

# EUROPEAN REGIONS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION NETWORK



# WHO WE ARE



# OUR MEMBERS

Around 120 members

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20+ countries

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Ecosystem approach

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Bringing together local  
and regional authorities,  
universities and private  
sector



# OUR ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

## MANAGEMENT BOARD

ERRIN is led by a Management Board, which meets a minimum of four times a year. The Management Board provides strategic guidance to the network. It monitors and directs the activities of the Secretariat and the activities in the Working Groups.

The Management Board is also responsible for preparing the draft annual Work Programme and the provisional budget, which is presented at the Annual General Meeting for discussion and approval.

## MANAGEMENT BOARD

15 MEMBERS INCLUDING  
A CHAIR, TWO VICE-CHAIRS, AND A TREASURER

## SECRETARIAT

## MEMBERS

## 13 WORKING GROUPS



# OUR MISSIONS



Bring a place-based perspective to EU research and innovation policy and programmes



Make connections and facilitate EU engagement between member regions, EU institutions, and other partners

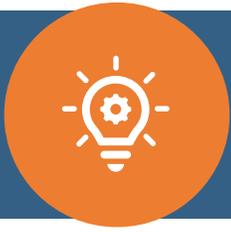


Increase project opportunities for members



Position regional interests in the research and innovation landscape



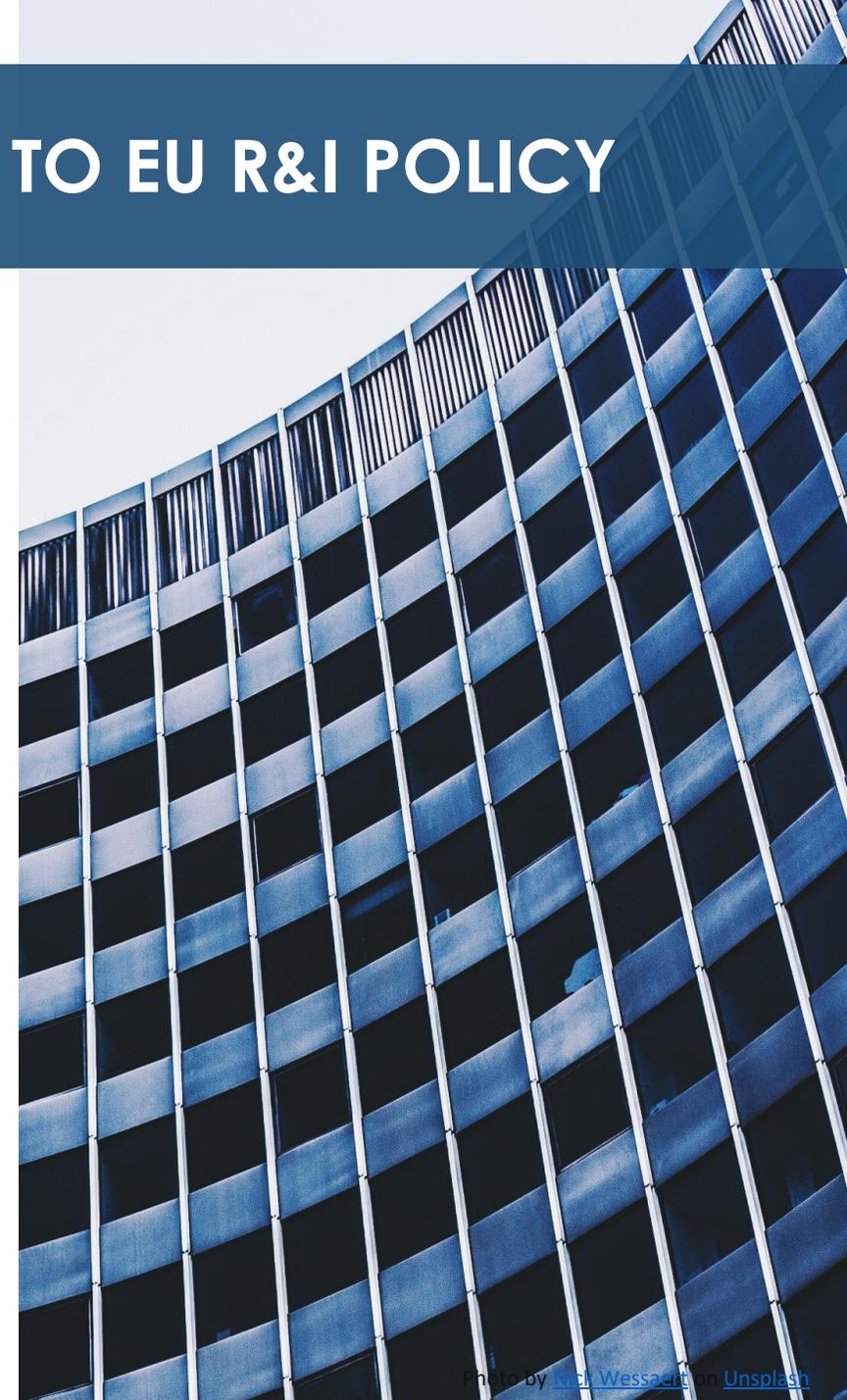


# BRING A PLACE-BASED PERSPECTIVE TO EU R&I POLICY

- Research and innovation policy at the centre  
– Focus on Horizon Europe Programme and European Research and Innovation Area
- Shape the offer from the research and innovation funding landscape
- Strengthen regional research and innovation capacities
- Provide concrete input based on experience and expertise – regional innovation ecosystems
- Create a close relationship and long-term dialogue with EU institutions



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# FACILITATE EU ENGAGEMENT

ERRIN builds close informal relationships between members, EU institutions, and other partners and works as a bridge between them. Access to people, knowledge, and ideas is facilitated and members are encouraged to pool resources to more effectively respond to different opportunities.

As an example, Working Group meetings often invite speakers from the EU institutions and other external organisations. At the same time, project opportunities, calls, and relevant news in the research and innovation field are also disseminated.





