

# **European Automotive Cluster Network EACN**

Presentation

Mobility Meta-Cluster Collaboration

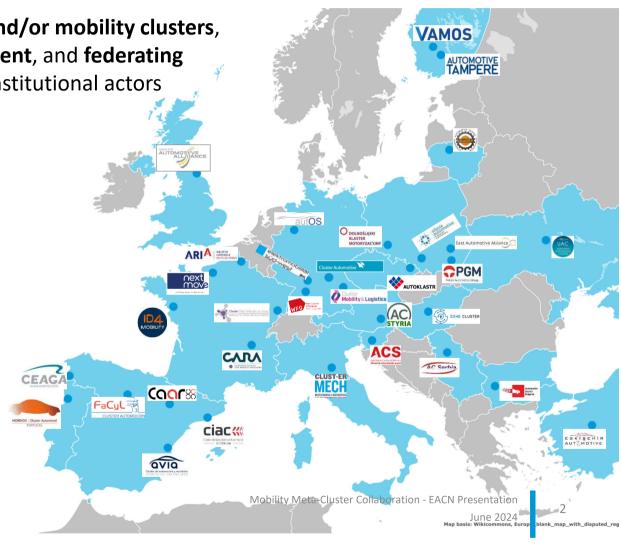
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## The network (June 2024)



EACN is a grouping of **automotive**, **transport and/or mobility clusters**, geographically located **on the European continent**, and **federating ecosystems** with industrial, academic and/or institutional actors

- Association like network since January 2021
- △ 33 Automotive Clusters
- ▲ 17 Countries
- (> 5.000 Members)
- ∠ (> 2.600 SMEs)



#### Added-value through Meta-Cluster cooperation





- Learn from pairs
- ▲ Boost networking & business opportunities
- Strengthen innovation, esp. for SMEs
- Develop common visions for tomorrow's automotive and mobility industry
- Join forces to be heard by European institutions/policy makers

#### **OUR VISION**

EACN WILL BE AN UNAPPARELLED COHESIVE NETWORK FOR ALL EUROPEAN AUTOMOTIVE CLUSTERS, IT WILL CREATE VALUE FOR MEMBERS THROUGH COOPERATION, BEST PRACTICE, INSIGHT, AND EXPLOITING SYNERGIES THAT MAKE CLUSTERS MORE RESILIENT AND DRIVE EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS

#### **OUR MISSION**

EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE AND BOOST COOPERATION AND SYNERGIES
BETWEEN MEMBERS TO SECURE THEIR LONG-TERM SUCCESS

#### **Strategic Activity Domains**

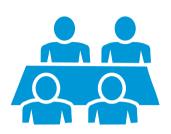


The European automotive industry faces unprecedented challenges with regard to 4 P's:

- ▲ The **Product**: Connected, Autonomous, Shared, Electrified vehicles.
- △ The **Processes**: Virtualisation, digitalisation, ... optimise design and development.
- ▲ The **Production**: Additive manufacturing, robotics, responsive maintenance, new materials, ... introduce new ways of making cars.
- The People: In such a context, people must adapt to fast evolving working environments, and be trained for so far unusual skills, ...

#### **EACN's actions**









**EACN Coffee Breaks** 



Best practice exchanges



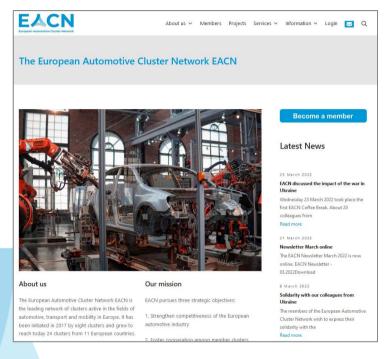
Partner search support



**Support** to EU projects



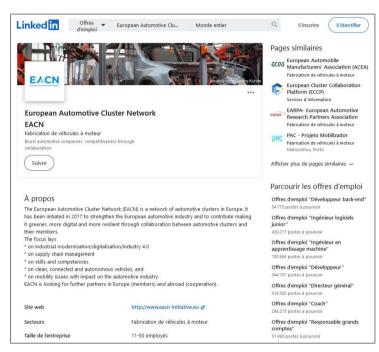
#### **EACN Communication channels**



https://www.eacn-initiative.eu







https://www.linkedin.com/company/eacn

## Potential topics/areas of cooperation



#### Topics

- Skills & labour forces
- Production processes
- ...

