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ERA-LEARN Networking Event 2026

Bridging European Partnerships:

Connecting, Sharing, Growing

Tech Gate | Vienna

18 Nov. 2026

Parallel Workshops

B3 Connected European Ecosystems

Welcome

Moderation: Noemi Bergesio, Silvia Reale, Jakob Michelmann, Giuliana Schaffert, ERA-LEARN

Objectives & Agenda

- **Learn from collaboration experiences** of other Partnerships
- **Connect with potential partners** across European Partnerships and other relevant stakeholders
- **Identify synergies** based on shared interests, complementary objectives and expertise.
- **Explore collaboration opportunities** using ERA-LEARN support tools to identify thematic connections and suitable collaboration mechanisms.
- **Co-create concrete ideas for joint action**, including potential activities, coordination arrangements and realistic first steps.

Time	Activity
14:30–14:35	**Welcome and introduction**
14:35–15:00	**Practice impulses and moderated exchange** ▪ **Magali Poinot** Innovative Health Initiative (IHI) ▪ **Barbara Betz** Innovative SMEs ▪ **Anastasiya Yurchyshyna** Built4People
15:00–15:10	**Introduction and exploration of ERA-LEARN support tools**
15:10–15:55	**Co-creation and structured networking**
15:55–16:00	**Summary and next steps**

Expected Outcome: Up to four Synergy Concept Canvases outlining potential collaborations and concrete next steps.

Practice Impulses

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- **Anastasiya Yurchyshyna** I Built4People

Short insights into a **collaboration in practice**, focusing on:

- Its **added value** and **benefits**
- How the collaboration was **organised**
- How **challenges were addressed** and overcome
- Key **lessons learned and recommendations** for the wider partnership community

ERA LEARN Tools

Presentation & trial of the

- **Partnership Topics Explorer** &
- **Collaboration Pathway Finder**

by Jakob Michelmann

Team behind the work: Alexander Heinz, Giuliana Schaffert, Annika Holz, Hannah Funk,

Achieving impact through collaboration

Partnerships and further stakeholders report challenges, e.g.:

Navigate through the large partnership landscape

Understand what a partnership is aiming at in specific

Identify topics for collaboration

Objectives & Approach

Support Horizon Europe partnerships and other stakeholder to **identify potential cross-cutting thematic collaboration** potentials:

57 partnerships

Analyse SRIAs

3000 objectives

Extract global, strategic and operational objectives

52 macro topics
2200 sub topics
>20k nodes

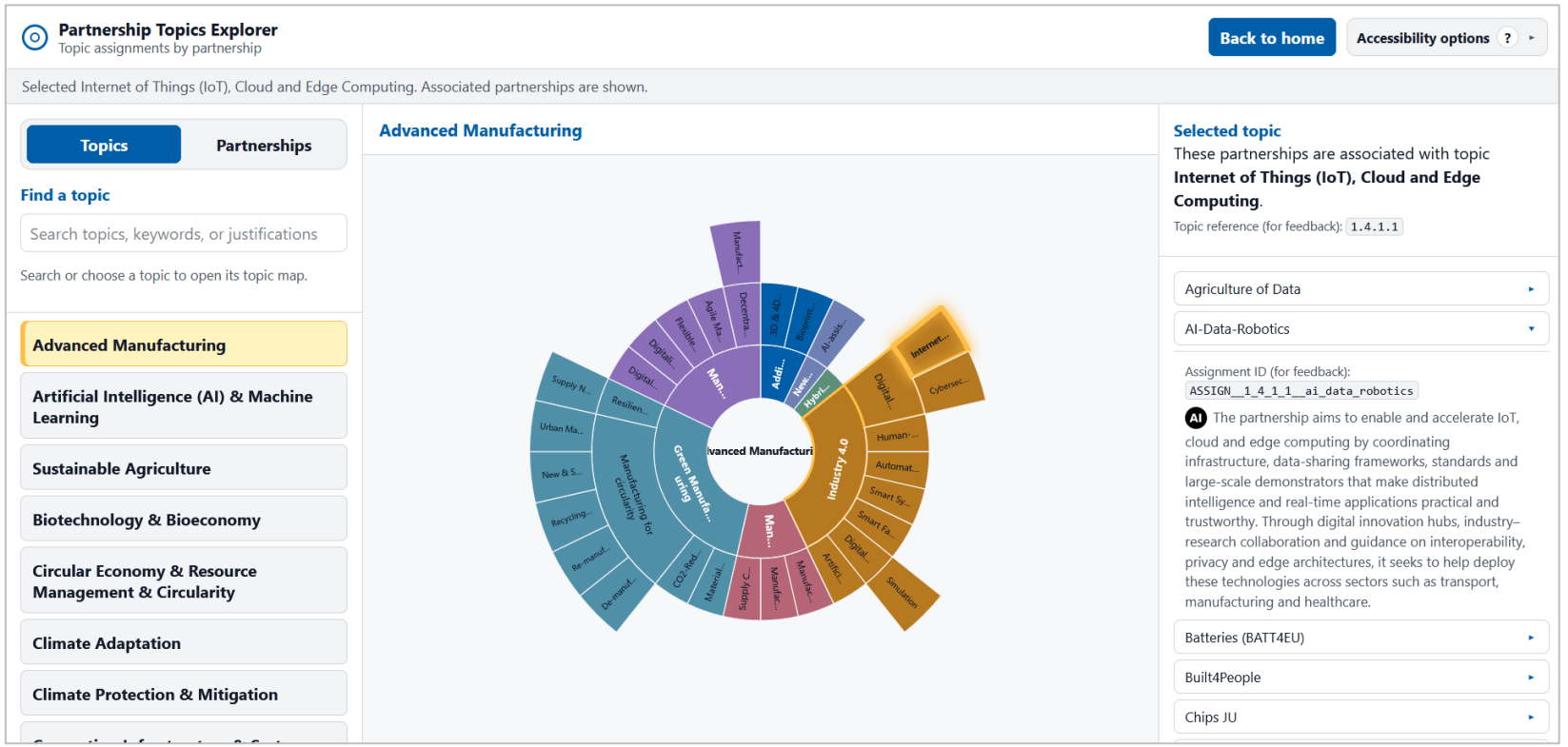
Display potential topics for collaboration

Partnership Topics Explorer

Build a tool to make the data accessible

The Deliverable “Matrix and Catalogue of Partnership Collaboration Potentials and Governance” explains the method in detail (to be published soon).

Partnership Topics Explorer



Partnership Collaboration Pathway Finder

- **Goal:** Identify relevant collaboration mechanisms (coordinated calls, joint calls, etc.) and good practices
- **Curated Knowledge Base:** ERA-LEARN documents, policy documents, Partnership resources, documented good practice (validated by a focus group)



Target → Objective → Context → Mecha-nisms → Example Pathways → Ressources

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Co-creation Part 15:10 -16:00

Objectives

- Connect with potential partners
- Identify synergies
- Get to know ERA-LEARN support tools to identify thematic connections and suitable collaboration mechanisms.
- Co-create concrete real *or* fictional ideas for joint action

Please move to one of the four boards/groups according to your interests/expertise.

2 min



Digital Leadership



Clean Transition and
Industrial Decarbonisation

Stage

Stands



Health, Biotech, Agriculture
and Bioeconomy



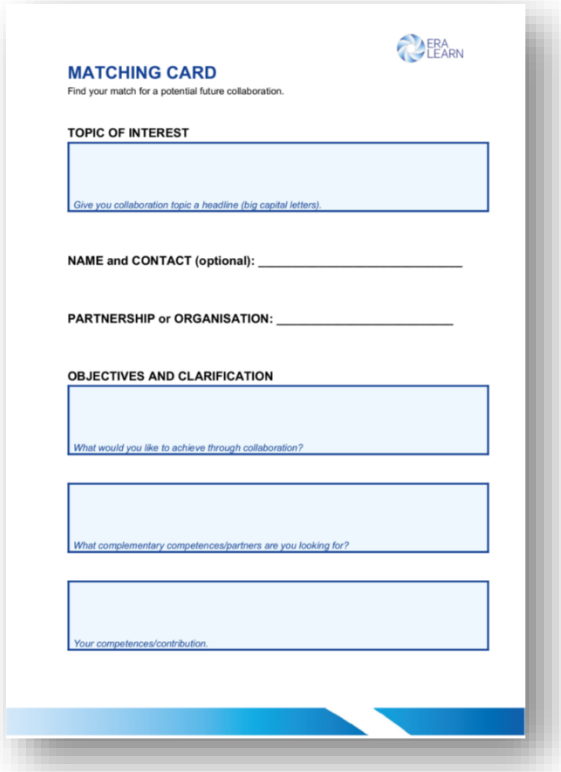
Resilience and Security,
Defence Industry and Space

