

# BRUSSELS' PULSE #3

## NEWS

### The New European Bauhaus Initiative

Launched last 18th January, the New European Bauhaus initiative is a vast cooperation project combining sustainability with wellbeing. The initiative aims to stimulate discussions on the places we inhabit and on our relationship with natural environments. The European Commission has launched the New European Bauhaus initiative as an environmental, economic and cultural project to help deliver the European Green Deal and support the transformation of Europe following the Covid-19 pandemic. More: [here](#)

### EU strategy for sustainable tourism

European Parliament has established a resolution of 25 March 2021 on establishing an EU strategy for sustainable tourism (2020/2038(INI)). The Parliament welcomes the Re-open EU portal and urges the Member States to provide the Commission with clearly understandable information on the application or lifting of future restrictions on free movement as soon as such changes have been decided in order to ensure that the portal is reliable for travellers. More: [here](#)

## Agriculture

### Commission publishes study on information measures under the common Agricultural Policy

This study contributes to an overall evaluation of the information policy on the CAP, which will be concluded with the publication of a Commission report (staff working document) in autumn 2021. The aim of the evaluation is to examine the relevance, coherence, effectiveness, efficiency and EU added value of the information measures on the CAP. More: [here](#)

### Sustainable products Initiatives

This initiative, which will revise the Eco-design Directive and propose additional legislative measures as appropriate, aims to make products placed on the EU market more sustainable. Consumers, the environment and the climate. More: [here](#)

## Industry

### EU Industry: Commission Take actions to improve synergies between civil, defence and space industries

The Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) is adapting its organisational structure to help Europe's industrial ecosystems recover more effectively from the COVID-crisis and to achieve the EU's digital and green goals. "A new focus on industrial ecosystems allows us to better design actions to help the European economy recover from the COVID pandemic. It also reflects the key role of networks, clusters and alliances in reinforcing our supply chains - helping us to strengthen Europe's resilience in future crises". More: [here](#)

### Launch of the InvestEU Programme: Opportunities start here

The InvestEU programme builds on the successful model of the Investment Plan for Europe and the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), which mobilised more than €500 billion. With the aim of triggering a new wave – more than €370 billion - in additional investment using an EU budget guarantee, the InvestEU programme aims to give an additional boost to investment, innovation and job creation in Europe over the period 2021-27. More: [here](#).

## Education

### The European Pact of Skills

The Pact for Skills is a new engagement and governance model for a joint skills endeavour. The Pact aims to mobilise and incentivise all relevant stakeholders to take concrete commitments for upskilling and reskilling, and, when relevant, pool efforts thanks to partnerships. More: [here](#)

### **Digital Education Action Plan**

The Digital Education Action Plan (2021-2027) outlines the European Commission's vision for high-quality, inclusive and accessible digital education in Europe. It is a call to action for stronger cooperation at European level to: learn from the COVID-19 crisis, during which technology is being used at an unprecedented scale in education and training. More: [here](#)

## **Culture**

### **Cultural Heritage as a Source of Societal Well-being in European Regions – ESPON HERIWELL**

During the last decade, policymakers have increasingly acknowledged the role of cultural heritage as a strategic resource for economic growth, employment and territorial cohesion. This is reflected in several European policy documents, more recently the "New European Agenda for Culture", adopted by the European Commission in May 2018, and the "European Heritage Strategy for the 21st Century", adopted by the Council of Europe in April 2017. More: [here](#)

### **European Heritage Label monitoring report 2020 published**

European Heritage Label sites are monitored every 4 years in order to ensure that they continue to meet the criteria for the award of the European Heritage Label as set out in the Decision establishing the action. More: [here](#)

## **Environment**

### **Building a Climate-Resilient Future**

A new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change. The European Commission adopted last February a new EU Strategy on Adaptation to Climate Change, setting out the pathway to prepare for the unavoidable impacts of climate change. While the EU does everything within its power to mitigate climate change, domestically and internationally, we must also get ready to face its unavoidable consequences. More: [here](#)