# INCREASE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

- Increase project opportunities for our members in the field of R&I
- Provide up-to-date information on funding programmes and relevant calls
- Support consortium building within our Working Groups
- Directly engage in projects aligned with the ERRIN missions and priorities

## FROM PROPOSAL TO PROJECT

To maintain ERRIN's bottom-up approach, any involvement in projects must be supported by Working Group leaders and members.

The focus of the project should be aligned with both the priorities of the respective working group as well as ERRIN's overall missions.



## EVALUATION CRITERIA

- **Strategic Relevance:** Does the project proposal have a strategic and/or policy link?
  - **Working Group Involvement:** Is there a direct link to an ERRIN Working Group or does it involve a Working Group leader?
  - **Membership coverage:** Are ERRIN members directly involved in the proposal?
  - **Competences:** Does the ERRIN Secretariat have the skills required to fulfil the role? Are the tasks realistic?
- Resources:** Is the financial remuneration favourable? Does the ERRIN Secretariat have available time resources, if successful?





# POSITION REGIONAL INTERESTS IN R&I



ERRIN supports EU policy development through the promotion of regional experience and expertise. The network creates platforms for and participates in events to share members' knowledge, further ERRIN's reputation, and enhance the understanding of regional and local perspectives.

Through a critical mass of around 120 members, ERRIN developed a strong brand which helps regional and local stakeholders raise their profile in Brussels. Opportunities are provided for members to showcase their region and organisation among other ERRIN members and network's contacts. On the basis of the members' expertise, speakers are put forward to events where the network is invited.

With this in mind, each member is highly encouraged to highlight their organisation's or region's strengths on the member profile on the ERRIN website.



# OUR WORK



# EU R&I POLICY

- Research and Innovation Policy Framework
  - European Research Area – ERA Forum
  - European Innovation agenda
- Horizon Europe
  - Missions
  - European Partnerships
- Strengthening regional innovation capacities
  - S3 and working towards Partnerships for Regional Innovation
  - Interregional Innovation Investment (I3)





## WORKING GROUPS

Participate in the wide range of activities organised by our 13 working groups – from information sessions and workshops to sharing best practices and project development events.



