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Introductory Word from the CEO of UCA

In August 2025, the Ukrainian Cluster Alliance began large-scale implementation of its plans for the second half of the year. We took several steps that not only reflect our internal progress but also clearly position the Ukrainian cluster community in the international context of recovery and development.

First and foremost, we launched preparations for **Rebuild Ukraine in Warsaw**. Eight of our clusters – from IT to industrial and medical – are acting as a unified team under the UCA umbrella. As last year, we are preparing a stand and a joint project portfolio for donors and investors, covering energy, digital transformation, medical technologies, industry, infrastructure, and agriculture. This event is UCA's most important international appearance in 2025 and will showcase several of our industrial ecosystems in collaboration between business, science, regions, and the state. This approach opens the door to new-quality partnerships for clusters and strengthens the country's economic resilience during recovery.

A key achievement is the growing involvement of Ukrainian clusters in defense initiatives. Among them, **Iron Demo Days** stands out as the clearest example of the clusters' potential. Other clusters have also been involved in international events and initiatives supporting the defense-industrial complex.

Another indicator of strengthened international integration is the preparation for the **first business tour** of investors and companies from the Euro-Atlantic area to Western Ukraine. From September 15 to 20, the delegation will visit industrial parks in Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Ternopil, and take part in **DefenseTech**, organized by Brave1. While we've carried out many international missions abroad, this is essentially the first large-scale inbound mission organized by UCA in Ukraine.

A no less significant event was the **conference in Staroushyvka community in Podillia**, where the "Dnister 1362" cluster presents a great example of cooperation with local communities and the development of new businesses.

This review shows the involvement of Ukrainian clusters in various initiatives in economic development, education, innovation, and international cooperation. We continue to highlight both the most active and mature (like Kharkiv IT Cluster, UAM, U-food), as well as younger clusters. Our initiatives like **"Support First"** and **"Practice Leader"** reflect UCA's commitment to shared values and high standards of collaboration.

Overall, August is far from a quiet vacation month. On the contrary, it shows how clusters, through their activity, continue to strengthen the resilience of our economy and ecosystems. In these extremely difficult and turbulent times – this is the only way to secure our path to victory.

Wishing everyone continued success, resilience, and inspiration!

Key Events of August at UCA

August became the month of launching new initiatives by the Ukrainian Cluster Alliance, which define the further trajectory of the entire ecosystem's development. UCA not only strengthened international cooperation and is preparing for a large-scale business tour for foreign investors, but also began implementing formats aimed at internal consolidation of the community.

8 UCA Clusters Begin Preparations for Rebuild Ukraine in Warsaw

Ukrainian sectoral and regional clusters are preparing for joint participation in the international exhibition *ReBuild Ukraine 2025*, which is one of the key platforms for Ukraine's recovery and for attracting international partners.

As part of the initiative, a unified stand of the cluster delegation is being formed, which includes the following 8 clusters:

- APPAU
- Vinnytsia Cluster of Instrument Engineering and Automation
- Association of Medical Clusters of Ukraine
- Association of Volyn Clusters
- Kharkiv IT Cluster
- Thermal Energy Cluster
- Ukrainian Industrial Cluster
- U-Food

The clusters are jointly developing a project package for presentation to foreign donors, investors, and partners. These projects cover various areas of recovery – from modernization of energy infrastructure and digital transformation to medical technologies and industrial production.

In addition to the joint stand, a communication campaign is planned to showcase the potential of the cluster model in the context of the country's reconstruction. The organizational coordinator of the initiative is the Ukrainian Cluster Alliance, which unites the participants under one umbrella.

The goal of this unification is not only to present individual clusters but to demonstrate an integrated ecosystem of cooperation between business, regions,

education, science, and the state. This approach enables more effective formation of international partnerships, promotes specific solutions, and strengthens Ukraine's economic resilience in the context of recovery.

More detailed information about the participation of Ukrainian clusters in ReBuild Ukraine will be presented soon.

Clusters4Regions: Regional Programs Completed and Entering a New Phase

In August, the development of all six regional programs for support and development of clusters within the Clusters4Regions project was completed. This was an important step in shaping a modern cluster policy in Ukraine, as regions received their own medium-term development documents for 2025–2027.

The programs were created in an inclusive format — involving regional administrations, regional development agencies, businesses, and educational and scientific institutions. This approach ensured that the interests of all key stakeholders were taken into account and formed the basis for their further cooperation.

