





Zaragoza, Spain

19-20 March 2025







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ONLINE INFO SESSION 16 JANUARY 2025

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and housekeeping rules Ángela Negrete Benedí, ECCP Team
- 2. Welcome from the **European Commission** *Marta Batalla Massana, DG GROW, European Commission*
- 3. Welcome and invitation from **Government of Aragón** *María del Mar Paños, General Director for Industrial Promotion & Innovation*
- 4. C2Lab event **format** *Antonio Novo, ECCP team*
- **5. Agenda** and **topics** on **C2Lab in Zaragoza** in March *Antonio Novo, ECCP team*
- **6. Steps** for the participants Ángela Negrete Benedí, ECCP team
- 7. Q&A





Housekeeping rules

 Please use the Zoom Q&A function to ask questions, and the chat function to comment.

• If you want to ask your question in person: Please **raise your hand** and we will give you the floor.

 Please note that the session is being recorded and that the recording will be published on the European Cluster Collaboration Platform.





WELCOME FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Marta Batalla Massana
DG GROW
European Commission





WELCOME FROM GOVERNMENT OF ARAGÓN

María del Mar Paños

General Director for Industrial Promotion and Innovation, Government of Aragón





C2LAB EVENT FORMAT Antonio Novo, ECCP team

C2Lab concept



The Cluster Collaboration Labs (C2Labs) are **1.5-day interactive workshops** for project creation organised by the European Cluster Collaboration Platform (ECCP) on behalf of the European Commission.



The overall objective of the C2Labs is **to generate new projects and collaboration** between businesses, clusters, and research organisations.



C2Lab should contribute to generate, facilitate, and mature project ideas based on the interests and matching of the participants, which will be **further implemented after the workshop itself**, e.g. in an application to an open call.

Credits: Icon 1: Vectors Tank – Flaticon; Icon 2: juicy_fish – Flaticon; Icon 3: Vectors Tank - Flaticon





Who is it for?

We welcome different entities that are interested in collaborating with others in projects!

- SMEs and companies
- Cluster organisations
- Universities and research organisations
- Actors from the civil society
- Policymakers

Participation is open to entities from the EU and SMP/COSME countries.

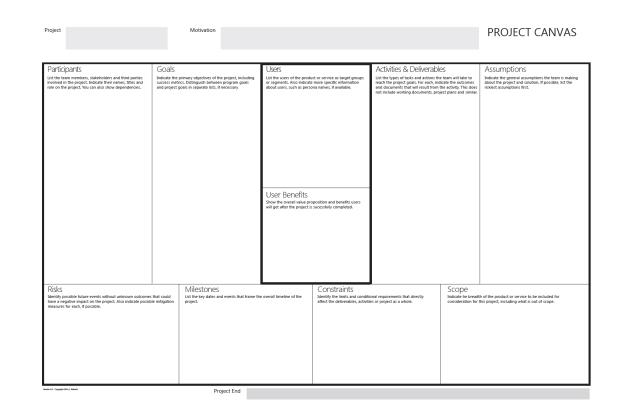




What to expect at the workshop?

- Work on defining excellent projects
- Get to know each other
- Discover synergies among them and common goals
- Start the project discussions, e.g.:
 - Define the target groups
 - Select the idea and determine the activities
 - Determine the **milestones** of the project
- Define the next steps for the development of the project after the workshop

The discussions are guided by a facilitator from the ECCP team.













