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## GREENET Newsletter #4

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Cluster 5

**CLIMATE, ENERGY  
& MOBILITY**



## The second GREENET newsletter of 2024!

We are happy to share with you our fourth newsletter with Horizon Europe Cluster 5 relevant news and events handpicked by the international network of National Contact Points.



EUROPEAN UNION



# The Horizon Europe Strategic Plan 2025-2027 is out today



## Horizon Europe strategic plan 2025-2027 for research and innovation is now adopted

The European Commission adopted the Horizon Europe strategic plan 2025-2027. The strategic plan sets out three strategic orientations for research and innovation investments under Horizon Europe for the years 2025-2027:

1. Green transition
2. Digital transition
3. More resilient, competitive, inclusive and democratic Europe

Open strategic autonomy and securing Europe's leading role in developing and deploying critical technologies are overarching principles that apply across all three key strategic orientations.

In addition, the strategic plan:

- Identifies nine new European co-funded and co-programmed partnerships;
- Provides an overview on the achievement of EU Missions over their first years;
- Introduces the New European Bauhaus Facility;

- Commits to a target of 10% of the Horizon Europe's total budget 2025-2027 dedicated to biodiversity-related topics;
- Addresses a number of specific issues, such as the balance of research and innovation and the integration of social sciences and humanities.

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## EU-KOREA

Association to Horizon Europe

### Republic of Korea to join Horizon Europe programme!

25 March 2024 / Iliana Ivanova, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, and Lee Jong Ho, Korean Minister for Science and Information and Communication Technology concluded negotiations on Korea's association, marking a significant milestone in our commitment to foster mutual collaboration in research and innovation.

The signing of the Association Agreement is expected to take place in the second half of 2024, pending the completion of all necessary ratification

procedures on both sides. This will enable Korea's participation in Horizon Europe as of 2025.

[Details of the agreement](#)



## TRA Dublin 2024

The TRA is the European Commission's biennial flagship research and innovation event for transport in Europe and for the first time will be held in Dublin from the 15-18th April 2024. Over 4000 delegates consisting of European Commission representatives, policy makers, academic researchers, research providers and transport industry representatives from across Europe will attend to discuss the latest in research and innovation in the transport sector.

An intrinsic part of TRA 2024 will be the exhibition and technology showcase which will include the European Commission, the Transport related technology platforms and partnerships, large industry and SME's actively innovating in the mobility space. The event this year will include an Innovation Zone for small companies and startups to display their latest innovations, but also for Horizon Europe projects to present the outcome of their work to date. The event will also have extensive outside demonstrations and technical visits to transport relevant sites across Dublin and the wider region.

TRA 2024 will also feature a Horizon Europe brokerage to allow investigators to pitch their proposals for the upcoming calls in 2024 as well as meet with potential partners on a 1-to-1 basis to discuss their ideas. This segment will be managed by the network of European mobility National Contact Points GREENET in conjunction with the European Enterprise Network (EEN).

GREENET will also be at booth #64, stop by to say hi!

There is still time to register.

[Visit event website](#)



## **GREENET supports your mission to build strong consortia for your Cluster 5 proposal!**

The GREENET Partner Search Tool brings together organisations (coordinators as well as partners) from across the world. This tool is a unique opportunity to generate new contacts and collaborate on potential Horizon Europe projects (including related missions and partnerships).

Finding partners has never been easier! Simply register, express your interest in a specific topic/s and browse for existing profiles.

[Join the community](#)

## **Discover the ecosystem**

We have added new videos to our website spotlighting some of the various players in the fields of Climate, Energy and Mobility.

[Have a look](#)

## News for NCPs

# I'm a Cluster 5 NCP

A GREENET DIGITAL HANDBOOK

### **GREENET Digital Handbook for NCPs**

In the handbook, you will find a wide collection of best practices, recommended practical methods and sources of information as well as tested tools addressed particularly – but not only – to new and / or less-experienced National Contact Points (NCPs) of Cluster 5 in Horizon Europe. This broad and up-to-date compilation of relevant knowledge for Cluster 5 NCPs supports you in your day-to-day work and provides handy reference when being faced with challenges in your daily tasks as a Cluster 5 NCP. The Digital Handbook is a living document, regularly updated and developed further.

[Have a look](#)

### **The first round of the mentoring programme was a success – who wants to join round 2?**

The first round of the GREENET Mentoring Programme has come to an end and we are happy to announce that it was a great success! Between September 2023 and March 2024, 17 National Contact Points from 14 different countries met regularly in small groups to get to know each other, discuss their NCP activities and learn from each other.

