

ANNUAL PLAN 2024 TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

LOW CARBON CLUSTER

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OBJECTIVES

The Working Group promotes cooperation and facilitates dialogue among ERRIN members in the field of innovative mobility and transport solutions. It also serves as a crucial intermediary between members and EU institutions to raise awareness on the regional and local dimensions of the thematic areas. The group fosters discussion on new developments in EU policy related to transport and mobility, with a particular emphasis on research and innovation. Additionally, it plays a crucial role in facilitating project development and encouraging regional participation in European projects.

CONTEXT

The long-term priority: Sustainable and Innovative Mobility.

The Transport Working Group is dedicated to addressing all aspects related to the development of urban mobility systems. The focus is on creating systems that are not only safe, accessible and inclusive, but also affordable, leaders of the Transport Working Group and, resilient and emission-free. This also includes various aspects related to the mobility components of the Cities Mission and the digitalisation of the mobility sector. As one of the leaders of the Transport Working Group is a member of the Expert Group on Urban Mobility (EGUM), ERRIN remains committed to ongoing collaboration and information sharing.

Key EU-level priorities, strategies, events, work programmes and priority calls for proposals that the Working Group aims to follow up in 2024:

- TEN-T regulation: Urban Nodes in TEN-T regulation and relative funding in the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) programme.
- Digitalisation of mobility: Digital Mobility Package, European Mobility Data Space, Multimodal Digital Mobility Services (MDMS).
- Mobility aspects in the Cities Mission
- Hydrogen mobility

Events:

- Connecting Europe Days
- European Week of Regions and Cities

Project development, identified calls:

- HORIZON-MISS-2024-CIT-01-03 - Mobility Management Plans and Behavioural Change
- HORIZON-CL5-2024-D6-01-09 - Policies and governance shaping the future transport and mobility systems
- HORIZON-CL5-2024-D6-01-11 - Effects of disruptive changes in transport: towards resilient, safe and energy efficient mobility

OPPORTUNITIES AND OUTPUTS IN ERRIN PROJECTS

ERRIN projects:

- NetZeroCities - Mission Platform to support the cities selected for the Mission on 100 climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030 to develop and implement their Climate City Contracts.
 - ERRIN is responsible for tasks related to multi-level governance; building strategic partnerships with other initiatives, projects and EU Missions; supporting policy innovations at local level and facilitating policy discussions at EU level; and supporting cities in the development of their Climate City Contracts through two City Advisors.
 - ERRIN's role in the project provides an opportunity for the Transport Working Group and the Low Carbon Cluster to influence the implementation of the Cities Mission through the NetZeroCities project.
 - Activities in 2024: The project will expand its focus to also include cities that are not among the 112 selected Mission Cities, which ERRIN will support through different activities. ERRIN will also continue its work around multi-level governance, especially looking into the role of regions in the Mission and focus on creating stronger links between the Cities Mission and the Adaptation and Soil Missions.

ACTIVITIES

Low Carbon Cluster project facilitation session: Cities Mission calls

Date: 23 January | 15:00-17:00 (In person meeting)

Cluster Activity: with Energy & Climate Change and Smart Cities WG

The draft Cities Mission calls for 2024 present the opportunity to develop and apply diverse solutions, including mobility and energy solutions, in cities to support them on their journey towards climate neutrality. To better understand ERRIN members' interests in the proposed calls, the Smart Cities Working Group will, together with the two other Working Groups of the Low Carbon Cluster – Transport and Energy & Climate Change, organise a project facilitation session.

The aim of the project facilitation session is to map ERRIN members' interests in the draft calls and to understand what skills and expertise members' regional ecosystems can bring to potential project proposals. This session will be followed up with a second session later in June to continue the project facilitation process.

TEN-T and Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

ERRIN has been following the revision of the TEN-T regulation over the past years. In collaboration with the POLIS network, ERRIN has put together a position paper as well as amendments focusing on strengthening urban nodes and innovation within TEN-T regulation.

ERRIN will keep collaborating with POLIS through a specific task force on the urban nodes in TEN-T regulation and relative funding in the CEF programme.