## STRATEGIC AND TRANSVERSAL



POLICY



SMART SPECIALISATION



SCIENCE & EDUCATION FOR SOCIETY



INNOVATION & INVESTMENT

## NATURAL RESOURCES AND FOOD



BIOECONOMY



BLUE ECONOMY



SMART CITIES



TRANSPORT

## CROSS-CUTTING



ICT



ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE



TOURISM & CULTURAL HERITAGE



DESIGN & CREATIVITY



HEALTH

## CULTURE AND CREATIVITY

## HEALTH

# BIOECONOMY WORKING GROUP

## Focus

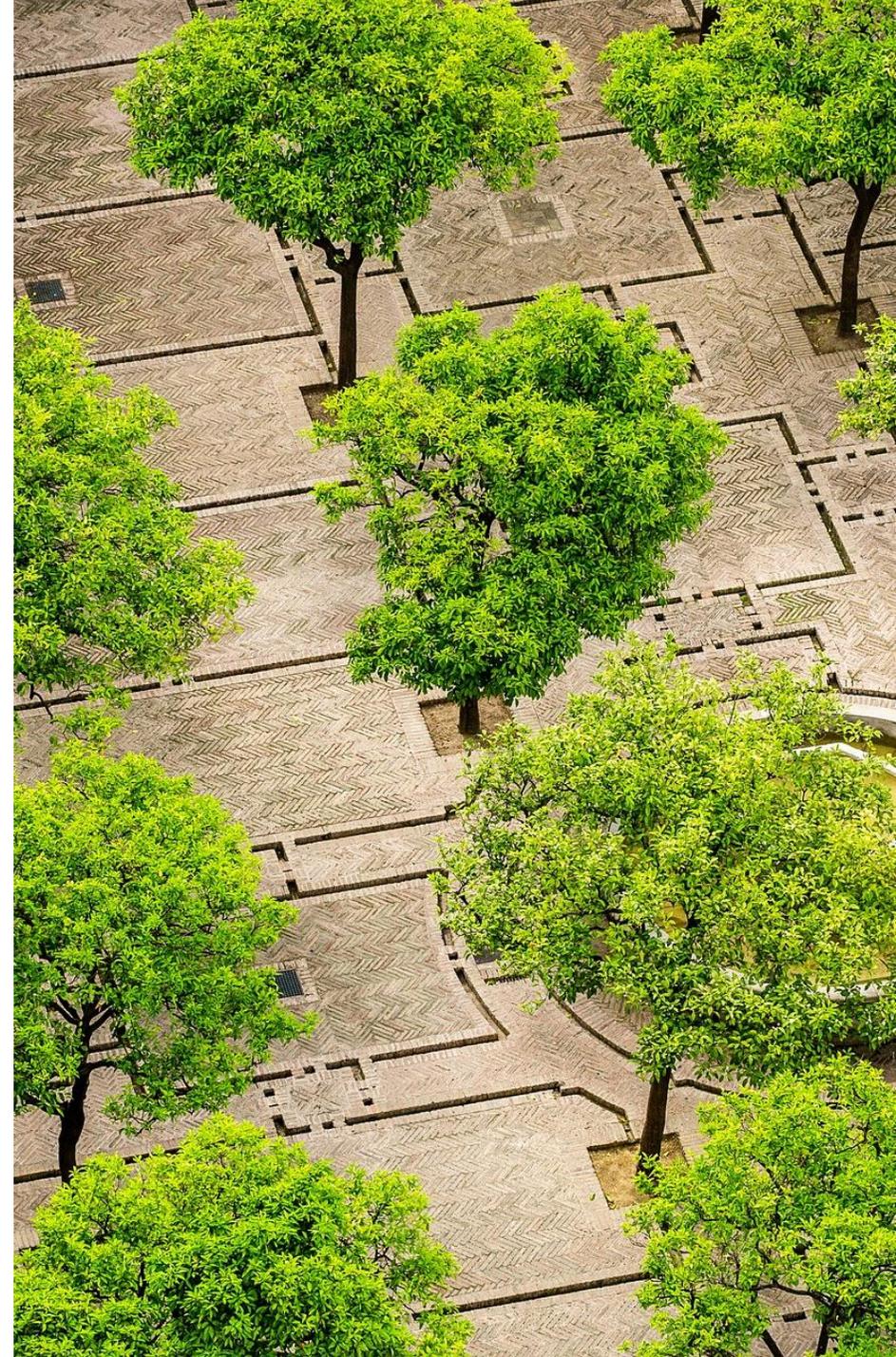
- Bioeconomy in its widest sense

## Co-leaders

- Pays de la Loire (FR), Oslo (NO), Värmland (SE) & Galicia (ES)

