



ECA Cluster Conference 2025

Agenda

Day 0 – 9th December

Co-Creation Lab: preparatory meetings

Location: CITET cluster headquarters, [Avenida de Europa 10, Edf. CEXCO, 28821 Coslada, Madrid](#)

14:00 – 14:30 | Introduction to the proposed topics and methodology

14:30 – 18:00 | Technical discussions on the five lab themes

1. Clusters supporting SME collaboration
2. Digital & Green Cluster Services
3. Financing & Policy Alignment under the MFF
4. Skills, Innovation & Internationalisation
5. Start-ups – Deep Tech

18:00 – 18:30 | Presentation of the preliminary ideas

18:45 – 20:15 | Guided visit to Madrid center

Day 1 - 10th December

Morning: pre-conference meetings

9:30 – 12:30 | Available space for meetings in the conference area

Location: Pabellón Cecilio Rodríguez, Retiro Park, [P.º del Uruguay, 5, Retiro, 28009 Madrid](#)

Open list. Confirmed for now:

- Metaheritage project meeting
- GREEN MANTIS Eurocluster
- EUCLES General Assembly

11:00 – 12:00 | Reception at Invest in Madrid

Location: Invest in Madrid, [Calle de O'Donnell, 12, Retiro, 28009 Madrid](#)

Maximum 30 persons, international guests

- Luis Socías Uribe
Managing Director, Invest in Madrid

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Main Conference: Setting the Strategic Direction

Location: Pabellón Cecilio Rodríguez, Retiro Park, [P.º del Uruguay, 5, Retiro, 28009 Madrid](#)

13:00 – 13:15 | Opening Ceremony

- Welcome by Ayuntamiento de Madrid
Engracia Hidalgo Tena
Delegate for Economy, Innovation and Finance, Madrid City Council
- Antonio Novo
President, European Clusters Alliance
- Rocío Albert López-Ibor
Regional Minister for Economy, Finance and Employment of the Government of Madrid.

13:15 – 13:30 | Keynote address

- Hubert Gamps (tbc)
Deputy General-Director Simplification, SMEs, Barrier Removal, DG GROW, European Commission

13:30 – 14:30 | Industrial Policy Session

Europe's Industrial Future: Clusters, Competitiveness and the New MFF

- Fernanda Ferreira Dias (tbc)
Director-General of Economic Activities, Ministry of Economy, Portugal
- Pilar del Castillo
Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE)
- Yolanda Alcalá
Deputy Director-General for Entrepreneurship and SMEs, Ministry of Industry and Tourism of Spain
- Marek Przeor
Team Leader Clusters, DG GROW, European Commission
- Antonio Novo
President, European Clusters Alliance

14:30 – 14:45 | Networking Coffee Break

14:45 – 16:15 | Plenary Discussion: Proposals for the new EU for Business Network

- Daniel González
President of FENAEIC, Spanish Federation of Clusters
- Kristina Šermukšnytė-Alešiūnienė
Vice-president, European Clusters Alliance
- Daniel Cosnita
President, Clustero, Romania
- EEN representative (tbd)

16:15 – 16:45 | Networking Coffee & Madrid Clusters Showcase

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16:45 – 18:00 | Co-Creation Lab

- Presentation and discussions of the preliminary conclusions on the five lab themes:
 - Clusters supporting SME collaboration
 - Digital & Green Cluster Services
 - Financing & Policy Alignment under the MFF
 - Skills, Innovation & Internationalisation
 - Start-ups – Deep Tech

Moderated by Teresa Azcona
Audiovisual Cluster of Madrid

18:00 – 18:15 | Closing

- Jordi García Brustenga
Secretary of State for Industry, Spanish Ministry of Industry and Tourism

18:30 – 19:15 Guided visit to the Retiro Park

19:15 – 21:30 | Networking Cocktail at Pabellón Cecilio Rodríguez

Day 2 - 11th December

Theme: Co-Creating and Consolidating

9:15 Doors open

09:30 – 10:30 | Industrial Transition Pathways and instruments for their development

- Luis Campos
EU Affairs, Tourism of Portugal
Co-curator Task Force on Industrial Transition Pathways, EU Industrial Forum
- Raquel Cuervo or Benoit Esmanne
STEP Task Force, DG Budget, European Commission
- Ramón García
CITET logistics cluster, Madrid
- Thomas Röhr
Secretary General European Automotive Cluster Network

10:30 – 11:00 | Networking Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:30 | Proposals for extension of operational aid on calls based on GBER

- Krzysztof Krystowski
President, Polish Cluster Association
- Annie Renders (tbc)
Head of Unit Cluster policy & Strategic relations, Government of Flanders



11:30 – 12:30 | The Future of Cluster Services: Aligning industry with European Priorities

- Natalia Martínez-Páramo (tbc)
Head of Unit SME / SMP pillar, EISMEA
- Jan-Philipp Cramer
Head of EU-Services & Member of the Executive Board, Prognos AG
- Hervé Floch
Vice-president, European Clusters Alliance
- Luís Martins
President, Cluster Portugal Mineral Resources
- Montse Daban
President of the Council of Bioregions

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch & Networking

13:30 – 14:00 | Plenary: Reporting Back from the Labs

Short interventions by lab rapporteurs on results and proposals.

14:00 – 14:30 | Closing Policy Roundtable

“Shaping the Next Generation of industrial policies and Support Mechanisms”

- Wolfgang Munch
Senior expert at Smart and Sustainable Growth, DG REGIO, European Commission
- Monika Antonowicz
Departament Analiz i Strategii, Polska Agencja Rozwoju Przedsiębiorczości
- Veerle De Graef
Internationalisation manager, Flanders Food Cluster
- Ola Svedin
President, Clusters of Sweden

14:30 – 15:00 | Closing Remarks

- Antonio Novo
President, European Clusters Alliance
- Jaime Martínez Muñoz
General Director for Economy and Industry, Madrid regional government

15:30 – 18:00 | Side visits to Madrid clusters and innovation ecosystem

- GameLab at CITET logistic cluster
- Audiovisual City
- Others to be specified

15:30 – 17:00 | ECA General Assembly (restricted to members)