



EUROPEAN CLUSTER
COLLABORATION PLATFORM

Cluster Summit Finland & Cluster Collaboration Lab (C2Lab)

Draft Agenda

Kuopio, Finland

28-30 October 2025

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Agenda

Cluster Summit Finland 2025 (C2Lab participants are warmly welcome), 28 October 2025

Time (EET)	Agenda Point	Location
8:00	<i>Registration and Networking Coffee</i>	Kuopio Music Centre (Room: Kamarimusiikkisali), Kuopionlahdenkatu 23, 70100 KUOPIO, FINLAND
8:30	Welcome to the Cluster Summit Finland 2025	
8:35	The Role of Clusters in The Regional Strategy	
8:50	Clusters as Drivers of Productivity, Innovation, and Sustainability	
9:05	Situating clusters in the current EU mandate (competitive- ness compass, clean industrial deal, single market & simplifica- tion and next MFF)	
9:20	Clusters and Research (tbc)	
9:35	<i>Break</i>	
9:50	Workshop: How Can Clusters Impact National and Regional RDI?	
12:00	<i>Networking Lunch</i>	
13:20	The Case of Nokia: Tangible Results of How Clusters Support Business Growth	
13:35	Kuopio Water Cluster: 20+ Years Aligning Municipal and Regional strengths	
13:50	Agri-Food Clusters North Savo: Taking the Entire Value Chain Into Account	
14:05	<i>Break</i>	
14:30 – 17:00	International Hybrid Workshop (applying for European Week of Regions and Cities “Close to you” side event) Clusters as Mechanisms of Cohesion Policy to Reach Transfor- mation Targets and Ensure Resilience	
18:30	<i>Networking Dinner</i>	<i>Restaurant in the centre</i>



C2Lab Day 1, 29 October 2025

Master of Ceremony: Antonio Novo, ECCP team

Time (EET)	Agenda Point	Location
8:00	<i>Registration and Networking Coffee</i>	North Savo Regional Council (Room: Maakuntasali), Sepäkatu 1, 70100 KUOPIO, FINLAND
8:30	Site Visits (Bus Transportation After Registration) <i>Water and agri-food technologies + 2 SME presentations</i> OR <i>Machinery and energy technologies + 2 SME presentations</i>	
10:45	Break	
11:00	Welcome to the C2Lab Greetings from Finnish Public Authorities	
11:10	Water Technology Ecosystem Landscape: How to Combine Established Strengths with New Innovations	
11:20	Comprehensive Security Ecosystem Landscape: How to Turn Threats into Possibilities on Technological, Societal, and Operational Levels	
11:30	Funding Programmes: Overview of EU Opportunities	
11:45	Presentation of Input Paper and Project Creation Methodology	
12:00	Presentation of Participants and Pitching Ideas Networking lunch	
12:30	<i>Networking lunch</i>	
13:30 – 17:30	Working Group Phase <i>Discussion on Project Ideas in Working Groups Guided by a Facilitator, including brainstorming on simplifications in EU funded projects preparation and implementation phases based on current experience</i>	
18:30	<i>Networking dinner (Bus Transportation Provided from City Centre to Koivumäki Manor at 18:30 and returning 21:00)</i>	Koivumäki Manor



C2Lab Day 2: 30 October 2025

Master of Ceremony: Antonio Novo, ECCP team

Time (EET)	Agenda Point	Location
8:00	<i>Networking Coffee</i>	North Savo Regional Council (Room: Maakuntasali), Sepäkatu 1, 70100 KUOPIO, FINLAND
8:30	Introductory Words and Summary of Day 1	
8:40	Access to Private Investments	
8:50	Working Group Phase <i>Discussion on Project Ideas in Working Groups Guided by a Facilitator, "including brainstorming on simplifications in EU funded projects preparation and implementation phases based on current experience"</i>	
11:15	Presentation of Results <i>Each Working Group Will Present their Results to the Plenary</i>	
11:55	Closing Words and Feedback Survey	
12:00	<i>Break and "To Go" Lunch Package</i>	
12:20	<i>Bus Transportation Provided to Kuopio Airport (Flight to Helsinki at 14:00) and Kuopio Train Station (Train to Helsinki at 14:11)</i>	