Previous C2Lab in

- ✓ **Strasbourg, France,** 25-26 Sep 2024
- ✓ Vilnius, Lithuania, 14-15 Nov 2023
- ✓ Ljubljana, Slovenia, 25-26 Oct 2023
- ✓ **Lund, Sweden**, 21-22 Mar 2023
- ✓ **Cluj-Napoca**, 22-23 Jun 2022















C2Lab in Strasbourg, France, September 2024









AGENDA AND TOPICS FOR C2LAB IN ZARAGOZA

Antonio Novo, ECCP team





The Wave 2025



Flagship event on digital technologies. Key highlights include:

- Cutting-edge advancements: latest trends and solutions driving digital transformation
- Focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI): as a driver of innovation and societal impact
- Networking opportunities: Bringing together clusters, businesses and innovators

https://waveshow.es/





Overview Draft Agenda

19 March 2025

When	What
Morning	The Wave Event
13:00	Networking lunch
14:15	Presentation of the Input Paper and European Priorities
14:45	Funding programmes and opportunities related to the topics to be covered
15:15	Presentation of participants and pitching ideas
16:15	Initiation of the working group phase
20:00	Networking dinner

20 March 2025

When	What
9:15	Start Day 2 of C2Lab
9:45	Working group phase
13:00	Lunch break
14:00	Presentation of results
16:00	End of C2Lab



What are the topics of the C2Lab? (1)

With the event registration, we set challenges to pre-sort participants into working groups around the topics:

- Al for Net Zero Technologies
 Leveraging Al to drive sustainability and meet the EU green objectives. Development and integration of Net Zero technologies, renewable energies.
- Al for Industrial Transformation and Competitiveness
 Enhancing production efficiency and supply chain optimization through AI in manufacturing processes.
- Al for Healthcare Innovation
 Improving diagnostics, personalised treatments, and healthcare delivery while ensuring privacy, security, and ethical compliance.
- Al for Dual Use Technologies
 Al innovations that serve both civilian and defence purposes, ensuring ethical, secure, and sustainable applications.





What are the topics of the C2Lab? (2)

Al for Smart Cities

Addressing local challenges through AI, such as urban planning, mobility, and smart cities.

Collaborative AI Infrastructure

Building shared platforms and resources to foster innovation and cluster collaboration.

Al Crisis Management

Developing AI solutions for anticipating and responding to crises like natural disasters and pandemics.

Your own project idea

You are welcomed to bring and present your own project ideas related to other European priorities.

Each participant will choose one of the challenges to work on with their fellow peers during the C2Lab.



STEPS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

Ángela Negrete Benedí, ECCP Team





Steps for the participants

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Info How does it work? Info session Pitching Sessions Virtual matchmaking Requirements Agenda Location

Contact

The European Cluster Collaboration Platform, in collaboration with the Government of Aragón, organises the next edition of the Cluster Collaboration Labs in Zaragoza, Spain, on 19-20 March 2025. The C2Lab is a workshop-style event where you will have the opportunity to meet new partners, discuss your project ideas, and initiate collaboration – for example to apply together for a European call. You can either join with a concrete project proposal or offer your expertise and knowledge by joining others.

C2Lab Zaragoza will unfold alongside **The Wave 2025**, Aragón's premier digital technology showcase, which captivated over 2,500 participants in its past edition. This unique synergy allows C2Lab attendees not only to engage in collaborative project development but also to immerse themselves in the cutting-edge innovations featured at The Wave. All C2Lab participants will enjoy full access to this flagship event, amplifying opportunities for networking, inspiration, and exploring transformative digital solutions

What are the topics of the C2Lab?

This edition will focus on defining and developing projects with a strong emphasis on Artificial Intelligence (AI) applied across various sectors, functional areas and strategic priorities. As a starting point for the joint project creation, we have defined the following challenges:

Register now
Open until 17 March 2025

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Preparatory meetings - How do they work?

A virtual meeting, or "matchmaking", is a quick and easy way to meet potential cooperation partners. 20 minutes run fast, but they are enough to build first connections before the meeting ends and the next talk starts.