#### ▲ Areas for cooperation

- Support to EU funded projects
- Mutual information (e.g., in Newsletters)
- Joint events (online webinars)
- ..



# EACP EUROPEAN AEROSPACE CLUSTER PARTNERSHIP

STRONGER TOGETHER
CONNECTING AEROSPACE CLUSTER

#### **EACP Mission**



EACP is a network of 40+ Clusters who aim to improve cluster management and member services (best practice exchange)

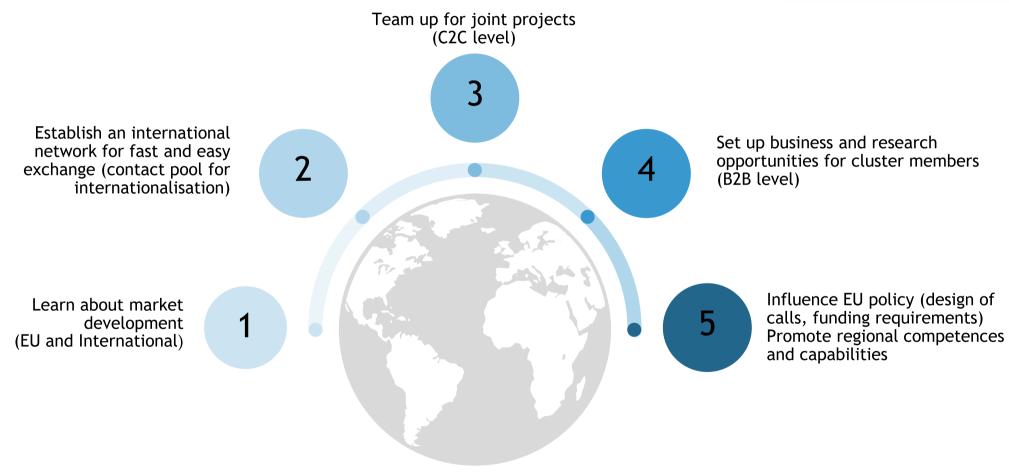
- **Tencouraging growth**
- Strengthening relationships

- Cluster Management
- 2 Companies
- 3 Our Industry
- European Union & other Governments
- Research Institutions & Universities



