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Cluster Collaboration Lab (C2Lab)

Participant Booklet C2Lab #7

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6-7 May 2025

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C2Lab, Esbjerg, 6-7 May 2025

Dear participants,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Cluster Collaboration Lab! This booklet provides general information on the participation in the Cluster Collaboration Lab in Esbjerg, 6-7 May 2025.

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City of Esbjerg

Esbjerg, located on the west coast of Denmark, is a dynamic and forward-thinking city known for its strong maritime heritage, vibrant cultural life, and commitment to innovation. As the fifth-largest city in Denmark, Esbjerg plays a strategic role in the country's energy and logistics sectors, particularly as a key hub for sustainable energy development.

Founded in the late 19th century as a gateway to the North Sea, Esbjerg has grown into a modern urban centre while maintaining its close ties to the sea. As the fishing sector declined, the city successfully transformed itself into a leading hub for offshore wind energy and is now widely regarded as the energy metropolis of Denmark.



Esbjerg plays a pivotal role in the global green transition. Each year, up to 1,500 MW of offshore wind capacity is shipped from Port Esbjerg, which hosts over 200 companies and employs more than 10,000 people. The harbour remains the economic heart of the city, supporting a broad range of industries from shipping and logistics to advanced energy technologies.

Today, Esbjerg is a crucial logistics and maintenance hub for North Sea wind farms and plays an active role in international energy cooperation, including the Esbjerg Declaration and the North Sea Energy Cooperation, positioning the city at the forefront of Europe's efforts towards climate neutrality and cross-border collaboration in sustainable energy.

Esbjerg also offers a rich cultural landscape, with museums, art galleries, and public spaces that celebrate both its industrial legacy and contemporary creativity. The iconic *Man Meets the Sea* sculpture, located at the city's waterfront, has become a symbol of Esbjerg's identity and its outward-looking spirit.

You can find more information on the [Esbjerg city website](https://www.esbjerg.dk).



Travel to Esbjerg

The closest airport to Esbjerg is **Billund Airport**. From Billund Airport, there is a bus connection that brings you directly to Esbjerg and back to the airport. See here the [bus schedule](#).

Alternatively, you can travel to Copenhagen Airport and catch a train to Esbjerg. The train ride takes about 2:30 hours and there are many connections available.

Venue

The C2Lab will take place at the conference facilities of the EfB Esbjerg Conference & Event, within the local football stadium known as “Blue Water Arena”.

