ERA-LEARN Networking Event 2026

Parallel session B1: From Projects to Impacts

14:00 – 15:30 | Room 1.3

From project to portfolio: Using portfolio intelligence, evidence and data to understand, steer and strengthen Partnership impact

Topic and goals

European Partnerships fund research and innovation to address shared challenges. The value of that investment grows when project findings are used to inform policy, improve practice or support further innovation. Partnerships can help by guiding projects towards shared objectives, connecting related work and making results easier to find and use.

This session will explore what Partnerships can gain from looking across their funded projects: where projects complement one another, where gaps remain and where results could be used more widely. Speakers from European Partnerships and a national innovation programme will share practical examples of how they steer programmes, connect project data and communicate results.

Expected outcomes

Participants will hear practical examples of how programmes can connect funded projects and help their results reach people who can use them. The discussion will give them a chance to share experiences and consider what might be relevant to their own work.

Moderation: Hayley Welsh (ERA-LEARN)

Agenda/ Timing

14:00	Introduction
14:05	Presentations **Europe's Rail:** how a programme steers its projects towards shared objectives, **Giorgio Travaini** **Smart Built Environment:** how connected project data supports portfolio analysis and matchmaking, **Michael Strömgren** **SBEP:** how communication and dissemination help results reach relevant audiences and support lasting impact, **Isabel Cabellero**
15:00	Moderated discussion including audience Q&A
15:25	Closing Remarks

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Parallel session B2: *From Research to Policy and Society*

14:00 – 15:30 | Room 1.1

Turning research into societal and policy impact incl. SSH, stakeholder engagement, capacity building and policy uptake.

Topic and goals

The workshop will examine how European Partnerships can **translate research outcomes into sustained policy, and societal impact.** It will explore how Partnerships with well-developed **policy activities** develop consensual policy positions and communicate them effectively. Attention will also be given to exploring the integration of the Social Sciences and Humanities into the partnership activities, and examples in which **SSH-informed approaches have enhanced** a Partnership's work and impact. Attention will be given to what constitutes **effective capacity building and stakeholder engagement** by discussing good practices, methodologies and tools that connect such activities with wider impacts on society.

Goals

- Discuss specific approaches to policy and societal impact that have been applied by partnerships in their respective domains.
- The role of SSH, capacity building and stakeholder engagement in enhancing such impacts that the partnerships have/can generate, spanning the policy, and social realms.

Expected outcomes

- Exchanged experiences in translating activities and results to policy and societal impact
- Shared understanding of the relevant mechanisms and pathways
- Share understanding of the role of SSH, engagement and capacity building as factors enhancing impacts

Moderation: Effie Amanatidou, Dimitri Gagliardi, ERA-LEARN

Agenda/ Timing

14:00– 14:10	Introduction by Moderator
14:10 – 14:30	ERA-LEARN presentation: 'The Demand-side in Pathways to impact: the Regional dimension in the Clean Hydrogen JU', *Dimitri Gagliardi.*
14:30 – 15:05	**Panel discussion with pre-defined questions for each to answer (6/7'x5=35')** • ERDERA: Building policy positions through stakeholder and end-user engagement in large partnerships, *Raisa Simoes.* • Biodiversa+: Promoting policy uptake of research results. *Johannes Peterseil.* • RCH: Building capacity and establishing interdisciplinarity as key factors to achieving societal impact: activities and methodologies. *Mariachiara Esposito*. • Clean Hydrogen JU: a tool and a shaper of public policies; the role of cross-cutting activities, including skills, PNR, safety and sustainability, in the development of social acceptance and building impact, *Inês Moura Martins*. • EOSC: Promoting policy uptake and encouraging national investments in infrastructures and people, *Ute Gunsenheimer.*
15:05 – 15:25	**Open discussion with questions from the audience**
15:25 – 15:30	**Closing by the Moderator**

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Parallel session B3: Connected European Ecosystems

14:00 - 15:30 I Room Plenary (Stage Auditorium)

Building synergies across Partnerships, sectors, programmes and innovation ecosystems to strengthen European R&I

Topic and goals

Discover new opportunities for collaboration, connect with potential partners and explore how ERA-LEARN's new support tools can help turn shared interests into concrete ideas for joint action.