- **3** Online pitching session
- 4 In-person workshop in Strasbourg on 19-20 March

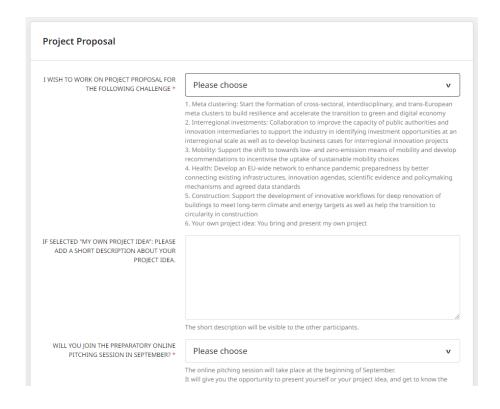




Step 1: registration

https://cluster-collaboration-lab-c2lab-zaragoza.b2match.io/





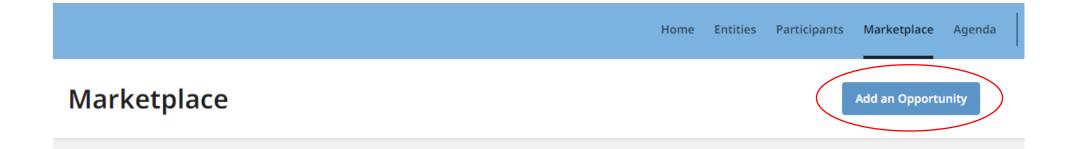
When registering for the event on the **B2Match platform**, you will choose a challenge which you want to work on. Alternatively, you can present your own project idea and pitch it to the other participants. Complete your profile so that the other participants can get to know you.

Make sure that you **select "Long Term Matchmaking"** in the registration process to get to know the other participants and book meetings.





Step 1: registration



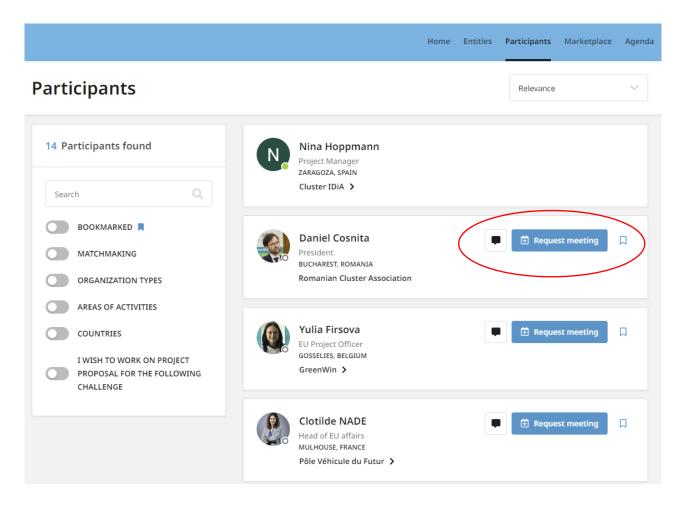
Share your offers in the marketplace

Indicate what kind of what ideas and capabilities you offer for new projects and what kind of projects you are looking for. Publish this in the marketplace and browse what the other participants bring to the table.





Step 2: virtual matchmaking



Request meetings ("Long Term Matchmaking")

Invite other participants to preparatory meetings to speak about collaboration opportunities that you will further explore at the C2Lab.

These meetings can take place online on the B2Match platform anytime between registration and the in-person workshop.





Step 3: online pitching session



Mid-February, we will invite you to an online pitching session to **present yourself** personally to the other participants and/or to **pitch a concrete project idea**.

This is an additional opportunity for you to meet your prospective project partners.



Step 4: in-person workshop



We will meet in Zaragoza on 19-20 March 2025. Based on your challenge selection, you will join the respective working group to initiate your project ideas with your fellow peers. Each working group will be guided by a facilitator.

Within your group, you will develop your project proposal by discussing the main elements of every project:

- Common goals
- Objectives and scope of the project
- Target groups
- Activities, deliverables and milestones
- Risks and assumptions





Register now!



https://www.clustercollaboration.eu/content/c2lab-zaragoza-spain







