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Background

This is 15th workshop of the successful “Clusters meet Regions” cycle. Organised since 2022 in different EU regions, these events bring together clusters and policymakers of the EU, at national, regional, and local level to learn from each other how to better use clusters to strengthen industrial ecosystems, serve national/regional economic development and liaise with other regions facing similar transition challenges.

The European Cluster Collaboration Platform, on behalf of the European Commission, and in partnership with [AFIL – Lombardy Intelligent Factory Association](#) and the [Lombardy Regional Authority](#), will be jointly organising the next 'Clusters Meet Regions' event in Milan, Italy, on the 26 and 27 March 2024. The event will focus on the Twin Transition and will address three main objectives:

- To analyse the policy effectiveness of central-level strategies and their implementation at the local level.
- To focus on the best practices and models by Italian and European regions, including supportive initiatives for the business, industry and research ecosystem, and provide some examples of their impact.
- To provide an opportunity to build networks and projects among participants.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The event is taking place on March 26th and 27th, 2024, at Palazzo Lombardia (Sala Biagi, 1st floor, entrance from Nucleo 4), Piazza Città di Lombardia 1, in Milan, Italy.

For more information about the venue, click [here](#).

The event is scheduled to start at 10:30 AM. We kindly ask all participants to arrive at Palazzo Lombardia by 10:00 AM to ensure that everyone has enough time to register and take their seats in the meeting room.

Please follow the [link](#) to register and participate to the event.

The latest agenda of the event is available [here](#).

The program will include: High-level plenary sessions, discussions, pitching sessions, a start-up pitch ceremony and a **guided site visit to MIND – Milano Innovation District**.

For the guided site visit there will be a transfer organised from Regione Lombardia (Palazzo Lombardia – Piazza Città di Lombardia 1, Milano) to **MIND – Milano Innovation District** (Entrance at Cargo 6) and back.

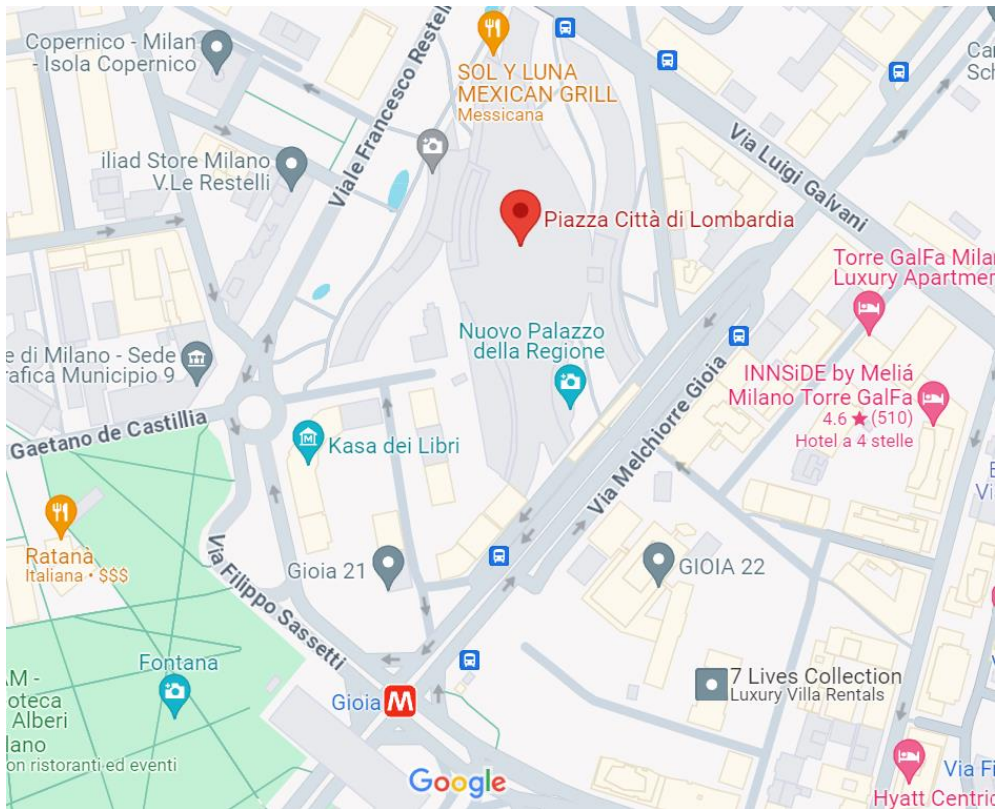
- Visit to [Human Technopole](#)
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- Visit to [The Hive](#)

If you are interested in participating to the site visit, due to logistical constraints, a selection process will be performed. You will be contacted by the organisers in case you are selected.