In this interactive session, participants will form small teams based on shared interests and complementary expertise. Using digital tools to identify thematic synergies and explore collaboration mechanisms, teams will jointly develop ideas for potential activities, exchange good practices and discuss suitable governance arrangements to turn synergies into concrete collaborative action.

The workshop combines short practice impulses from Partnerships, an introduction to ERA-LEARN support tools and facilitated co-creation and structured networking.

Goals

- Identify shared interests and complementary objectives across Partnerships and explore opportunities for joint activities.
- Connect with potential collaborators and exchange good practices, practical challenges and lessons learned from existing collaborations.
- Explore how ERA-LEARN's support tools can help identify thematic synergies and suitable collaboration mechanisms.
- Develop concrete ideas for potential joint activities, including coordination arrangements, responsibilities and first steps.

Expected outcome

- Up to four Synergy Concept Canvases, each identifying potential partners, shared or complementary objectives, added value, a proposed joint activity, a collaboration mechanism, coordination arrangements and a realistic first step.
- New connections between participants, based on shared interests and complementary expertise, and opportunities to identify further collaborators (i.e. through the Synergy Wall).

Moderation

Noemi Bergesio, Silvia Reale, Jakob Michelmann, Giuliana Schaffert (ERA-LEARN)

Agenda / Timing

14:00–14:05	**Welcome and introduction**
14:05–14:30	**Practice impulses and moderated exchange** Short contributions from Partnerships highlighting concrete examples of collaboration, good practices, practical challenges and lessons learned. Each speaker provides a three-minute impulse, followed by a moderated exchange. ▪ **Magali Poinot** – Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) ▪ **Barbara Betz** – Innovative SMEs ▪ **Anastasiya Yurchyshyna** – Built4People
14:30–14:50	**Introduction and exploration of ERA-LEARN support tools:** *Partnership Topic Explorer* and the *ERA LEARN Collaboration Pathfinder*
14:50–15:25	**Co-creation and structured networking** Participants form four facilitated groups of 8–10 people around shared interests and complementary expertise. Using matching cards and, where helpful, the ERA-LEARN support tools, they work through the following steps: 1. **Connect and identify synergies:** Find potential partners, shared interests and complementary objectives. 2. **Explore joint activities:** Identify potential activities, discuss their added value and explore suitable collaboration mechanisms. 3. **Develop a Synergy Concept Canvas:** Discuss coordination, responsibilities and decision-making arrangements, and identify a realistic first step and who could take it forward. 4. **Share and improve:** Exchange feedback, identify potential obstacles and improvements, and share the canvases on the Synergy Wall to connect with further collaborators.
15:25–15:30	Summary and next steps

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Parallel session B4: AI, Data and Digital Transformation

14:00 – 15:30 | Room 1.2

Exploring how AI, data and digital technologies can transform Partnership operations, innovation and industrial competitiveness.

Topic and goals

The workshop will focus on AI, data, and other critical digital technologies, discussing how they can transform sectors, strengthen European industrial competitiveness, and contribute to digital and technological sovereignty. The following topic will be addressed:

- Experiences with AI, data and critical digital technologies
- Good practices that these technologies can help to strengthen the competitiveness of European industry
- Related challenges and risks
- Contribution to the digital and technological sovereignty
- AI in practice

Expected outcomes

The partnership community's experiences, hints and learnings shall improve the understanding of critical digital technologies.

Moderation: Tor Ivar Eikaas, ERA-LEARN

Agenda/ Timing

14:00	Introduction
14:05	6 Pitch presentation each 5-7 min Related networks to **CHIPS** -EXPANSE AI: AI, cloud-edge computing, and digital ecosystems as technology that can transform sectors, **Inessa Seifert** The Experience of **EOSC** in fostering Europe's leadership in data-intensive research and AI and its responsible use, **Aneta Pazik-Ayba** **Virtual Worlds (VW):** How can we transform industry and logistics by using a variety of immersive technologies, **Alejandra del Valle** How does **AI, Data and Robotics Partnership** (**ADR)** the European Partnership as focal point for these themes contribute to digital and technological sovereignty, **Philip Piatkiewicz** **Processes4Planet**: Digital and AI for process excellence and industrial leadership to deliver a step change in energy and material efficiency, **Patrick Pammer** **CETP**: AI in programme management practice – a practical use case, **Ludwig Karg**
14:50	Group discussion
15:25	Closing

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