The main goal of these programs is to enhance the innovation and industrial potential of the regions by integrating clusters into long-term economic priorities. The completion of this stage marks the transition to the next phase — implementation of the programs, which will allow strategic documents to be transformed into practical actions and tangible results for businesses and communities.

Business Tour for Western Companies to Ukraine

On September 15–20, 2025, the Ukrainian Cluster Alliance will organize a large-scale business tour for Euro-Atlantic companies and international investors. The event will take place along the route Lviv–Ivano-Frankivsk–Ternopil and will become the first visit of such a level organized by UCA to the regions of Western Ukraine. The initiative is implemented in cooperation with the Association of Industrial Parks of Ukraine and the Czech-Ukrainian Chamber of Industry and Trade, as well as with the support of regional military administrations.

The program of the tour includes visits to industrial parks, enterprises, clusters, and innovation hubs in three regions. Participants will have the opportunity to see the production potential with their own eyes, get acquainted with the infrastructure, and communicate with company executives. Special attention will be given to dual-use industries and MilTech, mechanical engineering, electronics, metalworking, and engineering.

For foreign stakeholders, B2B meetings with Ukrainian manufacturers and startups are planned, which will open opportunities to find reliable partners, discuss outsourcing formats, production localization, R&D cooperation, and investment projects. A key highlight will be the delegation's participation in DefenseTech Valley – Europe's leading dual-use technology summit. This will provide Ukrainian clusters and enterprises with the opportunity to integrate into international value chains and present their potential on the global stage.

The Norwegian-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, the Ukrainian Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), and the Saxon Chamber of Investment and Trade have already joined as information partners of the tour. Such support from international organizations confirms the high interest in cooperation with Ukrainian industrial clusters and enterprises.

Follow the [link](#) for detailed information.

We invite international companies, investors, and cluster organizations to join the upcoming business tour across Western Ukraine on September 15–20, 2025. Join us!

Inter-Cluster Cooperation – Initiatives and Projects of the Month

Contest “Pay it forward”

In August, the Ukrainian Cluster Alliance announced the start of the “Pay it forward” contest – a new initiative that changes the culture of interaction in the cluster environment. Its main idea is to focus on examples of selfless assistance and support between business, educational institutions, and clusters. This support is not related to expectations of profit or quick reward, but is based on trust, reciprocity, and readiness to share experience and resources.

The purpose of the contest is to popularize such manifestations of partnership and make them part of UCA's new organizational culture. After all, it is trust and synergy that create the foundation for sustainable cooperation capable of transforming the economic ecosystem. UCA emphasizes that over the years of the alliance's work, many examples of such mutual assistance have already been accumulated, but they often remained unnoticed outside a narrow circle of participants. The contest is designed to bring these examples to a wider level, show their value to the entire community, and form a new standard of behavior.

Join the contest and share your stories of support. Together we can create a new standard of partnership in Ukraine!
Follow the [link](#) for detailed information.

Initiative “Practice Leader”

In August, the Ukrainian Cluster Alliance announced the launch of a new initiative “Practice Leader.” It is intended to make the activities of clusters more systematic and at the same time create a platform for scaling the most successful solutions within the community. The essence of the initiative is that certain clusters, which already have effective and proven practices, become a kind of “mentors” for others, demonstrating their own experience and helping to adapt it. This approach is aimed at spreading examples that have already proven their effectiveness and at forming new standards of work in the UCA ecosystem.

The mechanism provides that a “**practice leader cluster**” undertakes the obligation to demonstrate and disseminate its developments in the format of workshops, study tours, and case sessions. Participants from other regions get the opportunity not only to become acquainted with the experience but also to adopt specific solutions for their own activities. Thus, it is not just a presentation, but a process of mentoring and support.

The **Ukrainian Thermal Power Cluster** was the first to join this program, presenting the practice of study tours to enterprises. This format has already proven itself as an effective tool for knowledge exchange, as it combines a production tour, a presentation of managerial and technical solutions, and live communication with experts. Study tours allow participants to simultaneously gain access to real experience of implementing innovations, establish contacts with potential partners, and generate new business ideas.

The first event within this initiative took place on **September 4** in Brovary at a TPU member enterprise. Participants – representatives of three UCA clusters and with the participation of the **Kyiv Regional Military Administration** – visited the production of the company “**Ardenz**” and held a round table on the topic “**Development of Industrial Manufacturers – Success Factors in Wartime.**” More detailed information will follow.

Share your own practices and inspire others. Leadership in the community is born where there is a willingness to set an example and help a neighbor become stronger. Let’s develop together and raise Ukrainian industries to a new level!
Follow the [link](#) to learn more and apply.