### **European Green Deal: Commission consults on EU targets to restore Europe's biodiversity**

The European Commission launched an online public consultation on the development of legally binding EU nature restoration targets. As a key element of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and the European Green Deal, restoring Europe's damaged ecosystems will help to increase biodiversity, mitigate and adapt to climate change, and prevent and reduce the impacts of natural disasters. The consultation feedback period is open until 05 April 2021. More: [here](#)

## **Health**

### **Cancer Plan**

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan is a political commitment to turn the tide against cancer and another stepping stone towards a strong European Health Union and a more secure, better-prepared and more resilient EU. More: [here](#)

### **European Health Union: Commission launches a 'structured dialogue' to address vulnerabilities in the supply of medicines in the EU**

The Commission launched a structured dialogue with the actors in the pharmaceuticals manufacturing chain as part of the Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe. The dialogue, which comprises of national authorities, patients and health non-governmental organisations as well as the research community, gain a better understanding of the functioning of the global supply chains of medicines and identify causes and drivers of vulnerabilities. More: [here](#)

## Digital

### **EU to set up new European Partnerships and invest nearly €10 billion for the green and digital transition**

The Commission proposed today to set up 10 new European Partnerships between the European Union, Member States and/or the industry. The goal is to speed up the transition towards a green, climate neutral and digital Europe, and to make European industry more resilient and competitive. The EU will provide nearly €10 billion of funding that the partners will match with at least an equivalent amount of investment. More: [here](#)

### **Open consultation: roaming charges**

In June 2017, EU legislation ended roaming charges for users of mobile devices in the EU and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. However, market conditions do not yet appear to guarantee that this scheme can continue without regulatory intervention, so the rules need to be extended beyond their current expiry date of 30 June 2022. More: [here](#)

## Maritime

### **Turning the tide: How to finance a sustainable ocean recovery**

The UN Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) has just released a new guidance on blue finance to help banks, insurers and investors take action on the transition of ocean sectors to a sustainable future. More: [here](#)

### **The maritime dimension of 2021-2027 programmes:**

After discussing the maritime dimension of the 2021-2027 programming process, the Knowledge of the seas network convened on 11 March to exchange on the maritime dimension of 2021-2027 programmes. The Atlantic Area Programme, the North Sea Region Programme, the South Baltic Programme, the Italy-France 'Maritime' Programme and the IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro Programme presented their future maritime dimensions. More: [here](#)

## Mobility

### **Commission Clean Hydrogen Partnership**

The Clean Hydrogen Partnership will accelerate the development and deployment of a European value chain for clean hydrogen technologies, contributing to sustainable, decarbonised and fully integrated energy systems. Together with the Hydrogen Alliance, it will contribute to the achievement of the Union's objectives put forward in the EU hydrogen strategy for a climate neutral Europe. It will focus on producing, distributing and storing clean hydrogen and, on supplying sectors that are hard to decarbonise, such as heavy industries and heavy-duty transport applications. More: [here](#)

### **Clean Mobility: New report on conformity factors for Real Driving Emissions**

The JRC has published its third report on conformity factors, used to assess compliance of vehicles with emission limits while performing a Real Driving Emissions test. These tests have brought about a major decrease in the emissions of all new types of vehicles, which must now comply with emission limits in real world tests and not only in the laboratory. More: [here](#)

## Cities

### **Making Cities Resilient**

The European Regional Coordination Committee of "Making Cities Resilient 2030" launched new initiative launched by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) in October 2020 to support a network of cities in planning, implementing and monitoring disaster risk reduction actions. More: [here](#)

### **Interreg Europe- Public consultation on the programme 2021-2027**

The draft version of the Interreg Europe cooperation programme for 2021-2027 is now ready for you to check and comment on. It is the result of more than 16 months of discussions and consultations among the 29 Partner States (27 EU Member States plus Norway and Switzerland). More: [here](#)

