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# **Cluster Summit Finland & Cluster Collaboration Lab (C2Lab)**

Draft Agenda

Kuopio, Finland

28-30 October 2025

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## Agenda

### Cluster Summit Finland 2025 (C2Lab participants are warmly welcome), 28 October 2025

*Master of Ceremony: Heikki Sirviö, Regional Development Manager, North Savo Regional Council*

Time (EET)	Agenda Point	Location
8:00	<i>Registration and Networking Coffee</i>	Kuopio Music Centre (Room: Kamarimusiikkisali), Kuopionlahdenkatu 23, 70100 KUOPIO, FINLAND
8:30	Welcome to the Cluster Summit Finland 2025 - Heikki Sirviö, Regional Development Manager, North Savo Regional Council	
8:35	The Role of Clusters in The Regional Strategy	
8:50	Clusters as Drivers of Productivity, Innovation, and Sustainability	
9:05	Situating clusters in the current EU mandate (competitiveness compass, clean industrial deal, single market & simplification and next MFF) – Mariella Masselink, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	
9:20	How can Finland Achieve a National Cluster Policy?	
9:35	The Case of Nokia: Tangible Results of How Clusters Support Business Growth, Evidence from Practice and Research - Jarkko Pellikka, Director of Industrial Collaboration, Nokia	
10:05	<i>Break</i>	
10:20	The State of Clusters and the Industry – Regional Clusters' Introductions	
10:35	Workshop: How Can Clusters Impact National and Regional RDI? – Jade Hirvonen and Bailey Lähdesmäki, RDI Specialists, Savonia University of Applied Sciences	
12:45	<i>Networking Lunch (self-paid)</i>	
14:00	Clusters Supporting Regional Resilience and Preparedness	
14:15	Workshop wrap-up – Jade Hirvonen and Bailey Lähdesmäki, RDI Specialists, Savonia University of Applied Sciences	
14:35	Panel discussions Theme 1: Cluster Policy Good Practices from the EU Theme 2: Ideas to Roadmaps to Action: Next Steps for Finland	



15:30 – 17:30	<p>Cluster and laboratory tours with networking (transportation provided to Savilahti and back to the centre)</p> <p>Theme 1: AI, Robotics, XR/AR/VR + Energy + 3D Printing + EMC + Water Lab</p> <p>Theme 2: Bio and Circular Lab + UEF Microsurgery Centre + Agri-Food</p>	
18:30	<i>Networking Dinner (self-paid)</i>	<i>Restaurant in the centre</i>



## C2Lab Day 1, 29 October 2025

Master of Ceremony: Antonio Novo, ECCP team

Time (EET)	Agenda Point	Location
8:00	<i>Registration and Networking Coffee</i>	North Savo Regional Council (Room: Maakuntasali), Sepätkatu 1, 70100 KUOPIO, FINLAND
8:30	Site Visits (Bus Transportation After Registration) <i>Water and agri-food technologies + 2 SME presentations</i> OR <i>Machinery and energy technologies + 2 SME presentations</i>	
10:45	Break	
11:00	Welcome to the C2Lab <i>An Baeyens, Policy Officer, DG GROW Industrial Forum, Alliances and Clusters</i> Greetings from Finnish Public Authorities	
11:10	Water Technology Ecosystem Landscape: How to Combine Established Strengths with New Innovations	
11:20	Comprehensive Security Ecosystem Landscape: How to Turn Threats into Possibilities on Technological, Societal, and Operational Levels	
11:30	Funding Programmes: Overview of EU Opportunities	
11:45	Presentation of Input Paper and Project Creation Methodology	
12:00	Presentation of Participants and Pitching Ideas	
12:30	<i>Networking lunch</i>	
13:30 – 17:30	Working Group Phase <i>Discussion on Project Ideas in Working Groups Guided by a Facilitator, including brainstorming on simplifications in EU funded projects preparation and implementation phases based on current experience</i>	
18:30	<i>Networking dinner (Bus Transportation Provided from City Centre to Koivumäki Manor at 18:30 and returning 21:00)</i>	Koivumäki Manor



## C2Lab Day 2: 30 October 2025

Master of Ceremony: Antonio Novo, ECCP team

Time (EET)	Agenda Point	Location
8:00	<i>Networking Coffee</i>	North Savo Regional Council (Room: Maakuntasali), Sepänkatu 1, 70100 KUOPIO, FINLAND
8:30	Introductory Words and Summary of Day 1	
8:40	Access to Private Investments	
8:50	Working Group Phase  <i>Discussion on Project Ideas in Working Groups Guided by a Facilitator, "including brainstorming on simplifications in EU funded projects preparation and implementation phases based on current experience"</i>	
11:15	Presentation of Results  <i>Each Working Group Will Present their Results to the Plenary</i>	
11:55	Closing Words and Feedback Survey	
12:00	<i>Break and "To Go" Lunch Package</i>	
12:20	<i>Bus Transportation Provided to Kuopio Airport (Flight to Helsinki at 14:00) and Kuopio Train Station (Train to Helsinki at 14:11)</i>	