This activity is built on the following previous ERRIN work:

- [Transport WG joint event with POLIS on urban nodes in the revised TEN-T regulation – July 2023](#)
- Updated regulations and financial instruments:
 - [POLIS & ERRIN explore Urban Nodes in the TEN-T – July 2023](#)
 - [ERRIN-POLIS opinion on the revision of the TEN-T guidelines – May 2022](#)
- [Transport WG meeting: Presentation of the 2023-2024 Horizon Europe calls and updates on the ERRIN-POLIS opinion on the TEN-T regulation – September 2022](#)
- [ERRIN-POLIS opinion on the revision of the TEN-T guidelines - May 2021](#)
- [ERRIN opinion on the revision of the TEN-T guidelines - June 2020](#)

Mobility Transition Pathway [DG GROW initiative]

Date: 11 March (TBC) | Info session

The [Transition Pathway for Mobility](#) was launched on 26 January 2024 by the European Commission (DG GROW) and will be further presented during an event on 29 February 2024. The Transition Pathway offers opportunities to bring the industrial ecosystem together to find common solutions to upcoming challenges. The initiative will bring a new project pipeline that will boost investments to ease the transition.

The Transport WG will organise an info session inviting DG GROW to present the initiative and the opportunities for members.

Project Development session

Date: April

With the launch of the new ERRIN project development tool, it will be possible to define the most interesting calls for the Transport WG members. Once these calls are identified, specific coffee meetings will be organised to facilitate the creation of consortia.

Type of activity: coffee meeting with members dedicated to specific calls under Horizon Europe, Cluster 5, CCAM, 2Zero.

Issues/topics to be monitored further and events for the second part of 2024:

Cities Mission – focus on sustainable urban mobility

Type of activity: exchange of experiences and best practice

The expected outcome: share best practices and collect inputs on the needs.

Potential collaboration with another Working Group: Smart Cities

Format of the event: In person meeting, with the possibility for local stakeholders to attend online

Digitalisation of mobility

Date: Q3

Topic: The goal of the events is to continue the dialogue with EU institutions and exchange experiences and best practices on the main topics related to the digitalisation of mobility:

- Digital Mobility Package
- European Mobility Data Space
- Multimodal Digital Mobility Services (MDMS) – postponed to 2025

As a partner in the RECIPROCITY project, ERRIN has developed a position paper on MaaS ([link](#)).

Potential collaboration with another Working Group: ICT Working Group

Hydrogen Mobility

In the context of widespread electrification and the transition to greener energy, the production, storage and distribution of energy has become a strategic challenge for the transition to a greener energy future. As a key driver for economic growth, the hydrogen sector is likely to play a crucial role in decarbonising the mobility sector.

ERRIN has developed an Input Paper on European Roadmap on Hydrogen Valleys ([link](#)).

As a partner in the RECIPROCITY project, ERRIN has developed a position paper on Hydrogen Mobility ([link](#)).

Potential collaboration with another Working Group: Energy WG

Urban Air Mobility

The use of drones for passenger and goods transportation has the potential to revolutionise urban transportation systems. Drones can address many of the current challenges faced by the local transport sector. However, there are several barriers, both legislative and technical, that hinder the development and widespread adoption of drones in Europe.

As a partner in the RECIPROCITY project, ERRIN has developed a position paper on Urban Air Mobility ([link](#)).

European Partnerships (CCAM, 2ZERO, EU Rail, etc)

This activity is built on the following previous ERRIN work:

- In 2019, ERRIN prepared a response to the consultation on the institutionalised European Partnerships with recommendations for better coordination with S3 Partnerships and for a new governance model where regional and local authorities are key partners in defining the priorities and calls for proposal. ([link](#))
- Transport WG meeting: Future European Partnerships in the transport area (Focus on 2ZERO and MOSART). February 2020
- Transport WG meeting: Update on the European partnerships 2Zero and CCAM. April 2023
- In May 2023, ERRIN called for inputs from members their potential interest and willingness to participate in 2Zero and CCAM ([link](#)).

Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Regulation (AFIR)

To accelerate the decarbonisation of European transport, the European Union intends to rely on a geographical network of electric charging and hydrogen refuelling stations. To this end, in July 2021, the European Commission proposed the regulation on the deployment of an alternative fuels infrastructure (AFIR). The new Regulation for the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure (AFIR) approved in March 2023, sets mandatory deployment targets for electric recharging and hydrogen refuelling infrastructure for the road sector, for shore-side electricity supply in maritime and inland waterway ports, and for electricity supply to stationary aircraft.

I3 Strand 1 on mobility

The Interregional Innovation Investments (I3) Work Programme aims at promoting innovation through smart specialisation and interregional collaboration. The I3 supports stronger interregional cooperation in investments and makes sustainable connections by linking regional ecosystems in shared smart specialisation areas vital to accelerate market uptake of research results and stimulate innovation. Strand 1 targets partnerships to help them accelerate market uptake and scale-up of innovative solutions in shared smart specialisation priority areas, as well as to develop a portfolio of investment projects.

This call will be launched in the second half of the 2024