High-level Workshop on
Synergies between European and national/regional research & innovation programmes in the aviation sector

c-o-organised by the European Commission’s DG R&I and the Clean Aviation Joint Undertaking, in cooperation with the European Committee of the Regions

4 March 2024

European Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99/101, Brussels, Belgium
(Room VMA 22)

The workshop will take place on 4 March 2024:

- At the European Committee of the Regions (Room VMA 22), Brussels (Belgium)
- In hybrid mode using the Teams system

It will start at 11.00 o’clock (Brussels time) until 18.30 o’clock (Brussels time).

Moderators:
- Andrea Gentili, European Commission, DG R&I, Clean Planet Partnerships Manager and Deputy Head of Unit “Clean Transport Transitions”
- Bruno Mastantuono, Clean Aviation JU, Head of Governance Unit

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### GENERAL FRAMEWORK

**11:50 – 12:05** - Catherine Wendt, European Commission, DG REGIO, Head of Unit G1: Smart and Sustainable Growth

- Short introduction to cohesion policy, policy objectives, in particular R&I
- Smart specialisation as framework for prioritisation: map of region with priorities linked to aviation/aerospace

### FRAMEWORK FOR SYNERGIES BETWEEN CLEAN AVIATION JU (CAJU) AND REGIONS

**12:05 – 12:30** –
- Bruno Mastantuono, Clean Aviation JU, Head of Governance Unit
- Daniele Violato, Clean Aviation JU, Head of Synergies

- Synergies by design. The Clean Aviation JU’s model of Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) to establish “synergies by design” with regions
- Long term strategy and ambition within context of clean aviation

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**12:30 – 13:00**

**13:00 – 14:00** - LUNCH BREAK

### VIEWS FROM “CHAMPIONS” OF SYNERGIES IN THE AVIATION SECTOR

**14:00 – 15:00** - Panel 1 – Regions’ Representatives – Moderated by Andrea Gentili

- **CAMPANIA**: Valeria Fascione, Campania Region, Regional Minister for Research, Innovation and Start-ups, Italy
- **HAMBURG**: Andreas Richter, City of Hamburg, Head of Innovation and Cluster Department, Authority for Economy and Innovation, Germany
- **PIEMONTE**: Giuliana Fenu, Piemonte Region, Regional Director of Regional Competitiveness, Italy
- **ANDALUSIA**: Ramón Herrera de las Heras, Andalusia region, Secretary General of Universities, Spain
- **OCCITANIE**: Jalil Benabdillah, Vice-president of Occitanie Region, France

**15:00 – 15:15** - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**15:15 – 16:15** - Panel 2 – Industry Representatives – Moderated by Bruno Mastantuono

- **CAMPANIA**: Antonio Blandini, CIRA (Centro Italiano Ricerche Aerospaziali), President, Italy
- **HAMBURG**: Hans Aringhoff, Lufthansa Technik AG, Head of Corporate Research & Innovation, Germany
- **PIEMONTE**: Luca Bedon, Avio Aero, Head of R&T, Italy
- **ANDALUSIA**: María Ángeles Martín Prats, Skylife Engineering, Founder and President, Spain
- **OCCITANIE**: Yann Juaneda, Liebherr-Aerospace, R&T, Engineering Director, France

16:15 - 16:30 - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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16:30 – 16:45 - LONG TERM STRATEGY ON SYNERGIES

**Andrea Gentili, European Commission, DG R&I**, Clean Planet Partnerships Manager and Deputy Head of Unit “Clean Transport Transitions”

CAJU-DG R&I joint action plan to establish strategic cooperations between Clean Aviation JU and the European Aeronautics Regions/Member States

How to apply the same methodology to other EU industrial sectors

From Piemonte delegate:
- The MoC on Sustainable Surface Mobility for Piemonte region
- Envisaged implementation of the MOC and industry intervention

16:45 – 17:00 - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

17:00 - 17:30 - CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

**Joanna Drake, European Commission**, Deputy Director General of DG R&I

17:30 - NETWORKING

18:30 - END OF THE EVENT