## Type of activities

- Information sessions
- Sharing of best practices
- Project development
- Position papers to influence EU policy initiatives



# WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

## Bioeconomy WG meetings

- Information sessions with institutional representatives
  - November 2021: Update on the Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe
- Sharing of best practices from member regions
  - October 2021: Exploiting the innovative potential of food waste
  - March 2022: The EU Soil Strategy & soil activities in regions



# PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

## 2020: BBI JU and Farm to Fork project development workshops

- 17 project ideas
- More than 100 participants from European regions

## 2021: New Horizon Europe calls

- Project development around the Horizon Europe Cluster 5 & 6 calls (coffee meeting and matchmaking event)

## 2022: New CBE JU calls

- Project development activity around the upcoming CBE calls



# POLICY WORK

## Position paper “A regional and local perspective on a future EU Algae Strategy”

- Produced by a drafting group of six people with input from the wider ERRIN membership
- Jointly led by the Bioeconomy and Blue Growth Working Groups
- Basis for ERRIN’s response to the EU roadmap consultation “Blue bioeconomy – towards a strong and sustainable EU algae sector”

## Work on the new Horizon Europe Partnership on agroecology living labs and research infrastructures with the ALL-Ready project

- ERRIN member of the external Advisory Board, represented by Angèle Liaigre



# ANNUAL PLAN 2022

## Key priorities, programmes or initiatives

- Soil Strategy
- European Bioeconomy Strategy
- Circular Economy Action Plan
- Circular Bio-based Europe Partnership
- Horizon Europe (Cluster 6)

## Key topics

- Bio-based plastics
- Urban perspective of forestry
- Bioeconomy and data



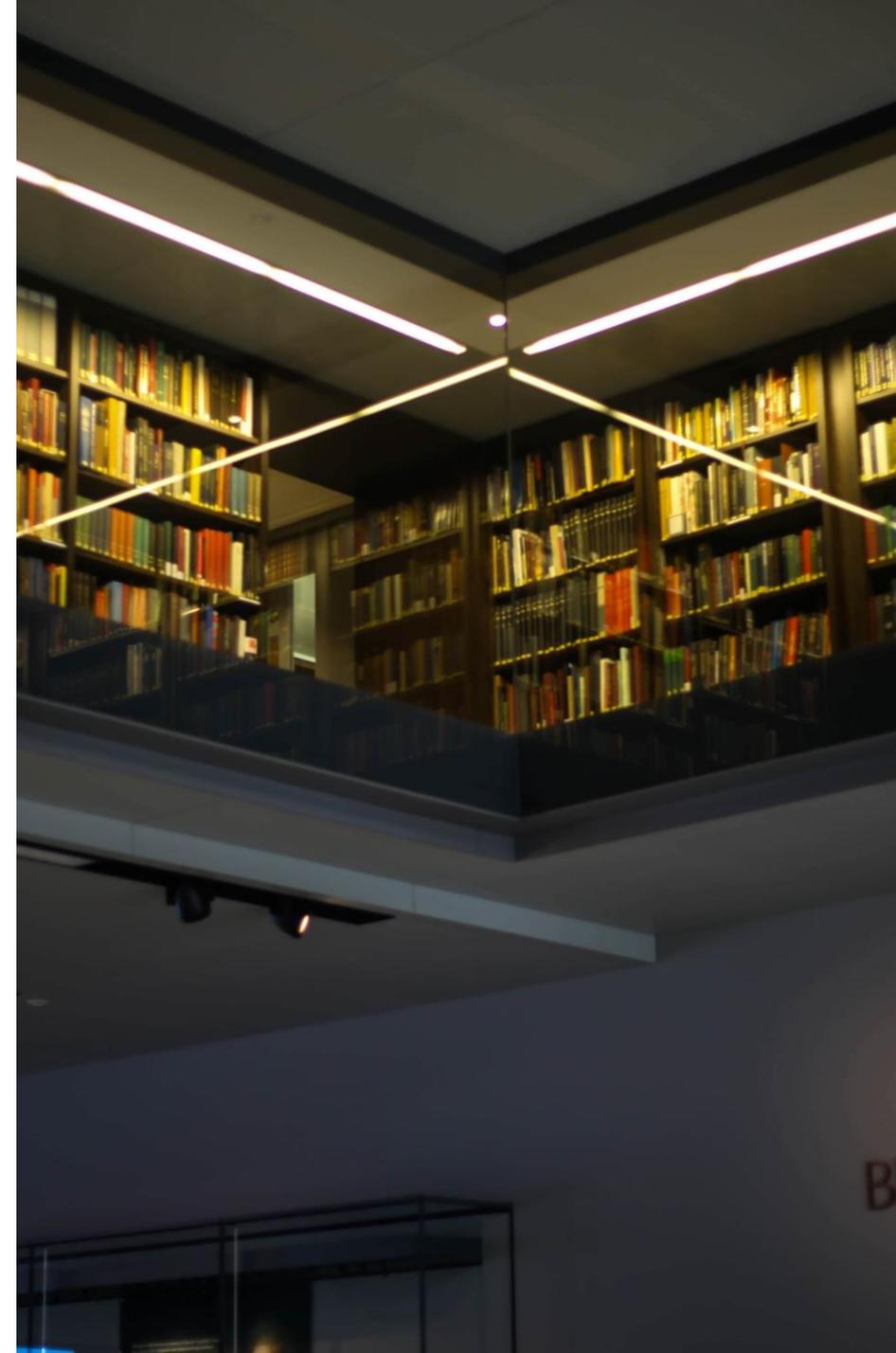
# SCIENCE & EDUCATION FOR SOCIETY WORKING GROUP

