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TRANSITION IN REGIONAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS



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## AGENDA

### Clusters as Drivers of Green and Digital Transition in Regional Innovation Ecosystems

*Innovation in the Aerospace, E-mobility and Nautical sectors in Umbria*

#### Palazzo Trinci

Piazza della Repubblica n. 25

06034 Foligno, Italy

The objective of the CMR event organised by [Sviluppumbria](#) and [Umbria Region](#) is to demonstrate how **green and digital transitions** can be fostered thanks to Clusters and Value Chains as drivers of regional innovation ecosystems. The conference will examine the transformative role of clusters in driving innovation, promoting sustainability, and strengthening resilience within regional and European ecosystems, in the framework of industrial transformation.

The event will highlight the role of the Umbria Region and Sviluppumbria in the support to the Regional Innovation Ecosystem in the European and international context and is an opportunity to strengthen connections between clusters, policymakers, and industry leaders, related to the challenges Europe faces in achieving decarbonisation targets.

# Day 1 – 24 June 2025

Time	
09:00	Registration of participants and welcome coffee
09:30	<p><b>Opening session – Welcome address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stefania Proietti</b> - President of Umbria Region</li> <li>• <b>Stefano Zuccarini</b> - Mayor of Foligno</li> <li>• <b>Alberto Valenzano</b> - Team Leader Industrial Forum, alliances and clusters DG GROW, European Commission</li> <li>• <b>Martina Fumagalli</b> – ECCP Representative / Account Manager, Low Associates Europe</li> </ul> <p>Master of Ceremony: <b>Alessandra Frassetto</b> - ECCP Representative / Policy &amp; Project Officer, EURADA</p>
10:00	<p><b>Regional Cluster Ecosystem in Umbria - Strengthening synergies between the European, national and regional level</b></p> <p><b>Inspirational Keynote Speech:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Michele Guerrini</b> – Scientific Counsellor for Research and Innovation, Permanent Representation of Italy to the EU</li> </ul> <p><b>Setting the scene - Presentation of the input paper of Umbria Region:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jan-Philipp Kramer</b> - Head of EU Services, Prognos</li> </ul> <p><b>The key role of Clusters in Umbria and Umbria regional policy to support them:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adriano Bei</b> – Director of Economic Development, Umbria Region</li> </ul>
10:50	<p><b>Regional Ecosystems - The role of clusters in Umbria in shaping industrial transformation of the region</b></p> <p>The session will focus on the aerospace, e-mobility and nautical sectors: three crucial sectors to drive the green and digital transition and strengthen the industrial ecosystem in Umbria.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Luigi Rossetti</b> - Director for Planning, Budget, Human Resources, Heritage, Culture, Digital Agenda Directorate, Umbria Region (TBC)</li> <li>● <b>Luca Gammaitoni</b> - Professor, University of Perugia</li> <li>● <b>Daniele Tonti</b> - President, Umbria Aerospace Cluster</li> <li>● <b>Alessio Damiani</b> - President, Umbria e-mobility Network</li> <li>● <b>Giorgio Rellini</b> - President, Umbria Nautical Cluster</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Cillian Fani</b> - Secretary General, Umbria Aerospace Cluster</p>
<b>11:40</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<p><b>Regional and national strategies and good practices – Addressing challenges for the future of the industrial transition</b></p> <p>Regions face several complex challenges in implementing effective cluster policy support. The success of these policies depends on a balance between the ability to plan, coordinate, finance, innovate and adapt to market changes. The commitment of public authorities should be aimed at creating an integrated and dynamic ecosystem that supports local enterprises and fosters positive interaction between all economic and social actors. Representatives from various European regions with a dedicated focus on clusters will share concrete insights and lessons learned from their experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Luca Ferrucci</b> – CEO, Sviluppumbria</li> <li>● <b>Ilaria Corsi</b> - European Projects Office Coordinator, EEN/Lazio Innova</li> <li>● <b>Daniele Piccolo</b> - Earth Observation Data Specialist, Veneto Region</li> <li>● <b>Lidia Mocanu Betoaea</b> - Head of Office One Stop Shop, ADR North-East Romania</li> <li>● <b>Bogdan Česnik</b> - Director, ROD Ajdovščina Slovenia</li> <li>● <b>Jean-Francois Benon</b> - General Director, CEEVO - Val d'Oise Regional Development and Attractiveness Agency France</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Marina Sereni</b> – Head of External and International Relations and Communication &amp; Head of International Clusters, Sviluppumbria</p>
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>