EfB Esbjerg Conference & Event

Gammel Vardevej 82

6700 Esbjerg, Denmark

<https://eke.dk/>

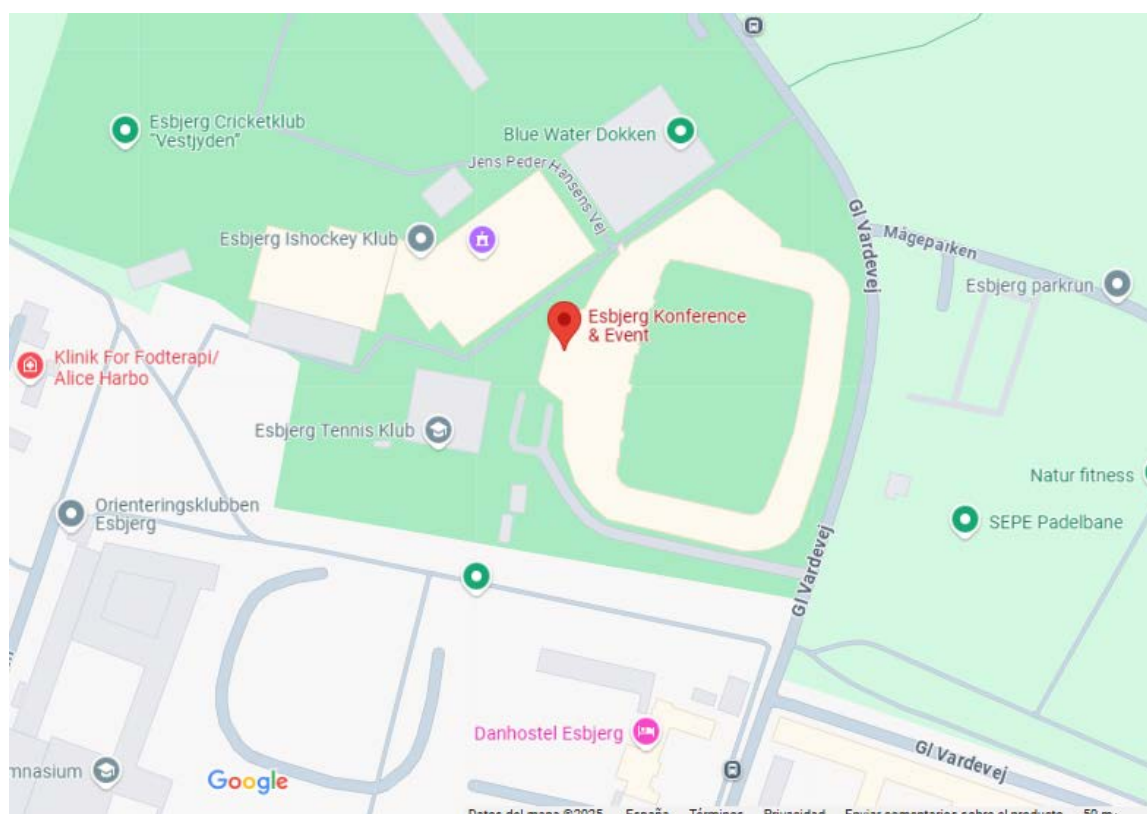


Figure 1: Venue; © Google Maps

How to get to EfB Esbjerg Conference & Event?

By bus:

It is possible to get to the venue located at the “Blue Water Arena” by bus with the following city busses: **12 or 1A and 2A** (the latter requires a walk of about 800 meters).



By taxi:

You can also arrive by Esbjerg Taxi.

Phone number: +45 75 14 45 00

By car:

If you're driving, there are ample parking facilities available at the venue. A [detailed parking map](#) can be found on the [venue's website](#).



Figure 2: Venue; © Efb Esbjerg Konference & Event website

You can find more information here: <https://eke.dk/find-vej/>.

Accommodation

The C2Lab participants are responsible for their own accommodation.

For participants attending the event, we recommend staying at either [A Place To](#) (located near the venue) or [Hotel Britannia](#) (situated in downtown Esbjerg), both of which offer comfortable and convenient options depending on your preferences.

There's a special rate for the A Place To Hotel Esbjerg ([reservation link](#)).

Preparation for the workshop

The C2Lab is a co-creation space and project-building workshop. Its success depends on the active engagement of all participants and their collaboration in discussing ideas and proposals for project activities.

To facilitate the activities at the workshop, the European Cluster Collaboration Platform offers the possibility to pre-meet on the [B2Match Platform](#), which you already used for registration.



Prior to the in-person workshop, make sure to:

- **Publish** as much **information** about yourself and your objectives/ideas on the platform
- Check out the **profiles** of the other participants
- **Get in touch** with the other participants and **request bilateral online meetings** via the platform
- **Get to know each other** in the online meetings and discuss your ideas and potential to collaborate
- **If you have a concrete idea** for your next project and want to get other people to join in, **publish it in the marketplace!**

Draft agenda

	Time (CET)	Location
9:30	Start Registration	Meeting point is at the venue: EfB Esbjerg Konference & Event, GI Vardevej 82, 6700 Esbjerg
10:00	Bus Tour: Introduction to the history of Esbjerg and the port's role in the global energy sector (at venue) Bus tour around the harbour - A stop at the pre-assembly site at the port; wind turbine blades, towers, and more. A presentation of the port's transition from fishery, oil and gas and now green technologies; wind, carbon capture and storage	
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	EfB Esbjerg Konference & Event, GI Vardevej 82, 6700 Esbjerg
14:00	Welcome to the C2Lab <i>Romain Bouttier, EISMEA, European Commission</i> Introduction to Energy Cluster Denmark and energy and innovation ecosystems <i>Glenda Napier, CEO, Energy Cluster Denmark</i>	
14:20	Esbjerg's role in the green transition <i>Jesper Frost Rasmussen, major of Esbjerg</i>	
14:35	Presentation of the Input Paper and project creation methodologies <i>Athanasios Konstandopoulos, ECCP team</i>	
14:50	Funding programmes and opportunities related to the topics to be covered <i>Romain Bouttier, EISMEA, European Commission</i>	
15:10	Presentation of participants and pitching ideas	
15:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	



16:00	Initiation of the working group phase <i>The working groups will be guided by facilitators from the ECCP team.</i>	
18:30	End of the session	
20:00	<i>Networking dinner</i>	Plates Restaurant, Grådybet 73A, 17th floor, 6700 Esbjerg

Day 2: 7 May 2025

Master of Ceremony: Antonio Novo, ECCP team

Duration	Description	Location
9:00	Welcome to day 2 and initial remarks	EfB Esbjerg Konference & Event, GI Vardevej 82, 6700 Esbjerg
9:05	Private investments for collaboration projects <i>Søren Røn, CEO, Next Step Challenge</i>	
9:20	Working group phase (I) <i>The working groups will be guided by facilitators from the ECCP team.</i>	
11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:20	Working group phase (II) <i>The working groups will be guided by facilitators from the ECCP team.</i>	
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00	Presentation of results <i>Each working group will summarize the main ideas discussed in their group.</i>	
14:45	Recap of the C2Lab and closing words from the European Commission, Energy Cluster Denmark, and ECCP team	
15:00 End of Day 2		
19:00 Optional networking dinner with members of Energy Cluster Denmark (at own cost)		