

FOREU4ALL
Community of Practice (CoP) transversal/topical workshops
Call document

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I. General information and context

The FOREU4ALL WP2 “Community of Practice” aims at organising transversal/topical workshops to provide a forum for deeper discussions across alliances and topical areas, as well as to engage external experts and stakeholders in the alliance activities.

8 face-to-face transversal workshops will be organised between December 2025 and July 2028. Where relevant, workshops should encourage synergies across topical groups.

The WP2 Board is thus in charge of:

- Setting up a joint concept and guidelines for organising transversal/topical workshops among the planned host beneficiaries (see section I.5.);
- Publishing 3 calls for workshop topics followed by a collegial selection process;
- Progressively rolling-out the 8 workshops over the 48-month project period (see section II.);
- Monitoring, evaluating and reporting the main outputs and outcomes from each workshop that can be fed into the activities of WP3 Policy Dialogue and WP4 Communication and Dissemination.

1. Workshop calls

The first call for workshops was published in June 2025 and concerned the first two workshops, which took place in December 2025 and April 2026.

The second call for workshops was published in November 2025 and concerns workshops three to five, scheduled to take place between July 2026 and December 2026.

The third call for workshops is published in September 2026 and concerns workshops six to eight, scheduled to take place between May 2027 and May 2028.

2. Organisational modalities

All workshops already have predefined hosts (see section I.5.). The FOREU4ALL workshop budget is allocated to each host beneficiary.

This budget can only fund the organisation of the workshop itself (“Other Costs” category) at the host institution for a duration of two days. Travel expenses are not covered by this budget. Each alliance is thus in charge of funding the mobilities for participants from their respective alliance to attend the workshops.

In specific cases, and depending on the capacities of each host beneficiary, travel expenses of external guest speakers may be funded.

In addition, the two-day workshop structure should reflect the overarching objective of being a forum for deeper discussions and therefore foster exchanges and active participation from all attendees.

Hence, the workshop programme should include session formats that are specifically tailored to and foster such active participation. It is however possible to also include plenary session(s) in the programme.

3. Who can apply?

Any of the 20 selected CoP topical groups can apply and propose a workshop topic.

It is encouraged that topical groups work together to propose a transversal topic.

It is the responsibility of the related topical group(s) GCT(s) to coordinate and submit the workshop topic proposal.

4. Evaluation, selection process and next steps

The workshop topic proposals received will be analysed by the WP2 Board before being submitted to the General Forum for a confirmation vote.

As this is the final call for workshops, particular attention will be paid to the strategic relevance of the proposed topics and their potential contribution to the alliances' priorities.

When analysing the proposed topics, the WP2 Board will consider the following criteria:

- Relevance of the proposed topic, target audience, expected outputs, and anticipated impact;
- Strategic priority of topic (e.g., contribution to the alliances' priorities, ongoing policy-related activities, and emerging priorities, etc.);
- Transversal nature of the topic (including its ability to address issues that cut across several groups).

This last criterion is essential to ensure that, throughout the 8 workshops, as many topical groups as possible are represented in the workshops. Therefore, transversal topics will be prioritised over "individual" topical group topics.

Once the three proposals have been selected by the WP2 Board and validated by the General Forum, the workshops will be organised according to the following steps:

- Announcement of the selected topics;
- Proposers of the selected topics are contacted to prepare the 2-day programmes and invite speakers as well as participants, in collaboration with the host institutions (for logistical purposes);
- Registration opens at least 10 weeks before each event with a general overview of the programme and closes at least six weeks before each event (to allow time for participants to organise their travel);
- The final programmes of each event are published no later than two weeks prior to each event;
- After the event, proposers of the selected topics provide a written report on the outcomes and concrete recommendations stemming from their workshops to the WP2 Project Officer. These reports will contribute to WP2 deliverables, as well as WP3 Policy Dialogue and WP4 Communication and Dissemination activities.

5. *List of workshop host beneficiaries and calendar*

The host beneficiaries are the following:

- EC2U - University of Poitiers, France (2 workshops)
- EPICUR – University of Strasbourg, France (2 workshops)
- Arqus – University of Granada, Spain (1 workshop)
- E³UDRES² – University of Applied Science, St. Pölten, Austria (1 workshop)
- EUTOPIA – Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Italy (1 workshop)
- U!REKA SHIFT – Metropolia University of Applied Science, Helsinki, Finland (1 workshop)

Preliminary workshop calendar:

Workshop n°	Organiser	Date	Place
1	EUTOPIA	4-5 December 2025	Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
2	ARQUS	16-17 April 2026	University of Granada
3	EPICUR	2-3 June 2026	Strasbourg European Parliament
4	EC2U	28-29 October 2026	University of Poitiers
5	E ³ UDRES ²	3-4 December 2026	University of Applied Science, St Pölten
6	U!REKA SHIFT	19-20 May 2027	Metropolia University of Applied Science, Helsinki, Finland
7	EPICUR	Second half of November 2027	University of Strasbourg
8	EC2U	Mid-April/ Mid-May 2028	University of Poitiers

II. Third call for workshop topics

1. Organisational modalities

This third call for topics concerns three workshops that will be organised between May 2027 and May 2028:

- The sixth workshop will be organised on 19-20 May 2027 by **U!REKA SHIFT** at the Metropolia University of Applied Science, Helsinki, Finland.
It can host up to 130 number of participants (minimum 100 participants).
- The seventh workshop will be organised in November 2027 by **EPICUR** at the University of Strasbourg, France.
It can host up to 150 number of participants (minimum 100 participants).
- The eighth workshop will be organised in mid-April/ mid-May 2028 by **EC2U** at the University of Poitiers, France.
It can host up to 150 number of participants (minimum 100 participants).

The detailed timeline for the third call is as followed:

- Opening of the call: Tuesday, 8th of September, 2026
- Closing of the call: Friday, 23rd of October, 2026
- Analysis of proposals by WP2 Board: November 2026
- General Forum vote to approve the selected topics and announcement: Mid-December 2026

2. Application form

The application form is open from Tuesday, 8th of September to Friday, 23rd of October, 23:59pm CET.

This [online form](#) must be completed by the deadline.

The proposal must include the following information:

- Name of the proposed topic
- Name of the topical group(s) proposing the topic and contact details of the GCT(s) involved
- Objectives (max. 2000 characters) and relevance (max. 2500 characters) of proposed topic
- Target audience (max. 1000 characters)
- Expected outputs (max. 2000 characters) and impact (max. 2000 characters) from the workshop (for internal and external dissemination)

- General outline of workshop structure (max. 2500 characters), e.g., plenary and/or parallel sessions, etc., in a two-day programme to support logistical planning and speaker selection if the topic is selected.

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