Find at each board/group two cards:

x

Your group

1. Matching Card



MATCHING CARD

Find your match for a potential future collaboration.

TOPIC OF INTEREST

Give you collaboration topic a headline (big capital letters).

NAME and CONTACT (optional): _____

PARTNERSHIP or ORGANISATION: _____

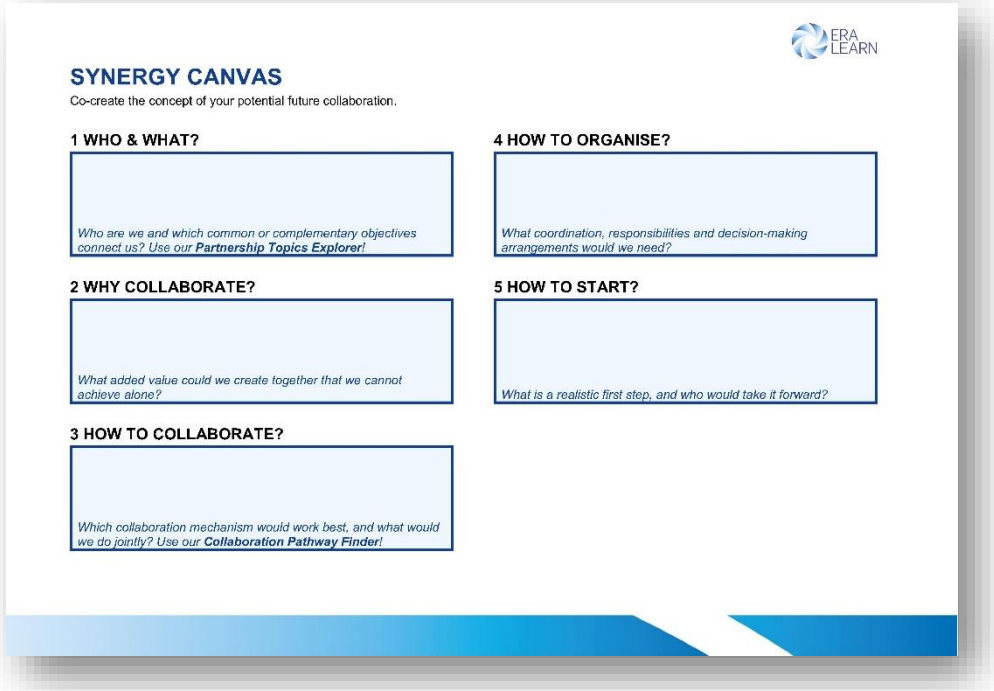
OBJECTIVES AND CLARIFICATION

What would you like to achieve through collaboration?

What complementary competences/partners are you looking for?

Your competences/contribution.

2. Synergy Canvas



SYNERGY CANVAS

Co-create the concept of your potential future collaboration.

1 WHO & WHAT?

*Who are we and which common or complementary objectives connect us? Use our **Partnership Topics Explorer**!*

2 WHY COLLABORATE?

What added value could we create together that we cannot achieve alone?

3 HOW TO COLLABORATE?

*Which collaboration mechanism would work best, and what would we do jointly? Use our **Collaboration Pathway Finder**!*

4 HOW TO ORGANISE?

What coordination, responsibilities and decision-making arrangements would we need?