14:30	<p><b>International co-operation to overcome the challenges of industrial transformation – The internationalisation of clusters as a crucial element to foster innovation and economic growth</b></p> <p>Industrial transformation refers to the shift towards more sustainable, digitalised, and technologically advanced methods of production and operation across industries. While this transformation holds great potential, it also comes with significant challenges. These challenges can range from technological and economic issues to societal and environmental concerns. International cooperation plays a crucial role in addressing these challenges and ensuring that the benefits of industrial transformation are shared globally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Simona Moraglia</b> - R&amp;D initiatives and funded programs, Officine Meccaniche Aeronautiche</li> <li>• <b>Silvana Sanfeliu Gaimo</b> - Head of internationalisation and European projects, Smart Communities Tech/Fondazione Innova Piemonte</li> <li>• <b>Daniel Janeiro</b> - Coordinator of the External Relations Department, Alentejo Regional Development Agency (ADRAL)</li> <li>• <b>Paolo Vercesi</b> - Executive Director, AFIL</li> <li>• <b>Sara Tresoldi</b> - REI, Reindustria Innovazione - Alleanza Italiana Cluster</li> <li>• <b>Giada Mennuti</b> – Business &amp; Innovation Advisor, EEN SME2EUplus / Confindustria Toscana</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Roberta Dall’Olio</b> – Territorial Development Advisor, EURADA</p>
15:30	<p><b>Cluster e-mobility - Kickstarting Innovation Lab - Industry and University together driving creativity, experimentation, and longterm strategic value in the sector of e-mobility.</b></p> <p>A dynamic session for all participants to launch a new initiative: the creation of an innovation Lab. A space designed to foster experimentation, ideation, and the rapid development of new ideas, technologies, or business models where students, researchers and entrepreneurs come together to develop new models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Patrizio Quattrocchi</b> - R&amp;D Innovation Manager, Angelantoni Test Technologies S.r.l.</li> <li>• <b>Ermanno Cardelli</b> - Professor, University of Perugia</li> </ul>
16:00	<p><b>Pitching session</b></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Alessandra Frassetto</b> - ECCP Representative / Policy &amp; Project Officer, EURADA</p>

<p><b>17:00</b></p>	<p><b>Wrap up Day 1 and information about Day 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tommaso Bori</b> - Vice-President &amp; Councillor for European Fund Planning, Budget, Heritage, Personnel, Culture, Digital Agenda, Umbria Region</li> <li>• <b>Valeria Tudisco</b> - Representative of Sviluppumbria Brussels Office</li> </ul>
<p><b>17:30</b></p>	<p><b>Networking cocktail reception</b></p>
<p><b>18:30</b></p>	<p><b>Tour Visit Foligno</b></p>

## Day 2 – 25 June 2025

Time	
08:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00	<p>Cross-sectorial and interregional cooperation - Developing joint internationalisation initiatives and encouraging collaboration in projects aimed at innovation and research</p> <p>Inspirational Keynote Speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Daniele Violato</b> - Head of Synergies, Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking</li> </ul>
09:20	<p><b>Panel discussion - Industrial sustainability enablers:</b></p> <p>Reducing carbon emissions from industrial activities will fundamentally transform the future of industry, and hydrogen will play a pivotal role in this transition. Hydrogen, particularly green hydrogen (produced via electrolysis using renewable electricity), offers a clean alternative to fossil fuels in sectors where direct electrification is difficult or inefficient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Laurent Donceel</b> - Director for Transport, Industrial Policy &amp; Sustainability, Hydrogen Europe</li> <li>● <b>Brigita Habjan Štolfa</b> - Director, Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GZS) Northern Primorska</li> <li>● <b>Roya Ayazi</b> - Secretary General, NEREUS</li> <li>● <b>Andrea Rampini</b> - Cluster Umbria e-mobility / Rampini SpA</li> <li>● <b>Marko Žabojec</b> - Grinn Cluster Croatia</li> <li>● <b>Massimiliano Casellato</b> - Financial Manager, H2G (H2C S.p.A.)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Linda Barelli</b> - Associate Professor, University of Perugia</p>