Overview of Cluster Activity in August

August was full of events for individual clusters that consistently develop international integration, digitalization, ecological approaches, and support for entrepreneurship.

Clusters4Defense – participation of Ukrainian clusters in defense initiatives

IRON DEMO 2025: a driver of partnerships, testing, and contracts

On **August 1–2**, the **3rd IRON DEMO 2025** took place – the largest cluster event in the field of Defense Tech, organized by the **IRON TECH CLUSTER** in Lviv. The event brought together more than **1,000 participants** and **78 companies** that presented hundreds of technological solutions.

IRON DEMO 2025 became a meeting place for engineers, the military, investors, state and international partners – all those who shape the ecosystem of defense innovations.

Trends in the defense sector are changing with the greatest dynamics, and the driver of these changes is not only technology but also quality interactions of everyone who shapes the defense solutions ecosystem. Therefore, during the event, there were pitches from early-stage defense tech startups – and we saw how quickly technologies ready for the battlefield are being born in Ukraine.

The **Ukrainian Cluster Alliance**, as a cluster accelerator, supports clusters and technological associations working for victory.



Ukrainian Dual-Use Technologies Cluster Participated in DALO Industry Days 2025 in Denmark

On August 20–21 in Ballerup, Denmark, the largest defense exhibition in Scandinavia — DALO Industry Days 2025 — took place, bringing together more than 600 companies and 12,000 participants.

For the first time, a national stand of Ukraine was presented at the event, and among the delegation members was Denys Sviatokum, Head of the *Ukrainian Dual-Use Technologies Cluster*.

The stand showcased innovative solutions from Ukrainian developers, in particular in the areas of:

- Protection of critical infrastructure;
- Unmanned systems (UAV / UGV);
- Integrated dual-use solutions;
- Engineering and electronics for military tasks.

The key topics of negotiations were the creation of joint production chains, integration of Ukrainian technologies into European platforms, and the transition from supply to partnership.



Rivne Interregional Medical Cluster on Internship in Copenhagen

The head of RMMC and RivneTakmed, Tetiana Vorontsova, received the Red Kalyna Award and became one of the finalists of the #RedKalyna2024 program from EIT – European Institute of Innovation and Technology. Recently, their internship visit to Copenhagen successfully concluded with participation in the large innovation event TechBBQ 2025.

During the last day of TechBBQ, valuable contacts were established and innovative solutions were discussed that can significantly support the medical sector – from devices to overcome the shortage of medical staff to portable devices for monitoring the condition of patients and the wounded, including a portable automated external defibrillator (AED).

Of particular note is the innovative wound treatment foam, which disinfects and hardens within 10 minutes, enveloping fragments while remaining elastic – a technology with great potential for application in military medicine.

A separate highlight was the session dedicated to defense technologies, which sparked lively interest among European investors. One of them aptly remarked: *“How do you understand what is worth investing in in Europe? Just come to Ukraine and check if your product works in real combat conditions.”*

Ukrainian innovations in the field of medicine and defense continue to gain momentum, finding support and partners at the international level.



Clusters in International Cooperation

August confirmed that Ukrainian clusters are systematically working on integration into global markets and the formation of partnerships that open real opportunities for business. Their activities demonstrate not only proactivity but also tangible results – from new contracts to the dissemination of knowledge and experience that become the foundation for sustainable development.

Kharkiv IT Cluster showed that international contacts can quickly turn into business results. Thanks to participation in the Ukraine-Ready4EU program and cooperation with the Enterprise Europe Network, its companies received grant support for entering EU markets. This made it possible to present themselves at such leading events as Wolves Summit and Testing United in Vienna, as well as the HealthTech Investor Summit in Belgium. More than 30 business meetings, dozens of contacts with potential clients, and a clear understanding of the needs of European markets became the practical outcome of these activities.

U-Food Association focused on international entrepreneurship. Participation in the final event of the Born Global Ukraine program on August 28 demonstrated how Ukrainian companies can form a global focus even before entering the market. For the association, this was not only a platform for discovering new business ideas but also a source of inspiration and experience exchange, helping to shape an entrepreneurial culture of openness.



Another important stage was the Study Tour to Estonia, organized by the Visionest Institute. There, U-Food represented the Ukrainian agri-food sector among leading business associations. Meetings with Estonian companies in the fields of production,

logistics, and IT provided an opportunity to adopt practices of integration into global value chains, which will be useful for Ukrainian food producers.