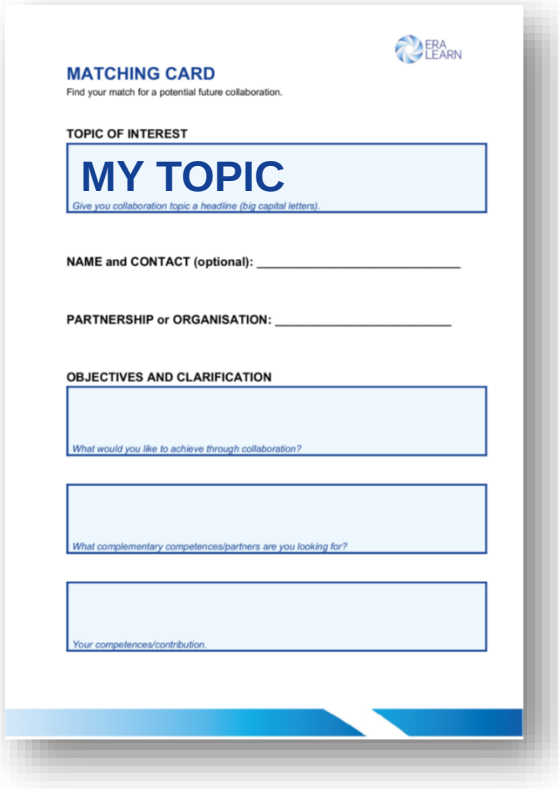
5 HOW TO START?

What is a realistic first step, and who would take it forward?

Introduce yourself:

15 min

Fill out (5 min)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Your competences/contribution.

Walk/talk to find a matching pair (10min)



in your group

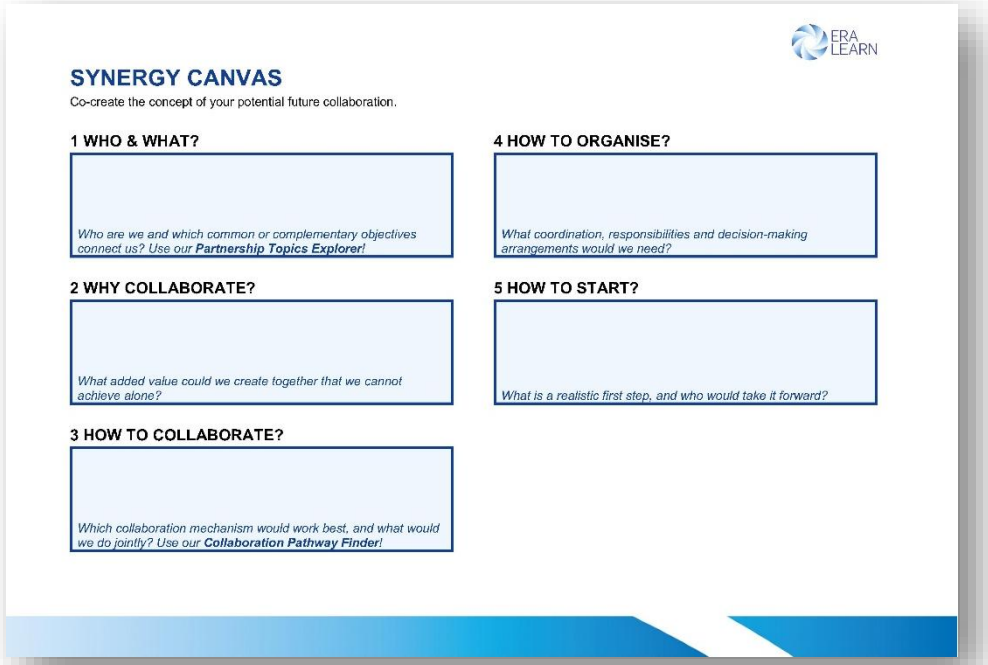
1. Please **fill in the Matching Card** (one per participant).
2. Use your Matching Card to **introduce yourself to others** and **find complementary competences**
3. Find yourself a small team (2-4 people with a first collaboration idea and present it to others.

Non-Partnership stakeholders contribute as **connectors/enablers to leverage collaborations**!