10:40	<p><b>Panel discussion - Vocational training to facilitate and ensure industrial transformation:</b></p> <p>Vocational training plays a critical role in driving and sustaining industrial transformation, particularly as economies shift toward automation, digitalization, green technologies, and advanced manufacturing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Giuseppe Pippi</b> – Designer and Instructor for IT Programs, ITS Umbria Academy</li> <li>● <b>Carla Emiliani</b> - Full professor, Deputy Rector for university education</li> <li>● <b>Brigita Habjan Štolfa</b> - Director, Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GZS) Northern Primorska</li> <li>● <b>Giovanni Zazzerini</b> – Secretary General, International Network for SMEs (INSME)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Giovanni Cinti</b> - Coordinator H2VE Erasmus+ Project, University of Perugia</p>
11:30	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
11:50	<p><b>Internationalisation, innovation and intersectoral technologies: how the technologies support clusters in the ecological transition</b></p> <p>This panel discussion aims to explore how clusters leverage innovation, advanced technologies, and cross-sectoral collaboration to drive the ecological transition. It will address key industrial challenges and highlight how internationalisation and digital solutions support sustainable, resilient growth across regions and sectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Monika Čakarun</b> - Project Manager, MARINN</li> <li>● <b>Igor Dorgnach</b> - EIE Group representing RIR AIR</li> <li>● <b>Luciano Pizzoni</b> - Umbra Group SPA</li> <li>● <b>Andrea Paulgross</b> - Institutional Relations with the Mediterranean, Navigo International</li> <li>● <b>Alberto D'Alessandro</b> - Institutional Relations with the EU, Navigo International</li> <li>● <b>Marco Chiarappa</b> - VGA SRL</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Daniel Janeiro</b> - ADRAL</p>

12:40	<p><b>Closing remarks &amp; Upcoming ECCP events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Francesco De Rebotti</b> - Councillor for Economic Development, Umbria Region</li> <li>● <b>Alberto Valenzano</b> - Team Leader Industrial Forum, Alliances and Clusters DG GROW, European Commission</li> <li>● <b>Francesco Molica</b> - Director, EURADA</li> <li>● <b>Martina Fumagalli</b> - ECCP Representative / Account Manager, Low Associates Europe</li> </ul>
13:00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
14:00	<p><b>Study visits</b></p> <p>Aerospace: <a href="#">OMA SpA</a> (Foligno)</p> <p>OMA is a leading supplier of aircraft components intended for the civil and military market of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircrafts, specialised in three areas of application: aerostructures, actuation equipment and systems, overhauling.</p> <p>Nautical: <a href="#">Roccomarmi Srl</a> (Terni)</p> <p>Founded in 1985 Roccomarmi has now become a reference point for attention to detail, attention to customer needs and ability to customize each product. Through elegance, harmony and style, the marble, processed in-house, is modelled to give it life and adapt it to different uses. Roccomarmi is an industry that continues to produce stone objects with the most modern technology, guaranteeing the same craftsmanship as in the past.</p> <p>E-mobility: <a href="#">Rampini SpA</a> (Passignano sul Trasimeno)</p> <p>The history of the company Rampini started in 1945 in Umbria, the green heart of Italy. Rampini produces <a href="#">electric and fuel-cell buses</a>, vehicles and equipment for the defence industry and civilian use, covering a wide range of purposes. They focus on innovative design sets the standard for electric and fuel-cell public transport, an area where they are leaders today for design and manufacturing. During the company visit it will be possible to view the production line of the Electric and Hydrogen Range Extender buses; it will also be possible to view their refuelling station suitable for small/medium fleets. The Rampini company will also show one of their 55kW Fuel Cells, part of the H2EuPower BU</p>



	products with which they want to position themselves as a solution provider for potential partners who urgently need solutions in the zero-emission sector.
17:30	Departure