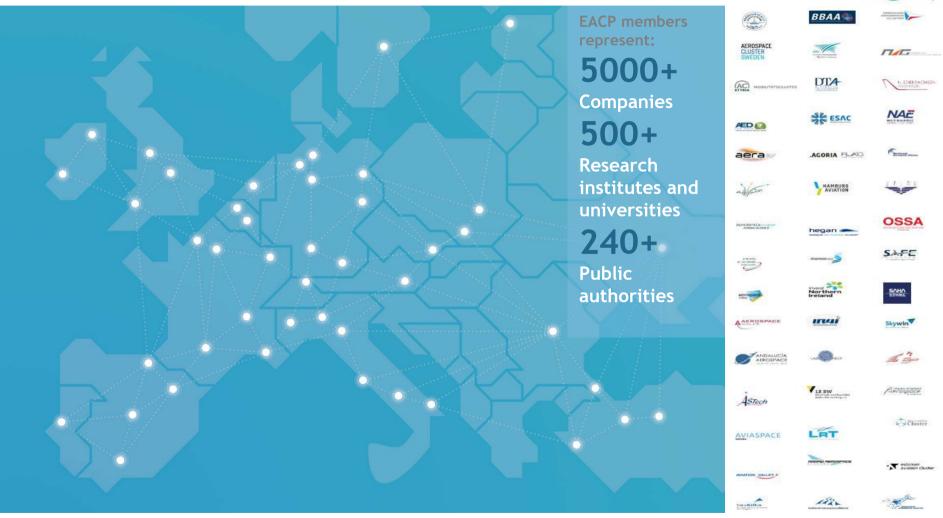
## **EACP Goals**





# Members of the EACP

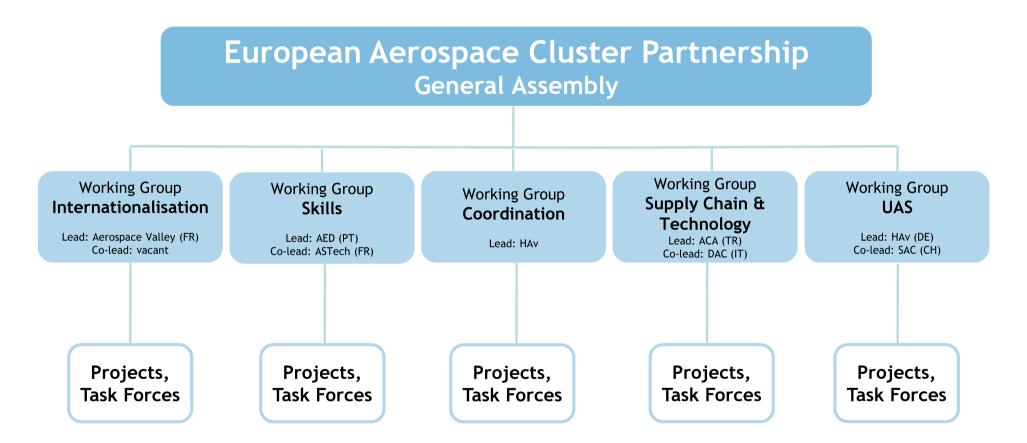






## Structural & Administrational bodies





## Worldwide GACP Network



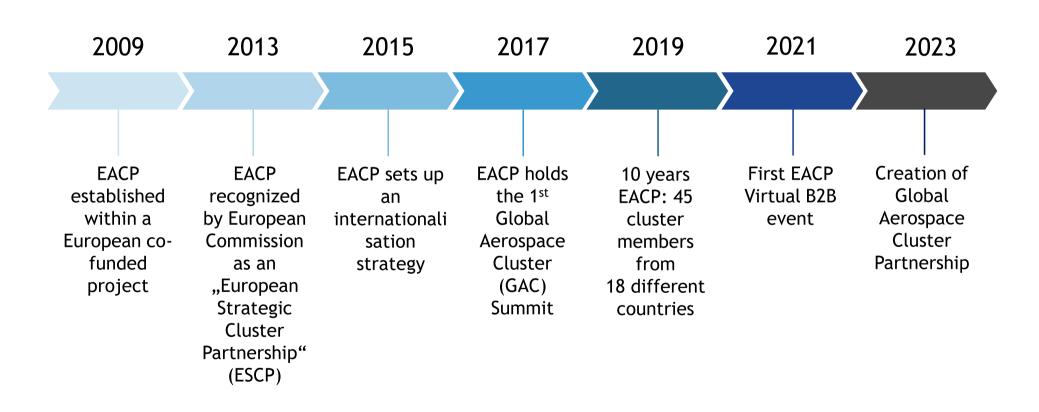
- Regular
  exchange
  with clusters
  outside
  Europe
- Annual events at big airshows





## **Timeline of EACP Milestones**











# Hamburg, Germany

- ▼ Network coordination
- Monitoring of EU calls
- Collection of international project proposals
- Distribution of information
- Support in finding project partners
- ▼ Pool of contacts to 45 aerospace regions in Europe