Together, these examples prove that Ukrainian clusters are confidently building international cooperation by combining participation in business forums, training programs, and strategic dialogues. The result is real opportunities for export, new partnerships, and the dissemination of experience that strengthens the position of Ukrainian business on the global stage.

Clusters as a Tool for National Economic Development

Clusters are important players in the country's recovery, economic development, and the formation of a new culture of cooperation. Their activities cover not only business but also education, social projects, and partnerships with state institutions, creating a systemic effect for the entire country.

Kharkiv IT Cluster in August demonstrated how social and business initiatives can be combined into a single development strategy. The Veterans2Tech program, implemented jointly with IREX in Ukraine, helps veterans find new opportunities in the technology sector after returning from the front. The stories of participants, in particular Ihor Khlebinskyi, prove that support and retraining open the door to a new career. At the same time, at the "August 2025" forum, the cluster summarized a decade-long journey, showing how it grew from several dozen participants into a community of hundreds of companies and became the center of digital transformation of the eastern region. This is not only a story of growth but also proof of how clusters are capable of transforming the economy of entire regions.

The **Zaporizhzhia IAM Cluster** joined the "Dialogue between Government and Business" platform. Its companies gained access to new grant programs supporting veterans, youth, and entrepreneurs in priority industries. In addition, attention to branding as a strategic resource became an important signal for business: a strong brand builds market trust and opens the way to integration into long-term economic programs. Thus, IAM helps entrepreneurs not only receive financial support but also build sustainable positions in the market.

The **U-Food Association** focused on issues of transparency and economic security. During a meeting with the new Head of the Bureau of Economic Security of Ukraine,

Oleksandr Tsyvinskyi, the association emphasized the need to combat smuggling and protect legal food producers. This is a step toward creating equal rules of the game on the market, which will strengthen the position of conscientious business and at the same time increase consumer trust.



The **Ukrainian Industrial Cluster** is working on strategic projects that can significantly impact the country's competitiveness. At a meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Taras Kachka, the cluster presented an initiative in the field of digital metrology, which can improve the accuracy and efficiency of Ukrainian manufacturing. This is an example of how clusters are becoming a source of innovation for the entire industry, providing a foundation for the development of a modern industrial culture in Ukraine.



Together, these examples prove that clusters are not just associations of companies but a powerful tool for the development of the state. They support communities, create jobs, shape new approaches to business, and become centers of change that help Ukraine endure and recover.

Educational Initiatives of Clusters

Education and skills development are the key to business growth, strengthening communities, and creating new opportunities for people.

Kharkiv IT Cluster, together with Google, opened access for cluster members to modern knowledge in artificial intelligence. Free courses AI Essentials and Prompting Essentials on Coursera enable Ukrainian companies to quickly integrate AI into business practices, automate tasks, and increase productivity. This is not just training but a real enhancement of business competitiveness in the global economy.

The **Zaporizhzhia IAM Cluster** focused on supporting entrepreneurs through educational formats. A workshop for grantees of the “Own Business” program brought together small businesses that received practical advice on creating a valuable product, building marketing based on trust, and establishing systematic sales. In addition, participants received consultations from tax experts. This is not only immediate support for entrepreneurs but also a contribution to the development of a new business culture in the region.



Podillia Fashion Cluster is developing digital literacy in the fashion sector. As part of the development of the European Digital Innovation Hub (EDIH) ClotexHUB, of which the Podillia Cluster is a member, a workshop “Paperless Cutting Technologies” was held. It demonstrated how production automation reduces costs and waste, making the production cycle more flexible. In addition, Yuliia Hatchenko’s lecture “Fashion Digitalization vs Digital Fashion” outlined two important directions for the industry: from introducing digital tools into production to creating 3D collections for the metaverse. This is not just new knowledge but a step towards making local brands part of global trends.

The **Ukrainian Association of Furniture Manufacturers (UAFM)** launched a grant digest, which has become a practical support tool for business. Thanks to it, companies

receive not only a list of financial opportunities but also free consultations for high-quality application preparation. This helps furniture and door manufacturers better navigate the grant environment and develop their businesses even in difficult conditions.

The **Ukrainian Thermal Power Cluster (TPCU)** united more than 100 communities in a series of webinars on the “Community Solutions Supermarket” platform. Communities received practical tools for modernizing heating systems, reducing costs by up to 30%, and gaining access to financing, including the “Energy Source” program from Sense Bank with a preferential rate of 3.3% per annum. These are real solutions for communities seeking ways to reduce energy costs and increase efficiency.

