



# FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP 2026

LOOKING AHEAD: EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS AND PATHWAYS TO SUSTAINABILITY

THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2026

RUE DU CHAMP DE MARS 21, 1050 IXELLES, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Welcome Coffee</i>
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Keynote speech "Looking ahead: European Partnerships and Pathways to Sustainability"</b> <i>Fabienne Gautier, Head of Unit Common Missions &amp; Partnerships Service (RTD.G.4)</i> <i>Luca Perego, Head of Unit Innovation and EIT (EAC.C.1) (tbc)</i>
09.15 -09.30	<b>Setting the scene – Results of previous workshops</b> <i>ERA-LEARN representative (tbc)</i>
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Panel discussion:</b> <b>Public funding and market orientation? How to steer the Partnership towards impact and sustainability?</b> <i>Marion Jamard, Common Missions &amp; Partnerships Service (RTD.G.4) (tbc)</i> <i>Philippe Vanrie, Ecosystemix</i> <i>EIT KIC representative, 1<sup>st</sup> wave KIC (tbc)</i> <i>European Partnership representative (tbc)</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Rotating Breakout Sessions (each participant will discuss each topic):</b> <b>Potential pathways, challenges, solutions, open issues:</b> 1. Membership fees & sources of the partnership 2. Private funding: Return of Investment, Donations etc. 3. Public funding: EC, Member States, Regional level etc.
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 14:15	<b>Rotating Breakout Sessions (each participant will discuss each topic):</b> <b>Potential pathways, challenges, solutions, open issues:</b> 1. Membership fees & sources of the partnership 2. Private funding: Return of Investment, Donations etc. 3. Public funding: EC, Member States, Regional level etc.
14:15 – 15:00	<b>Plenary: Reporting back from the breakout sessions &amp; Discussion</b>
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>European Partnerships and KICs – examples of cooperation &amp; Discussion</b> (2 examples of cooperation will be presented) <i>Denisa Naidin, Programme development lead for the Partnership on Innovative SMEs, Eureka Network</i> <i>Adriana Diaz Arias, Innovation Director, EIT Urban Mobility</i>
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Outlook: From Plan to Action</b>
16:15 – 16:30	<b>Wrap up &amp; farewell</b>