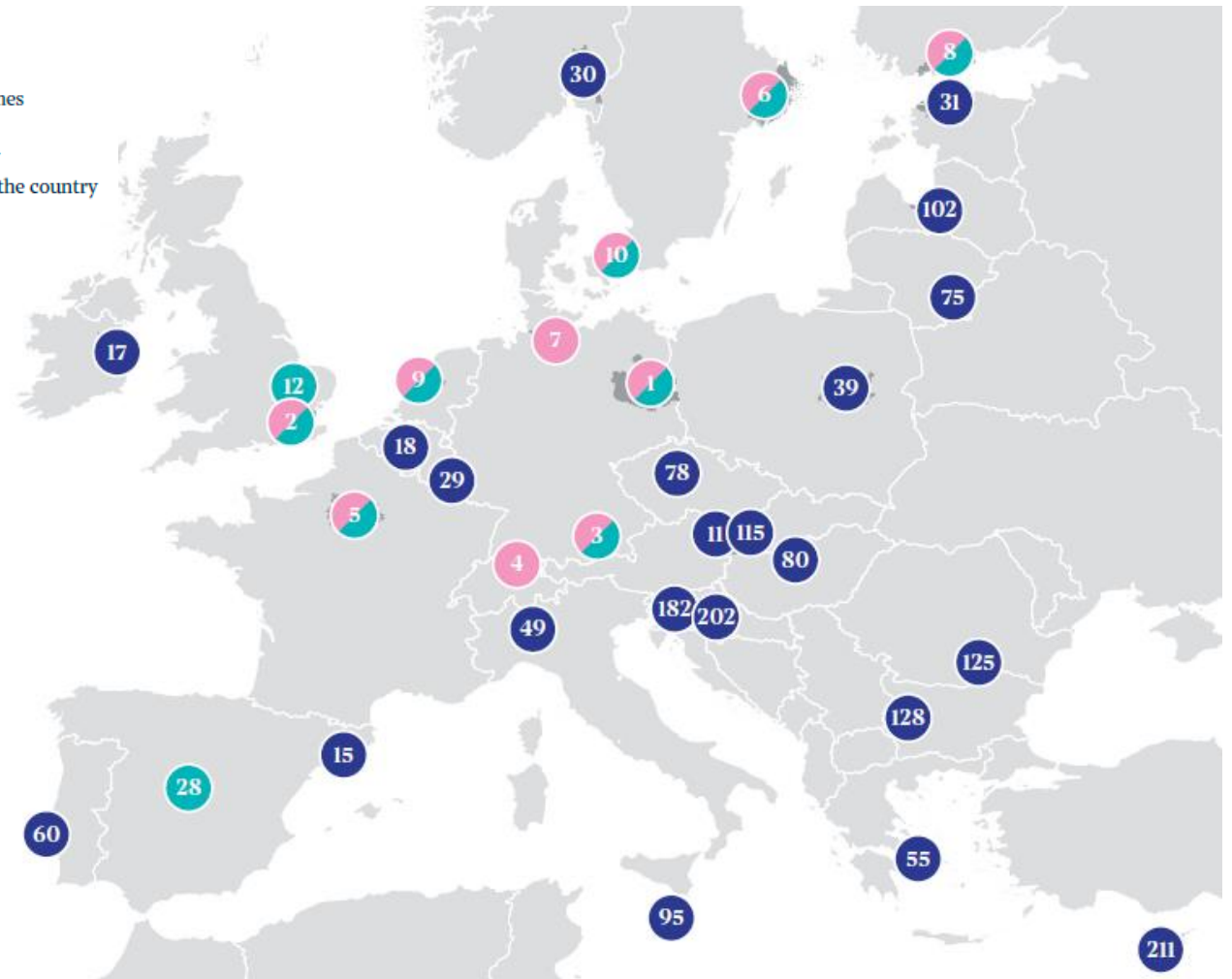


# Top 10 most influential “destination” hubs for VC

VC Factor 3 (2007-2021)

Destination IVI	Hub	Destination IVI	Hub
1	Berlin	31	Tallinn
2	London	39	Warsaw
3	Munich	49	Milan
4	Zurich	55	Athens
5	Paris	60	Lisbon
6	Stockholm	75	Vilnius
7	Hamburg	78	Prague
8	Helsinki	80	Budapest
9	Amsterdam	95	Valletta
10	Copenhagen	102	Riga
11	Vienna	115	Bratislava
12	Cambridge	125	Bucharest
15	Barcelona	128	Sofia
17	Dublin	182	Ljubljana
18	Brussels	202	Zagreb
28	Madrid	211	Limassol
29	Luxembourg		
30	Oslo		

- Top 10 by IVI and volumes
- Top 10 by IVI only
- Top 10 by volumes only
- Most influential hub in the country



Next steps:  
facilitating cross-  
border investments  
in Europe

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# FORWARD

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## What Europe needs

More and better investment in key sectors allowing innovation to drive Europe's place in the world.