The **Interregional Union of Poultry and Feed Producers of Ukraine**, together with international partners, launched a self-employment support project in Kharkiv region. 400 participants will receive starter kits for their own farms, training, and expert consultations. This initiative directly affects family well-being, creates job opportunities, and shapes sustainable models of community development in a difficult wartime context.

The **Lviv Cluster of Medical Business** opened a new page in promoting innovation in medicine. The event “Stem Cells from Wisdom Teeth: A Second Chance for Biobanking” became an example of how education and awareness can change approaches to healthcare, opening up prospects for new directions in medicine.

This set of educational initiatives proves that Ukrainian clusters not only create innovative products but also systematically invest in people, communities, and knowledge. The result is a new quality of development — from strengthening business competitiveness to forming sustainable economies at the regional level.



Strengthening Cluster Capacities: Community Growth and New Development Models

In August, Ukrainian clusters demonstrated that the internal development of communities and initiatives directly influences the strengthening of regional economic resilience, opens new opportunities for partnerships, and sets standards for sectoral growth.

The **Ukrainian Association of Furniture Manufacturers (UAFM)** strengthened its position as a leading industry platform: six new companies joined, including veneer producer UkrDrevExim, which has established exports to EU countries. This not only increased the number of members to 351 organizations but also enhanced the export potential of the sector. The association also expanded its communications direction – the interview series “UAFM in Faces” and the second episode of the podcast “Built a Business on Furniture” showcased real examples of business transformation under wartime conditions and helped to shape a positive image of the industry.

The Lean Tour in Odesa, organized with the support of LTL Group, became a practical platform for discussing lean manufacturing and export prospects, confirming companies’ readiness to invest in process improvement.



The **Prykarpattia Industrial Cluster** demonstrated corporate social responsibility: the company **Motorimpex**, which relocated to the **Kalush community**, became the title sponsor of the football club “**Khimik**.” This step not only supported the development of sports but also became a symbol of business integration into community life, strengthening social infrastructure, and cohesion.

The **Lviv Cluster of Medical Business** made an important step in strategic development by attracting a new member – the **Medical Plaza Lviv** medical center. This partnership became a catalyst for the creation of the **Medical Tourism Committee**, which will coordinate cooperation among clinics and promote Lviv as an Eastern European medical hub. In this way, the cluster strengthens its role in the development of international medical tourism and in enhancing the region’s economy through healthcare.



The **Dnister 1362 Cluster** proved the effectiveness of the cooperative model of community development. Participation in the UNDP conference and partnership in organizing the Investment Forum 3.0 and the #BAKOTA_CRAFT fair demonstrated how cooperation can attract resources, support local producers, and form sustainable economic models. This is an example of how a cluster initiative becomes a driver of local economic growth.



See You in September

Where you can meet Ukrainian clusters in September – here is the list of main events.

Ukraine

September 11 – “Dialogues with Authorities: Cluster Vector” – Webinar #2

On September 11, the second webinar in the “Dialogues with Authorities: Cluster Vector” series will take place. This time we will discuss why most Ukrainian cluster initiatives remain at the starting point and what actually helps them move toward growth.

UCA experts will share analytics, and regional representatives will talk about support tools within the Clusters4Regions project.

Registration is required – follow the [link](#).

September 15–20 – Business Tour of European Companies to Western Ukraine

On September 15–20, a business tour of European companies to Western Ukraine will take place. The program includes visits to industrial parks in Lviv, Kalush, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Ternopil, meetings with regional authorities, B2B negotiations with Ukrainian companies, and participation in **DefenseTech Valley 2025**.

This is an opportunity to see key industrial locations, get acquainted with innovation hubs, and find partners for cooperation and business localization.

Follow the [link](#) and share this information with colleagues.

September 25 – “Dialogues with Authorities: Cluster Vector” – Webinar #2

Topic: “How to form regional cluster programs and integrate them into regional strategies.”

The event announcement will appear very soon on the website.

EU Countries

September 10 – Clusters Meet Regions – Ajdovščina, Slovenia

The European Cluster Collaboration Platform (ECCP) on behalf of the European Commission, in cooperation with the Regional Development Agency ROD Ajdovščina, organizes the **Clusters Meet Regions** event in Ajdovščina (Slovenia) on September 10–11, 2025.

