

Shaping Inclusive Innovation Ecosystems: Policy Approaches for Gender Equality, Diversity and Competitiveness

The DEBUTING Journey

The event brings together policymakers, regional authorities, clusters and innovation stakeholders to explore the future of inclusive innovation ecosystems in Europe.

After four years of interregional cooperation, the Interreg Europe DEBUTING project has generated valuable policy insights that led to change, action plans and good practices aimed at strengthening gender equality and inclusivity in innovation and entrepreneurship. This final event will present key lessons learned, highlight impactful initiatives, and foster dialogue between regions, countries, EU institutions and peer projects.

Participants will engage in keynote discussions, policy roundtables and networking sessions while discovering how regional and national policies can better support diverse and inclusive innovation systems.

Join us in Brussels on 25 November 2026 to get inspired by impactful experiences and discuss how to scale them across Europe!

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When: 25 November 2026, 09.30 – 18.00 hrs

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09.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 10.05	Moderator sets the scene – creativity in public engagement
10.05 – 10.25	Welcome , from Emilia-Romagna Region and Region Värmland
10.25 – 10.45	A keynote of prof. dr hab. Natasza Kosakowska-Berezecka , Head of Division of Cross-Cultural and Gender Psychology, University of Gdansk
10.45 – 11.00	The DEBUTING policy recommendations
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 12.00	Policy Roundtable: Navarra, Emilia-Romagna, Hungary, Moldova and Nord-Vest Romania
12.00 – 12.30	Interregional Cooperation – Laurentiu David, Project Officer Interreg Europe
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch and networking – good practices exhibition
14.00 – 15.00	Disruptive experience
15.00 – 15.45	Roundtable with peer projects (DEBUTING, GRANDIS, WOMEX, ACCELERATEGDT, ICSIEU)
15.45 – 17.00	Closing remarks and networking opportunities

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