## EVENTS

### **With ViennaUP'21**

From 27 April to 12 May, Vienna will send a vVIENNAUP'21, digital sign for the global startup community. With ViennaUP'21 digital the city will host the largest decentralized and community-driven virtual startup-event. Initiated by the Vienna Business Agency, ViennaUP'21 digital brings together all relevant stakeholder, both international and from the local scene, and covers pioneering topics in the field of innovation, creativity and technology in a series of online events. Don't miss the unique opportunity networking with an international audience of startups, investors, companies and talents. More: [here](#)

### **EU Green Week 2021: ZERO POLLUTION**

The European Commission has announced that EU Green Week will take place in May 2021 and focus on the theme: Zero Pollution. EU Green Week 2021 will take place from 31 May to 4 June. More: [here](#)

### **European Research and Innovation Days 2021**

The Commission's Directorate-General for Research and Innovation announces today the third edition of the European Research and Innovation Days to be held virtually on 23 and 24 June 2021. More: [here](#)

### **European Maritime Days 2021**

The registration for the EMD 2021 on 20-21 May is now open. Read the PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME with the high-level policy sessions and the workshops organized by maritime stakeholders on 20 maritime themes on European Maritime Day website and register to join the first hybrid EMD. More: [here](#)

## CALLS

### **Mediterranean Climate Change Adaptation Awards: Apply now!**

Applications for the Mediterranean Climate Change Adaptation Awards are now open. The competition rewards exemplary and concrete actions to adapt to climate change in the Mediterranean. It is organised by the French Agency for ecological transition (ADEME), with the support of its Mediterranean partners the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) and Plan Bleu. Apply by 15 April 2021! More: [here](#)

### **European Circular Cities Declaration**

The European Circular Cities Declaration designed to help accelerate the transition from a linear to a circular economy in Europe, and thereby create a resource-efficient, low-carbon and socially responsible society. More: [here](#)

### **GALACTICA project launched Open Call for Proposals**

On 16th March 2021 Galactica Project launched open call for proposal with €1.2 million of funding available, to attract and support the best cross-sectoral projects in the fields of textile, aerospace and advancing manufacturing. SMEs and Startups can apply for funding up to €100.000 ("Orbital Projects") or up to €20.000 ("Pioneer Projects"). More information regarding the Open Call for Proposals application, submission and evaluation criteria is provided on the following Open Call guidelines. More: [here](#)

### **CoR's Digital Master**

The CoR's Social Media team, in collaboration with professional communicators and experts, offers you the opportunity to learn a range of digital skills, new communication techniques and useful insights to better connect with your community in a series of engaging webinars and dynamic practical sessions. More: [here](#)

### **H2020 Trynity Open second call**

TRINITY: Digital Technologies, Advanced Robotics and increased Cyber-security for Agile Production in Future European Manufacturing Ecosystems. TRINITY DIH provides up to €200,000 equity free funding for SME use case demonstrators. A minimum of 30 demonstrators will be funded. Open call 2 is now open until JUN 1st 2021. More: [here](#)

### **The European Capital of Innovation**

In 2021, the European Capital of Innovation Awards will feature two categories: **The European Capital of Innovation** category addresses cities with a population of minimum 250 000 inhabitants and rewards the winner with EUR 1 000 000 and the two runners-up with EUR 100 000 each. **The European Rising Innovative City** category targets towns and cities with a population of 50 000 and up to 249 999 inhabitants. It will reward the winner with EUR 500 000 and the two runners-up with EUR 50 000 each. More: [here](#)

## **“... and more”**

### **Open Call for artist**

As European citizens, no matter where we live or how we make our living or spend our time, the EU has an impact on our daily lives. This website presents a series of short notes exploring EU deliveries and actions from the individual's point of view. In a one-page format, these notes are available for you to read, share or reuse. And if you want to dig deeper, have a look at our longer briefing papers on EU policies in focus. More: [here](#)

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