



# towards Horizon Europe

**EIC, CLUSTERS AND MISSIONS**  
*A threefold perspective to empower innovation*

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Three of the most-debated issues in the Brussels R&I arena will become a reality as Horizon Europe is launched: cross-disciplinary and cross-sectoral Clusters, resulting from the integration of societal challenges and industrial technologies; the R&I Missions, that will define ambitious and R&I-relevant targets to finally stimulate the interest of European citizens around research and innovation; and the European Innovation Council, the expected "one stop shop" for supporting all types of innovation under the next Programme.

While the rationale of the different instruments is clear, their strategic coherence should be evident and decided from the outset. How will R&I missions work? Which will be the role of the Mission boards during the Missions definition and implementation phase? Which will be the role of the EIC Programme Manager within the EIC Pathfinder? Shall project results and innovation emerging from Clusters-based Pillar II be followed-up through the EIC Accelerator? Might some national-backed innovation initiatives recently launched be an example to replicate EU wide?

APRE, the Italian Agency for the Promotion of European Research organises, in collaboration with the European Commission, the roundtable "EIC, Clusters and Missions - A threefold perspective to empower innovation", to bring together high-level European Commission representatives and a selected number of R&I actors (i.e. universities, research centres, companies, financial intermediaries, ecc.), including but not limited to the Italian R&I community.

The aim of the workshop is to raise awareness and facilitate an exchange of views about those three key novelties in Horizon Europe, while highlighting possible suggestions for the implementation and governance of the European Innovation Council and the identification of R&I Missions in view of the Horizon Europe strategic planning process.

## AGENDA

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- 11.00 INTRODUCTION AND RATIONALE OF THE ROUNDTABLE**
- Gianluigi Di Bello, *Head of EU Liaison Office, APRE*
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- 11.15 THE CLUSTER AND MISSION-ORIENTED APPROACH IN HORIZON EUROPE**
- Renzo Tomellini, *Head of Unit 'Horizon Programmes Policy' at DG Research & Innovation, European Commission*
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- 11.30 THE EIC FROM THE H2020 PILOT TO HORIZON EUROPE**
- Viorel Peca, *Head of Unit 'Future & Emerging Technologies (FET)' at DG Connect, European Commission*
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- 11.45 INDUSTRY IN HORIZON EUROPE - A PERSPECTIVE FROM DG GROW**
- Giacomo Mattinò, *Head of Unit 'Enterprise Europe Network and Internationalisation of SMEs' at DG GROW, European Commission*
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- 12.00 OPEN STAKEHOLDER DEBATE**
- Moderated by Mattia Ceracchi, *(APRE EU Liaison Office)*
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- 12.50 CONCLUSIONS**
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