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The Regional Co-operation Networks  
for Industrial Modernisation



## Covid -19 Webinar EPSI

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# Covid-19 EPSI Webinar Marc Pattinson : cluster and interregional cooperation expert for ReConfirm and Interreg Europe

- Clusters as facilitators and accelerators of change for their SMEs : Connect Solve Save ... via ECCP ... and Interreg Europe PLP ...
- Ensure better Sport and vitality interface with healthcare sector
- Connecting cluster ecosystems to healthcare actors via S3 Partnerships .. MedTech, Personalised Medicine
- Many Covid-19 related networks and initiatives launched: how to keep track ?

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- EU Recovery Plan under preparation ... very fluid situation ..
- Potential sources of funding (EU/national and regional calls, financial instruments, etc.) : monitor and target ... Horizon Covid calls, IMI, impact studies ... Track ERDF and S3 opportunities
- EASME supports business development via TAF Technical Assistance Facility and other initiatives such as “Intelligent Cities Challenge” a collection of good practices.  
<https://www.intelligentcitieschallenge.eu/>
- Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative Plus (CRII+): New actions to mobilise essential investments and resources

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- European Alliance of Industry Clusters : more than 700 clusters and 130.000 highly innovative SMEs and large companies
- Share your experiences coming from [#COVID19](#) pandemic via European Industrial Clusters Forum [#ECCPforum](#)  
<https://clustercollaboration.eu/forum/covid-19-response-forum>
- Accessing information : Updated daily, OECD [#COVIDwatch](#) tool collects information on science & innovation policy responses to the [#COVID19](#) crisis from around the world <http://stip.oecd.org/Covid.html>
- Utilise **Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform** services to identify and implement new policy initiatives, working with Peer Learning service  
<https://www.interregeurope.eu/policylearning/expert-support/>

# Covid-19 EPSI Webinar Key Messages

- Major changes underway ! Accelerate cooperation ... no time to lose!
- Share good practices (with regional and European partners) Interreg Europe, ECCP ...
- Clusters as facilitators for change and supporting SMEs
- Explore cross sectoral cooperation : health, digital (DIH) ...
- Sport and vitality offer strong content to future regional smart specialisation strategies and for responding to current societal challenges.