The feedback received after this six-month period was very encouraging. Participants felt welcome and at ease with their peers and would highly recommend participation to their colleagues, either as a mentee or as a mentor. For most of them, the most important aspect of the mentoring programme was the opportunity to connect with NCPs from different countries and to expand ones network at European level and beyond. Other recurring comments were that the programme is fun, it helps to feel connected and it builds up confidence to face the daily challenges of NCP work.

In six small groups of 3 to 4 NCPs the mentees were supported by a more experienced colleague (mentor) who moderated the meetings. The groups shared their views on many aspects of the NCP work, exchanged best practices and some even found new friends. The learning process worked in two ways, so that both the mentors and the mentees learned a lot from each other. Preparations for Round 2 have just begun, and we hope that more mentors and mentees will be able to take part in this amazing experience from September 2024 to March 2025.

Do you want to know more? Visit the GREENET website or directly contact the organisers at eu-energie (at) fz-juelich.de.

[More information](#)

## **Twinings: Meet & Exchange for Cluster 5 NCPs**

GREENET twinning activities take place at the institution of one inviting Horizon Europe Cluster 5 NCP. The inviting NCP organises a workshop for a maximum of 7 new and/or less experienced NCPs from other countries, involving direct exchange, knowledge transfer and sharing of new insights in order to learn from each other. Read more about how NCPs can become part of this exchange activity in this article.

Twinning has a long tradition as an efficient instrument in the capacity-building process and includes direct exchange of experience. Usually, one hosting institution invites several visiting twinning partners to its premises.

The aim of the twinings is to transfer knowledge and experience on the day-to-day and routine activities of Cluster 5 NCPs, aiming at strengthening the entire NCP network, especially through capacity building and exchange of best practices. Under GREENET, twinings are addressed particularly but not exclusively to new and/or less experienced NCPs.

The duration of the visit will be at least one day and it might include site visits and/or meetings with local stakeholders. The maximum duration for each visit is 2 days.

If physical meetings cannot be facilitated, they will take place in the form of online meetings of small CL5 NCP groups discussing their day-to-day activities. The duration of the online twinnings will be 60-90 minutes.

Bringing together hosting and visiting NCPs is one of the tasks under GREENET's work package 5.4. If you are interested in joining the twinning activities, please feel free to contact us by email ([eu-energie \(at\) fz-juelich.de](mailto:eu-energie@fz-juelich.de)) or check the Digital Handbook.

[More information](#)

## Events and opportunities

### Events:

- [New European Bauhaus Festival](#), 9-13 April 2024, Brussels
- [Driving Urban Transitions Conference 2024](#), 10-12 April 2024, Brussels
- [Cleantech Conference: Driving Sustainable Innovation](#), 11 April 2024, Brussels
- [TRA2024](#), Transport Research Arena (TRA) is the foremost European transport event that covers all transport modes and all aspects of mobility, 15-18 April 2024, Dublin
- [Horizon Europe info day - WIDERA Work Programme 2023-2025](#), 22 April 2024, online
- [European ATM Master Plan Stakeholder consultation workshop](#), 22-23 April 2024, Brussels
- [EU Missions info days](#), 25-26 April 2024
- [#EULife24 Info Days](#), 23-26 April 2024, Online
- [EU Green Week Brussels Conference](#), 29-30 May 2024, Brussels
- [European Maritime Day](#), 30-31 May 2024, Svendborg
- [Indtech2024](#), 3-5 June 2024, Namur
- [CETPartnership Joint Call 2024 Pre-Announcement](#), 4 June 2024, online
- [First trajectory-based operations symposium](#), 4-6 June 2024, Brussels
- [ILA Connect & Meet](#), 5-7 June 2024, Berlin
- [ILA2024](#), Europe's leading aerospace trade fair transforms Berlin into an international aerospace hub, 5-9 June 2024, Berlin

- [European Sustainable Energy Week 2024](#), 11-13 June 2024, Brussels and online
- [Tech4SmartCities 2024](#), 18 June 2024, Brussels
- [European Polar Science Week](#), 3-6 September 2024, Copenhagen
- [SESAR Innovation Days 2024](#), 12-15 November, Rome

**Other funding opportunities:**

- [Interreg, third call](#), closing 7 June 2024

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