



INNOVATION & INVESTMENT WORKING GROUP

Co-leads: Gabriele Pedrini (Autonomous Province of Trento), Loles Vidal (Generalitat Valenciana), Marie Vaugeois (Occitanie Europe) Siri Raahede Bentzen (South Denmark), Wim de Kinderen (Brainport Eindhoven)

Key EU processes to follow

- European Industrial Policy and related Industrial Forum
- Potential opportunities in Horizon Europe and the European Innovation Ecosystems Work Programme, linking with the activity of the other strategic work on the Regional Innovation Valleys and I3
- Potential opportunities in the Single Market programme and the Innovation Fund
- European Strategic autonomy and associated initiatives, such as the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP)

On-going activities to be followed further in 2024

- Continue the dialogue and foster engagement in the European Innovation Council
- Cluster-related European activities, programme and opportunities, including EUROCLUSTERS call

First planned meetings

- Kick-starting 2024: Towards R&I and cohesion policies post-2027 – 30 January
- Follow-up on the EIC activities organised in 2023 – Q2
- Opportunities related to the Innovation Fund – Q2