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## What we provide

Long-term financing for the most innovative, leading firms that drive change and competition both in Europe and globally.

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## Our 12 priorities

The detailed changes that European policymakers should prioritise in the coming five years to bring about real change.

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## Delivering the European transition

Our 12 priorities for a  
more competitive union

## Current barriers

- Barriers:
  1. Not easy for fund managers to operate cross-border.
  2. Current rules disincentivise long-term equity investments by institutional investors.
  3. Not enough programs for talent mobility and the digitalisation of Europe.

## Priority 1: improve the cross-border investment environment

- Barriers:

- 1. Not easy for fund managers to operate cross-border.**
2. Current rules disincentivise long-term equity investments by institutional investors.
3. Not enough programs for talent mobility and the digitalisation of Europe.

- Priorities:

1. Map existing legislative or monetary barriers that prevent managers from operating cross-border.
2. Introduce the opportunity of opt-in EU supervision for funds that wish to have a European strategy.
3. Give European Supervisory Authorities a new structure and additional tools to tackle existing barriers.
4. Widen the existing venture capital regime (EuVECA) to allow all venture and growth funds supporting start-ups and scale-ups to operate more easily cross-border.
5. Secure tax policies that are simple to adhere to (uniform withholding tax system).

## Priority 2: attract more institutional investors

- Barriers:

1. Not easy for fund managers to operate cross-border.
- 2. Current rules disincentivise long-term equity investments by institutional investors.**
3. Not enough programs for talent mobility and the digitalisation of Europe.

- Priorities:

1. Take down barriers that prevent pension funds and insurers from financing our digital and climate transition.

## Priority 3: talent mobility and digitalisation

- Barriers:

1. Not easy for fund managers to operate cross-border.
2. Current rules disincentivise long-term equity investments by institutional investors.
3. **Not enough programs for talent mobility and the digitalisation of Europe.**

- Priorities:

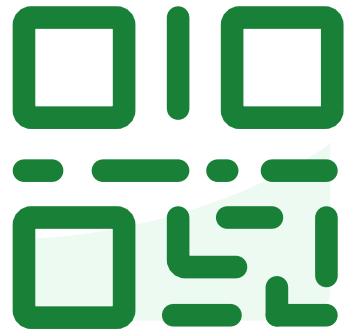
1. Start-up visas.
2. Programs for young people to boost entrepreneurship skills and culture.
3. Promote tax incentives for investments in start-ups and scale-ups, including taxation of stock options designed to attract or retain talent.

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**What kind of capabilities/expertise would a cluster need to facilitate its members' access to private finance?**

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**What is the main challenge your cluster faces when facilitating access to private funding for your members?**

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**What kind of actions would help build capacity to facilitate members' access to investment funds?**

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# Panel debate

**Régis Hamelin**, Pôle ALPHA RLH, CTO, Blumorpho

**Stamatiki Kritas**, Manager Director, CEBR – Council of European Bioregions

**Thomas Krogh Jensen**, CEO, Copenhagen Fintech

**Mateo Djouadi**, European Projects and Sustainable Finance, Pôle Finance Innovation

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

# Non-thematic development actions by SMEs

- Projects must contribute to the following outcome:
  - **Innovative and cost-effective defence solutions** that enhance readiness, deployability, reliability, safety, and sustainability of defence forces.
  - **Increased involvement of SMEs** in the European defence ecosystem, boosting innovation capacity across Europe.
  - **Application of groundbreaking technologies** and novel concepts, including those adapted from civil applications to defence.
  - **Potential for future market creation** by facilitating access of SMEs to defence markets and supply chains.
  - **Strengthened European defence supply chains** and technological ecosystems, contributing to a competitive and resilient European defence industrial base.
- Topic ID: EDF-LS EDF Lump Sum Grants
- Deadline: 05 November 2024
- Published on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

# Open Topic

- This call invites proposals that leverage Copernicus data, services, and technologies to **enhance disaster risk reduction**
- Proposals should address:
  - **Innovative answers:** Tackle new or unforeseen challenges and enhance interactions among stakeholders all through disasters now not blanketed by using preceding calls (2021-2024).
  - **Public engagement:** Enhance situational consciousness and involve residents through simulations, exercises, and the dissemination of advisory substances showcasing nice practices.
  - **Demonstration and validation:** Clearly define plans for testing and validating gear and solutions evolved within the project, as well as destiny scaling at country wide and EU stages.
- Topic ID: HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions
- Deadline: 20 November 2024
- Published on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/eu-funding-tenders-portal/)