## Working Group leaders

Welsh Higher Education – Welsh Government (UK), Free Hanseatic City of Bremen (DE), Central Denmark EU Office (DK), Universities in South Sweden (SE)

## Scope

The Science & Education for Society Working Group addresses topics related to the concept of place-based universities and engagement with society and citizens while also working on the role of education in S3 as well as education and skills for research and innovation.



# SCIENCE & EDUCATION FOR SOCIETY WORKING GROUP

## Key priorities, themes and initiatives

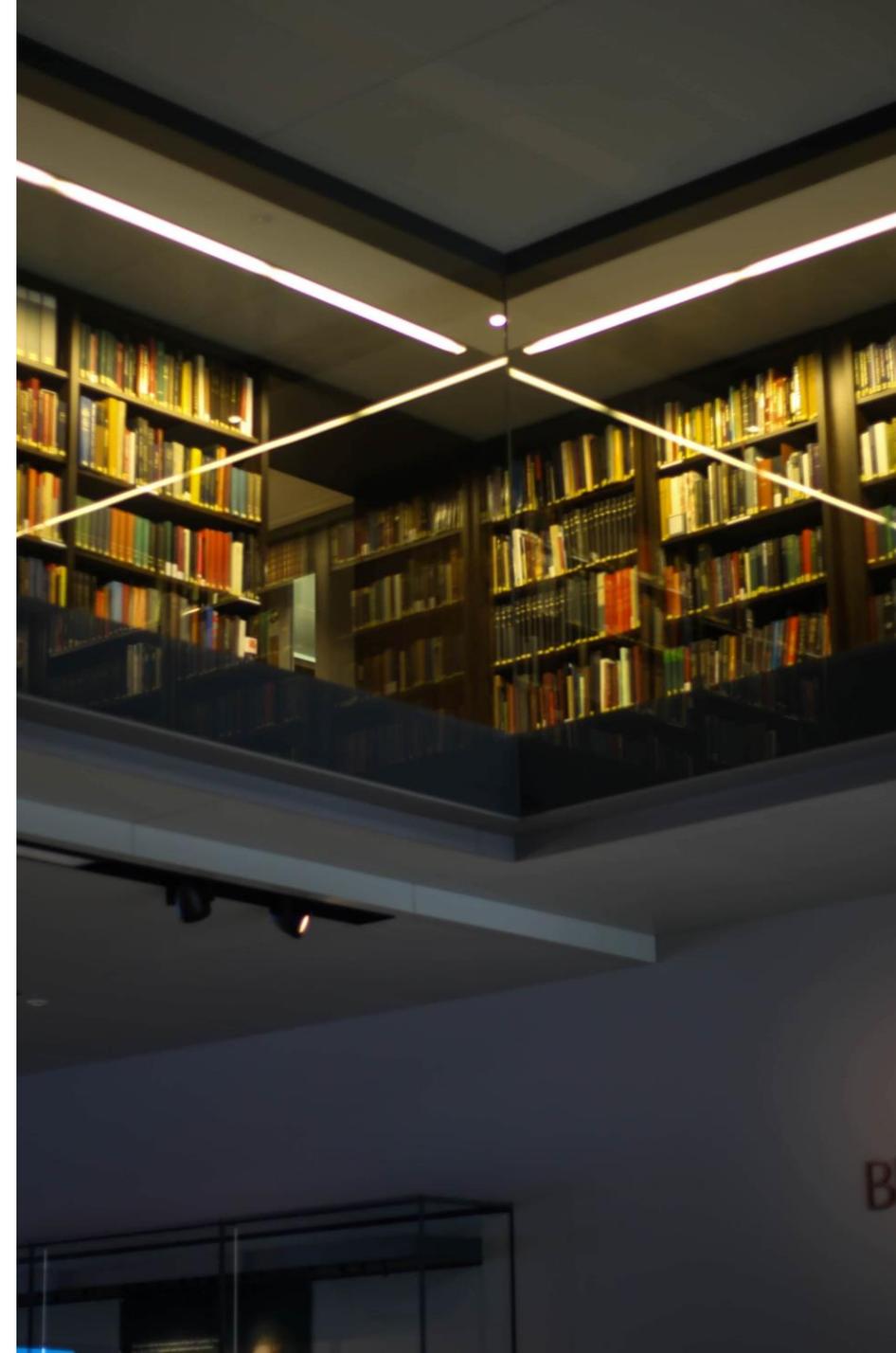
- European Strategy for Universities, European Universities initiative
- Innovation agenda & skills: micro credentials and learning for environmental sustainability