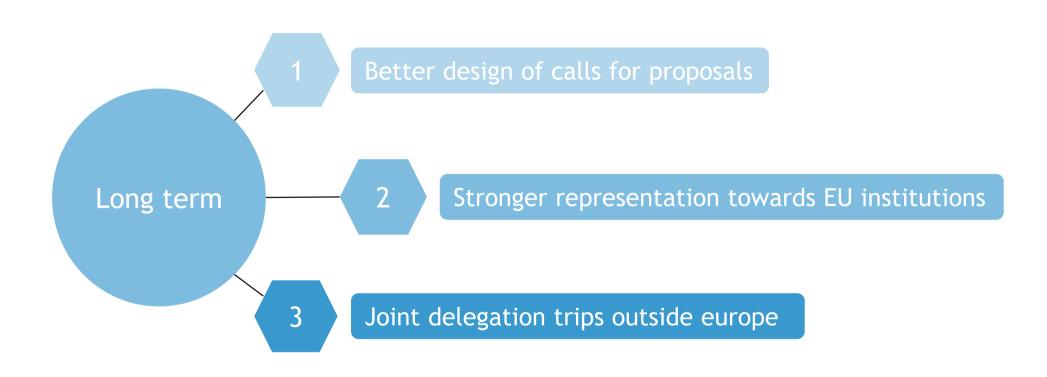
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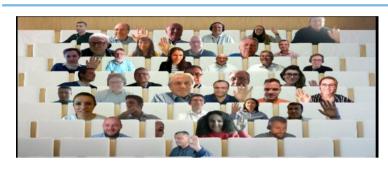
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# Stronger together - Thank you for listening





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**EACP GA 2021** 

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## **Presentation**





The network emerged in 2005 as a platform for exchanging information and networking between the maritime Cluster organizations of European member states.

The European Network of Maritime Clusters (ENMC) is a non-profit organization established on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, in Luxembourg, after years of collaboration between the maritime Clusters part of the network.

Since its foundation, the ENMC's main principle has been establishing an efficient framework for maritime sectorial cooperation, focused on vocalizing the unambiguous maritime interest to European policymakers towards a European maritime level playing field: a single European Maritime Cluster.





The ENMC counts 12 national Cluster members. They represent Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Spain, and Ukraine. The association is self-sufficient and counts on its members' membership fees, which are national or regional maritime clusters (or similar entities) that can represent a country's maritime interests.

#### Day-to-day management:

- > Fabrice Maire (Chairman) and Axelle Salvage (Coordinator)
- > Four Vice-Presidents:
- Nathalie Mercier-Perrin (Cluster Maritime Français)
- Claudio Graziano (Federazione del Mare)
- Javier Garat Pérez (Cluster Maritimo Español)
- Verena Ohms (Nederland Maritiem Land)











#### 12 countries represented through the ENMC:

- Luxembourg Cluster Maritime Luxembourgeois (Presidency)
- Spain Clúster Maritimo Español (Vice-Presidency)
- France Cluster Maritime Français (Vice-Presidency)
- Italy Federazione del Mare (Vice-Presidency)
- Netherlands Nederland Maritiem Land (Vice-Presidency)
- Belgium **De Blauwe Cluster**
- Bulgaria Marine Cluster Bulgaria
- Greece STRATEGIS Maritime ICT Cluster
- Malta Malta Maritime Forum
- Poland Baltic Sea & Space Cluster
- Portugal Fórum Oceano
- Ukraine Ukrainian Maritime Cluster (Observator)





























#### A strong representation at European level:

- ⇒ **Dialogue with European institutions** (DG MARE, DG MOVE, SEArica...) and various maritime sector organizations (SEA Europe, ECSA...).
- ⇒ Development of international business opportunities in the interests of Cluster member companies and organizations (B2B meetings, accompanied visits, etc.).
- ⇒ Collaboration on key issues and topics essential to the future and sustainability of the maritime sector (recruitment, attracting and retaining talent, decarbonization, innovation).
- ⇒ Exchange of best practices and information between members and partners (calls for projects, funding, initiatives for the inclusion of women).





# A network of maritime clusters promoting the Blue Economy internationally:

#### ⇒ International trade shows — Examples:

- Participation in SEAFUTURE La Spezia (with Mediterranean maritime clusters and partners from the African continent such as Tunisia, Algeria, Mali), United Nations Food Summit +2 (Rome, Italy), Transport Logistics Munich, World Economist Summit Lisboa, Singapore Maritime Week...

#### **⇒** Conferences :

- ENMC hydrogen conference in November 2023 with the Luxembourg Embassy in Brussels.