During the selection process, if you have expressed interest in presenting your start-up or cluster in the pitching session, you will be contacted by the organisers in case you are selected.

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE?

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Travelling by plane

If you plan to travel by air, there are three main airports serving Milan: Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP), Milan Linate Airport (LIN) and Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport (BGY).

From Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP):

Taxi: Taxis are readily available at the airport. The journey to Palazzo Lombardia takes approximately 40 min.

Shuttle Service: Some hotels offer shuttle services from the airport. We invite you to check at the time of booking the room if you are interested.

Public Transportation: Take the Malpensa Express train to Milan Central Railway Station. From there, you can use the metro (Line 2/Green subway, alight at Gioia Station - from there, you can easily reach Palazzo Lombardia on foot) or a taxi to reach the location. From Milan Central Station, you can also walk for approximately 15 minutes.

From Milan Linate Airport (LIN):

Taxi: Taxis are available at the airport. The journey to Palazzo Lombardia takes approximately 20 min.

Shuttle Service: Some hotels offer shuttle services from the airport. We invite you to check at the time of booking the room if you are interested.

Public Transportation: Line 4 / Blue Line of the metro that connects Linate Airport leads to the center of Milan, at San Babila station. From there, the event venue is accessible by taxi or by transferring to the others metro lines (Line 1 / Red Line to Loreto station and then Line 2 / Green Line to Gioia station – from this station you can reach the location walking for 2-3 minutes).

From Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport (BGY):

The Bergamo Orio al Serio airport is located 50 kilometers from Milan.

Taxi: The minimum travel time is 50 minutes.

Public transportation: Bergamo Orio al Serio is connected to Milan Central Railway Station by bus, and tickets can be booked through the following links: [OrioShuttle](#), [Terravision](#), [Autostradale](#).

In the case of the train, there is no direct connection between the airport and Milan. Therefore, if you choose this option, you will need to purchase a bus ticket to Bergamo station and then take the train to Milan Central Station.

Travelling by train

The distance between the venue and the Milan Central Railway Station is possible to cover by foot in 15 minutes, 10 minutes by public transport, and 5 minutes by taxi.

Travelling by car

The city is well-connected by road with the rest of the country. If you come by car, please note that the city center is in a restricted traffic zone (check the [link](#) for more).

For the parking of your car or motorcycle, there are parking lots along the streets surrounding the Palace. Here is the list of covered and paid parking lots located near the Region's headquarters.

[Restelli New Park](#): Via Francesco Restelli 3, in front of Palazzo Lombardia. The parking lot is always open 24/7.

[Autosilo Pola](#): Via Pola 9/11. The parking lot is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

ACCOMMODATION

Milan has a very wide range of hotels; many are available in the immediate vicinity of the event. Hotels located nearby and recommended: [INNSiDE by Melià Milano Torre GalFA](#) (****), [Duo Milan Porta Nuova](#) (****), [iQ-Hotel Milano](#) (****), [Hotel Marconi](#) (****), [Best Western Madison Hotel](#) (****), [Heart Hotel Milano](#) (****).

DISCOVER MILAN

Milan, a city graced with magnificent architecture, triumphs in its culinary offerings and boasts a renowned gastronomic scene. It stands as the epitome of a destination where individuals converge to manifest their presence and partake in opulent and discerning retail experiences. Below are some of the main attractions not to be missed in Milan:

- Visit the Duomo of Milan
- Sink some canalside drinks in the Navigli District
- Explore the Sforzesco Castle
- Shop and hunt for Galleries in the Brera District
- Snap pics of the Urban Vertical Forest
- Tour or book tickets to the famous La Scala
- Stand in front of The Last Supper

Remember to plan your journey in advance and consider any local travel guidelines. We look forward to welcoming you at the event!

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