## Programmes

- Erasmus+
- Horizon Europe
- COST – European cooperation in science and technology
- Digital Europe Programme

## Collaborations: internal & external

- Policy, S3, ICT, CHARTER project
- UnLiON, EASSH, Erasmus Coalition



# SEFS: UPCOMING MEETINGS & ERASMUS+ PDW

## Planned 2022 activities

- European Strategy for Universities: how to reinforce links with regional and local authorities – 24 February (with Policy WG)
- Why are S3 strategies relevant for the European Universities initiative? – May
- Social sciences: Exploring its current role with COST & EASSH (Q3)
- Erasmus at 35 – what's next? (Q3)
- Erasmus+ project development session (Q4)
- What happened to the Bologna Process? (Q4)



## Erasmus+ Project Development Workshop

An opportunity to interact with institutions, civil society organisations and providers in the field of higher education and training, to build consortia for the next Erasmus+ calls. The PDW is an opportunity for ERRIN members and their stakeholders interested in the Erasmus+ KA2 calls to find partners and develop a proposal in the field of higher education and training innovation. 2022's workshop will look towards forming consortia for the 2023 calls.



# PROJECT FACILITATION

- **Up-to-date information about funding opportunities**
  - Mapping of relevant calls together with WG leaders
  - Coffee meetings to match interests and prepare ecosystem stakeholders
- **Project Development Sessions**
  - Physical and virtual sessions where project leaders invite stakeholders to develop proposals
- **Consortium Building**
  - Mapping of regional ecosystems for specific calls and, where required, supporting the development of consortia
- **Online tools**
  - Partner Search
  - Noticeboard





# ERRIN IN PROJECTS

## STRATEGIC AND TRANSVERSAL



**MOSAIC**  
Mission-Oriented SwafS to Advance Innovation through Co-creation

## NATURAL RESOURCES AND FOOD



**GREEN GROWTH**  
Mediterranean Cooperation and Innovation for a Green Economy



**CCRI-CSO**  
Circular Cities and Regions Initiative's Coordination & Support Office



**CHARTER**  
Cultural Heritage Actions to Refine Training, Education and Roles



**BE.CULTOUR**  
Beyond Cultural Tourism



**CULTURAL HERITAGE IN ACTION**  
Sharing solutions in European cities and regions

## LOW CARBON ECONOMY



**RIPEET**  
Responsible Research and Innovation Policy Experimentations for Energy Transition



**RECIPROCITY**  
Replication of innovative concepts for peri-urban, rural or inner-city mobility



**UNALAB**  
Urban Nature Labs



**NET ZERO CITIES**  
Towards climate-neutral cities in Europe



**DT4REGIONS**  
Digital Transformation for Regions

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## HEALTH AND ICT



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