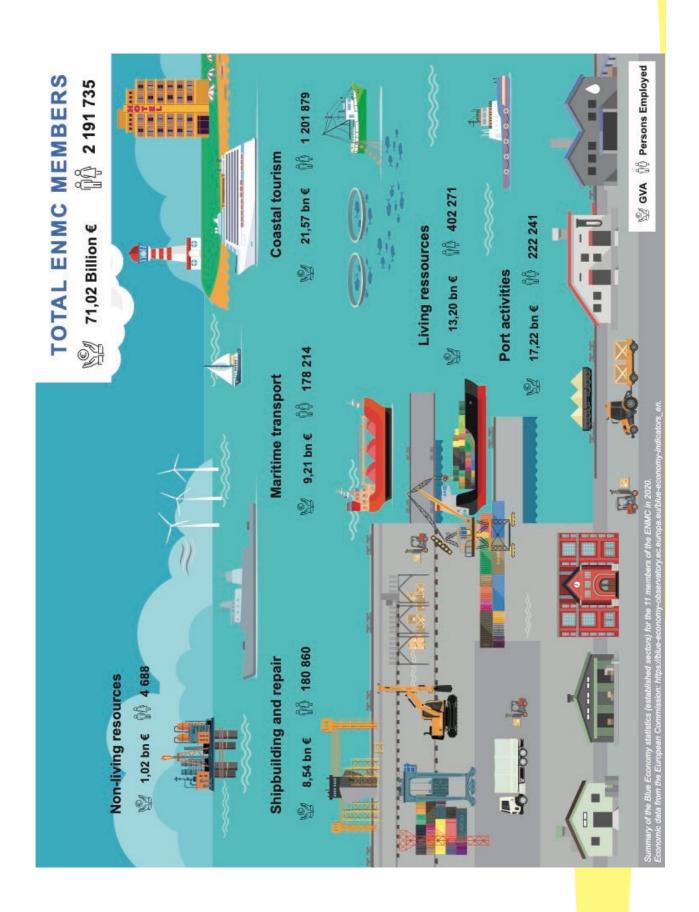
#### ⇒ Representation through institutional networks:

- A globalized maritime sector and clusters.
- Ongoing dialogue with governments and international organizations.











# Thank you for your attention





# **European Railway Clusters Initiative ASBL**

ERCI is the leading meta-cluster of the Railway sector in Europe uniting today 18 innovation-driven Clusters from 17 European countries.





# **ABOUT**

ERCI partnership was launched in 2012 in Munich. Since 2022 it is established as a nonprofit organization (ASBL) based in Brussels.



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# **MISSION**

We connect the ideas and interests of small and medium-sized businesses in the Railway industry as well as of large companies and research organizations based in our territorial ecosystems in Europe.





## WHAT ERCI DOES



## **TASK FORCES**



**Cybersecurity** 

**Leader: BRIC** 



**Green and sustainable mobility** 

**Leader: CNA** 



Multimodal logisticsfreight transport along eu

**Leader: In-Move by** 

Railgrup & Logistics in

Wallonia



# **BILATERAL WORKSHOPS**



During these workshops, **current topics relevant** to the future European rail system are discussed in the region of one of the ERCI member clusters.

#### WHAT ERCI DOES



# **WEBINARS**

Since the pandemic, ERCI has organized webinars once or twice a month in which companies and scientific institutions **present their innovative solutions** for the European rail system of the future.



## **ANNUAL ERCI INNOVATION AWARDS**



Every year, **ERCI honours pioneering innovation projects** of European rail industry companies with the yearly ERCI Innovation Awards.

Selection of winners is based on the following criteria:

- **Innovation** features of the solution
- Economic and social benefits for the railway sector
- Integration of **new digital** technologies
- Impact on "human capital"
- Creation of the innovation by networking (cooperation with other private or public entities)

#### WHAT ERCI DOES



## **EU PROJECTS**



#### ERCI activity consists in:

- Using the ERCI family to involve own Cluster
  organisations in EU-funded projects promoted by one of
  such Clusters, where togehter they can play a direct role for
  improving the Railway ecosystem with special attention to
  SMEs (e.g. COSME-funded ones on Internationalisation,
  Advanced Technologies, Cluster Excellence)
- Coordinating EU-funded projects or partnering whereas the European dimension is needed, and ERCI as legal entity provides that (e.g. Europe's Rail-Horizon Europe, Erasmus+)
- **Promoting own industrial members** in European partnerships, whereas specific competences are required