



## TESTIMONIALS BY PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS

During the events since 2009, many productive and lasting contacts have been established between researchers and entrepreneurs from NRW and other parts of Europe. That's why our participants are keen to meet in Düsseldorf each year as part of their proposal preparation for Horizon Europe.



**Stephanie Harfensteller**

FIR e. V. at RWTH Aachen University

**“It’s precisely the balanced mix of science and business at an international level that makes ‘Successful R&I in Europe’ so special.”**



**Yash Shekhawat**

Nurogames GmbH, Cologne

**“This event is a firm date in our diary, as it’s the best and easiest opportunity to meet top international candidates for Horizon Europe projects.”**

## VENUE

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## SUCCESSFUL R&I IN EUROPE 2025 12<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN NETWORKING EVENT

6 – 7 March 2025

VAN DER VALK AIRPORTHOTEL  
DÜSSELDORF – GERMANY

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## NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA (NRW) IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

Geographically central position in Europe – 18.2 million people – Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of € 839.08 billion (20% of German GDP) – economic hub of Europe – region with the highest density of universities and research institutions in Europe: 78 universities, 14 Max Planck Institutes, 14 Fraunhofer Institutes, 2 Fraunhofer Centres, 9 Leibniz Institutes, 3 Helmholtz Centres, 1 Helmholtz Institute, 16 Johannes Rau Institutes plus approx. 100 university research institutes.

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# SUCCESSFUL R&I IN EUROPE 2025

## 12<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN NETWORKING EVENT



For the twelfth time, the conference invites researchers and entrepreneurs from North Rhine-Westphalia and regions in Europe and beyond to find new research and innovation (R&I) partners for Horizon Europe projects. The series of events has been a great success with over 3,500 participants since 2009. During the events since 2009, many productive and lasting contacts have been established between researchers and entrepreneurs from NRW, other parts of Europe and throughout the world. The event is, of course, open to researchers worldwide.

### Call for presentations

Participants are invited to become involved in established and new technology networks between researchers, entrepreneurs and multipliers. Giving a short presentation (ideas and/or results) or finding a partner by talking to other decision-makers opens doors for new research and innovation projects in Europe with a focus on Horizon Europe.



The call for presentations is open until 19.01.2025 under: <https://horizont.zenit.de/Successful2025/>

Conference fee: € 150 (€ 120/one day) per person including VAT. Free participation for speakers in sessions 1 to 4. The organizers recommend that speakers participate on both days. Please find offers for hotel accommodation on the website.

## PROGRAMME

### Thursday, 6 March 2025 (DAY 1)\*

- 13.00 **Welcome**
- 13.05 **Opening session**  
Thorsten Menne,  
Director Research Funding, Research Policy, Ministry of Culture and Science of North-Rhine Westphalia
- 13.15 **Keynote speech**  
Birgit Weidel, Head of Department, Innovation Ecosystems, SMP/Entrepreneurship & Consumers, EISMEA, European Commission (tbc)
- 13.35 **Success stories in Europe based in NRW**
- 13.55 **Introduction of Partner Regions and Services for Proposals and Projects**  
Hans H. Stein, ZENIT GmbH
- 14.00 **Coffee/Start of parallel sessions**
- 14.15 **Session 1:** Parallel workshops ■ ■ ■ ■  
"European projects seeking partners"  
  
Coffee/Find a Partner
- 16.15 **Session 2:** Parallel workshops ■ ■ ■ ■  
"European projects seeking partners"
- 18.15 **Reception and exhibition**
- 18.45 **Dinner**
- 20.30 **"Düsseldorf by night" bus tour/city sightseeing**

### Friday, 7 March 2025 (DAY 2)\*

- 9.30 **Welcome**
  - 9.35 **Services for Proposals and Projects**  
Jan Skriwanek, National Contact Point Life Sciences, DLR-PT
  - 9.45 **Success stories in Europe based in NRW**
  - 10.05 **Coffee/Start of parallel sessions**
  - 10.15 **Session 3:** Parallel workshops ■ ■ ■ ■  
"European projects seeking partners"  
  
Coffee/Find a Partner
  - 12.00 **Session 4:** Parallel workshops ■ ■ ■ ■  
"European projects seeking partners"
  - 13.00 **Interactive Lunch/Find a partner/Exhibition**
- Parallel workshops will focus on eight topics:**
- Cluster 1: Health
  - Cluster 2: Creative Industries
  - Cluster 4: Digital Technologies
  - Cluster 4: Industrial Technologies
  - Cluster 5: Energy
  - Cluster 5: Mobility
  - Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment
  - Innovation Procurement (PCP/PPI)
- Conference Moderator: Dr Bernd Janson, ZENIT GmbH  
*The conference language is English.*  
\* Parallel exhibition: Innovations for Europe based in NRW



**100 PRESENTERS  
ON 2 DAYS**

**BE PART OF IT!**