The event titled *“AGORADA+ discusses Knowledge Park as a catalyst for the green and digital transition in the Northern Adriatic region”* will take place in the heart of the Goriška region, near the twin cities of Nova Gorica and Gorizia, which together are the European Capital of Culture 2025.

More details at the [link](#).

September 10 – EU Clusters Talk: Clusters in Policy: from National and Regional Programs to Industrial Strategies

To explore the dynamics of implementing cluster policies, the European Cluster Collaboration Platform, on behalf of the European Commission, will hold on September 10 a discussion *“Clusters in Policy: from National and Regional Programs to Industrial Strategies.”*

During the session, it will be demonstrated how different EU member states integrate cluster support into their regional and industrial policy frameworks, successful approaches will be discussed, and what is needed to strengthen coherence and impact in a changing political landscape will be considered.

More details at the [link](#).

September 24 – Clusters Meet Regions – Vaasa, Finland

The **Clusters Meet Regions** event, organized by ECCP and the European Commission in cooperation with Merinova and the Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, will be dedicated to the role of clusters in the green transition, technological innovation, and energy sector development, with a focus on cooperation among business, clusters, and regional

authorities. Vaasa will present its experience as a European leader in energy technologies and sustainable development.

More details at the [link](#).

September 8–10 – Events within Clusters4Health

On **September 8–10** in Barcelona, a series of events will take place within the Clusters4Health project. Two Ukrainian medical clusters – RMMC and ProMedVir – will represent Ukraine.

One of the meeting's topics will be to help 15 selected startups in the medical technology sector find international partnerships, new markets, and opportunities for scaling innovations, as well as support from the European cluster community.

September 30 – UNIDO's Cluster Conference in Vienna

On **September 30 in Vienna**, the Director General of the Ukrainian Cluster Alliance, Oleksandr Yurchak, will speak at a panel discussion within the UNIDO cluster conference (United Nations Industrial Development Organization).

The event will bring together leading international experts, government representatives, businesses, and cluster organizations to discuss the role of clusters in sustainable economic development.

Upcoming Contests (UCA)

Horizon Europe – Кластер 2: Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society

- [Horizon Europe – Кластер 2: Culture, Creativity & Inclusive Society](#)
- [HORIZON-CL2-2025-02 – Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society \(Two-stage\)](#)
- [HORIZON-CL2-2025-03-HERITAGE-01 – Co-funded European Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage](#)

Digital Europe Programme (DIGITAL)

- [DIGITAL-2025-AI-08 – AI Continent \(5 topics\)](#)
- [DIGITAL-2025-SKILLS-08 – Advanced Digital Skills](#)
- [DIGITAL-2025-BESTUSE-08 – Accelerating the Best Use of Technologies](#)
- [DIGITAL-2025-EDIH-EU-EEA-08 – Consolidation of the EDIH Network \(EU/EEA, reinforced AI focus\)](#)
- [DIGITAL-2025-EDIH-AC-08 – European Digital Innovation Hubs \(Associated Countries\)](#)
- [DIGITAL-ECCC-2025-DEPLOY-CYBER-08 – Strengthening the cybersecurity ecosystem \(3 topics\)](#)
- [DIGITAL-IRIS2-2025-QCI – European Quantum Communication Infrastructure \(EuroQCI\)](#)

Pilot Projects & Preparatory Actions (PPPA) – DG MOVE

- [PPPA-MOVE-2025-P032404 – The promotion of handicraft products and support of craftsmen](#)

European Defence Fund (EDF)

- [EDF-2025-DA – Development Actions \(several topics\)](#)
- [EDF-2025-RA – Research Actions \(several topics\)](#)
- [EDF-2025-LS-DA-SME-NT – Non-thematic development actions by SMEs](#)

Horizon Europe – WIDERA (Widening participation & ERA)

- [HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-01 – European Excellence Initiative \(EEI\)](#)
- [HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-02 – EIC pre-accelerator – Widening](#)
- [HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-03 – Hop-on facility](#)
- [HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-04 – Support for R&I policy making in the EU enlargement countries](#)
- [HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-05 – Implementing co-funded action plans for connected regional innovation valleys in widening countries](#)
- [HORIZON-WIDERA-2025-06 – Enhancing the European R&I system \(ERA\)](#)

Note: *The list is compiled based on the official competition pages on the Funding & Tenders portal and official EU documents. All links lead to the call pages or official call fiches.*

Contacts and Feedback

This digest was prepared by the UCA Executive Directorate for our partners from governmental and international organizations, Ukrainian and foreign clusters, donors, and sponsors of cluster development.

We look forward to cooperation.

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