

# LEVEL UP YOUR REGION WITH INNOVATION PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships for  
Regional Innovation



## Fourth Plenary Meeting – Interregional Cooperation in PRI

**Date** 14 December 2022 | **Place:** Online ([Webex](#))

### Objectives of the Session

Central objective: *to better understand how interregional collaboration can support systemic transformation*

More concretely:

- To contribute to the New European Innovation Agenda's ambition of building a true pan-European innovation ecosystem underpinned by thriving regional innovation ecosystems
- To introduce Interregional Cooperation as one of the main drivers of PRI
- To share the new challenges and needs of PRI territories, building on the PRI partners' experience.

### Expected outputs

- To identify the regional key items for setting its PRI interregional cooperation agenda
- To explore new avenues for interregional cooperation
- To propose ways to implement the interregional cooperation agenda making use of the existing and upcoming policy tools under the PRI systemic and transformative approach.

### Policy Framework

- [A New European Innovation Agenda](#)
- ["Updating the 2020 New Industrial Strategy: Building a stronger Single Market for Europe's recovery"](#)
- [The European Green Deal](#)
- [REPowerEU](#)
- ['Forging a climate-resilient Europe – the new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change'](#)

## **AGENDA**

10:00 10:15 **Institutional Welcome**  
Markku Markkula. Vice President of European Committee of the Regions  
Mikel Landabaso. Director. Joint Research Centre

10:15–10:30 **Setting the scene. Interregional cooperation in PRI.**  
Karel Haegeman. JRC-B7

### **SESSION 1: INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION EXPERIENCES**

10:30-11:30 **Interregional cooperation experiences: From coordination to Integration  
Plenary Speeches.**  
Moderator: Xabier Goenaga. B7 Head of Unit. JRC

#### **M-ERA.NET for research and innovation on materials and battery technologies, supporting the European Green Deal**

Roland Brandenburg. Head of Transnational Initiatives at FFG Austrian  
Research Programme manager, network coordinator. Austria

#### **Vanguard Initiative's Interregional Funding Mechanism' Project.**

José Caldeira. Norte Region Portugal - Vanguard Initiative

#### **Calls for Digitalisation open to other countries' expertise. The case of BDIH Konexio**

Susana Larrea. SPRI Basque Business Development Agency. Coordinator of  
BDIH

#### **Cities 4.0. Innovation Ecosystems in Horizon Europe and City Missions**

Markku Markkula. Cities 4.0. Vice President of European Committee of the  
Regions, President of the Helsinki Region, City Councilor of the City of Espoo.  
Finland

#### **Traceability and Big Data. S3 Agri-Food partnership.**

Mar Cátedra Cedrón. Technical Adviser. Regional Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries, Water and Rural Development. Andalusia. Spain

11:30–12:30 **Break Out Sessions 1**  
S.1.A & S.1.B. Financial Mechanisms for Systemic and Transforming innovation  
on interregional cooperation  
S.2.A. & S.2.B. Innovation Services in Cooperation for Systemic & Transforming  
innovation  
S.3.A. & S.3.B. Collaboration on Policies and Tools accelerating transformation

12:30-13:00 **Sharing break-out Session's 1 results**  
Moderator: Carmen Sillero. JRC B7  
Discussions and exchange

**13.00-14.00      Lunch break**

**SESSION 2: EU POLICY INSTRUMENTS TO SUPPORT INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION**

**14.00 -15.00      EU policy Instruments to support interregional cooperation  
Plenary Speeches.**

Moderator: Karel Haegeman. JRC-B7

**Connecting Deep Tech Valleys. The New European Innovation Agenda**

Patrick Brenier. Advisor for the European Research Area and Open Science,  
European Commission - DG Research and Innovation

**Climate Adaptation Missions and Interregional Cooperation.**

Elena Visnar Malinovska. Head of Unit. DG CLIMA

**Policy Instruments supporting Industrial Value Chains.**

Benoit Esmanne. Policy Assistant. Industrial Forum, Alliances, Clusters· DG  
GROW

**Interreg Programme. A traditional instrument at the service of regional  
cooperation.**

David Matzek-Lichtenstein. Programme Manager INTERREG Alpine Space and  
INTERREG North Sea. DG REGIO

**15:00-16.00      Break Out Session 2**

S1&S2. Renewable Energy  
S3.      Mobility, Transport & Automotive  
S4.      Food Security  
S5&S6. Climate Adaptation

**16:00–16:50      Sharing breakout session's 2 results**

Moderator: Karel Haegeman. JRC B7  
Discussions and exchange

**16.50-16.55      Next Steps**

Xabier Goenaga. B7 Head of Unit. JRC

**16.50-17.00      Closing**

Xabier Goenaga. B7 Head of Unit. JRC