Jointly, elaborate a (fictional) collaboration concept in your small team:

25 min

Synergy Canvas



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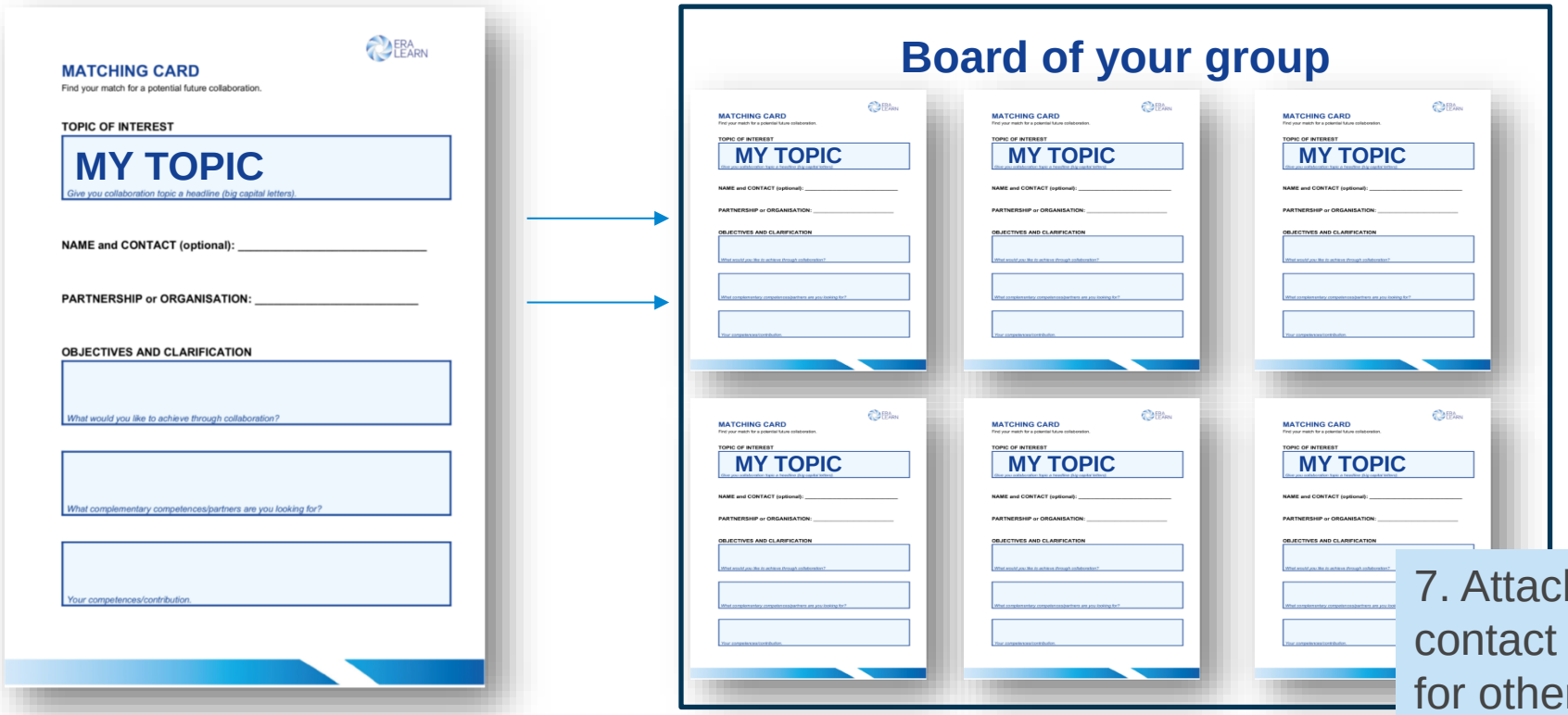
4. Let the template guide you
5. Use the **Partnerships Topics Explorer** to find complementary objectives or another partnership and the **Partnership Collaboration Pathway Finder** to explore mechanisms to collaborate.
6. Share and reflect your idea with your group

Make more networking connections:



7. Attach your your Matching Card with contact details (voluntarily) at the board for others to connect with you.