# Digital tools for CSP and solar thermal plants

- The call aims to promote a sustainable, secure, and competitive energy supply through research and innovation (R&I) activities. It focuses on **renewable energy development, energy system integration, carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS)**. Expected impacts are:
  - **Leadership in renewable technologies:** Strengthen European leadership in renewable power technologies and enhance competitiveness technologies and enhance competitiveness technologies and enhance competitiveness in worldwide markets;
  - **Energy security:** Ensure a price-powerful and reliable power deliver in situations of excessive renewable electricity penetration, with a focal point on clever and cyber-steady power grids.
  - **Environmental sustainability:** Improve the environmental overall performance of renewable technologies, lowering greenhouse gas emissions and improving circularity.
  - **Job creation:** Promote huge-scale deployment of renewable technology, creating local employment opportunities.
- Topic ID: HORIZON-IA HORIZON Innovation Actions
- Deadline: 04 February 2025
- Published on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)



# Joint EUROCLUSTERS for Europe's recovery

- This call focuses on reinforcing innovation and adoption of new technologies for **strategic autonomy**. In particular, the emphasis is on **value chains** within or across one or more of the 14 industrial ecosystems identified in the European Industrial Strategy.
- The call is divided **into two strands**:
  - Strand 1 focuses on **net-zero technologies and critical raw materials**:
  - Strand 2 covers **value chains not covered in Strand 1**.
- Number of projects to be funded: **16** (with at least **8 projects for Strand 1**)
- Maximum project duration: **36 months**
- Budget: **42 million EUR**
- Topic ID: SMP-COSME-2024-CLUSTER-01
- Deadline: **05 February 2025**
- Functional Mailbox for applicants: [EISMEA-SMP-COSME-ENQUIRIES@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EISMEA-SMP-COSME-ENQUIRIES@ec.europa.eu)
- Published on [EU Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

# Joint EUROCLUSTERS for Europe's recovery

- **16 partnerships** across and within industrial ecosystems
- Main objective:
  - to support **innovation** and adoption of new processes and advanced technologies for strategic autonomy, **build capacity** in the most critical areas of the relevant ecosystem(s), and reinforce transformation into a **greener**, more **digital**, and **resilient** economy.
- Secondary supporting objectives:
  - to **establish networks and strategic partnerships** to improve the resilience of the EU industrial ecosystems by developing and strengthening value chains in the EU Single Market;
  - to **provide training to foster upskilling and reskilling** of the workforce and attract talents;
  - to **go international** to boost access to global supply and value chains.



# Joint EUROCLUSTERS for Europe's recovery (info session)

- **Informative session:** On 14 November 2024, EISMEA will host an [informative session](#) about the call SMP-COSME-2024-CLUSTER.
- 📅 Thursday **14 November** 2024, 09:30 - 12:30 (CET)
- 📍 **Online only**
- FMB for applicants: [EISMEA-SMP-COSME-ENQUIRIES@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EISMEA-SMP-COSME-ENQUIRIES@ec.europa.eu)
- [Register here](#) before **Tuesday 12 November 2024, 18:00 (CET)**!



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# Opportunities for SMEs: Calls from Euroclusters

- FRIEND CCI: Call for **providers** in the following areas: digitalization, green transition, service for internationalization; deadline 01 August 2025
- GEMSTONE: Financial support for **training** related to **Green Manufacturing**; deadline 31 December 2024
- INGENIOUS: **Training** grants to help SMEs improve their digital skills, green transition, resilience preparedness and reskilling and upskilling of the workforce; deadline 14 February 2025
- RESIST: **Coaching and mentoring** for assessment and feasibility services; deadline 1 November 2024
- RESIST: **Training** FSTP for SMEs in the **Automotive – Mobility – Transport** ecosystem; deadline 30 November 2024
- RESIST: **Networking and marketing** FSTP for SMEs from the **Automotive – Mobility – Transport** ecosystem; deadline 20 December 2024
- RESIST: **Internationalisation** FSTP for activities in target markets; deadline 20 December 2024.
- SILEO: 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Call for Advanced Technology Uptake Projects from SMEs operating in the lighting and furniture industry, deadline 25 October 2024.
- SILEO: Best Company **Storytelling Video** Contest, deadline 13 December 2024.
- **All calls here:** <https://clustercollaboration.eu/open-calls>

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**30 October**

Leveraging generative AI for regional competitiveness: An EU Regions Week event

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## Upcoming dates and topics in November and December!

<b>13 November</b>	Innovation Procurement
<b>27 November</b>	Transition Pathway for Metals
<b>4 December</b>	Smart Specialisation and S3 Platform
<b>11 December</b>	Green Transition
<b>18 December</b>	State Aid

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