

Letter of Intent

The Founding Partners of the EuroDelta Alliance

21 May 2025



This Letter of Intent reflects the commitment of the undersigned parties to establish a collaborative EuroDelta Alliance, which will be founded to strengthen transregional and cross border stakeholder cooperation within the EuroDelta. The mission of the Alliance is to actively support the shift towards a EuroDelta that contributes to a prosperous, equitable and sustainable Europe while restoring the natural system of the Rhine-Meuse-Schelde Delta ecosystem. With its dense network of cities, infrastructure, harbors, and industries, its rich cultural diversity across four nations, the innovative capacity of its businesses and citizens, and its fertile land, the region has all the ingredients to serve as a global model for sustainability, equity and prosperity in Europe and the world.

Shared Vision

We envision in 2050, a EuroDelta where citizens live, move and work in a healthy and sustainable living environment. Resources are used efficiently, and all inhabitants benefit from a thriving and resilient economy embedded in a restored Rhine-Meuse-Schelde Delta ecosystem. This transformation will reinforce the EuroDelta's strategic role as a resilient and vital gateway to Europe – where trade and nature coexist in balance. Positioned as a global hub for sustainable and inclusive innovation, the EuroDelta can serve as a lighthouse region, guiding Europe's future proof transition. Together, we have the knowledge, resources and capabilities to drive this transition. However, realizing this vision demands strong leadership, a shared narrative and collective action to guide the EuroDelta region's urban and economic transformation. It calls for a strategic and output-oriented dialogue about the policy- or action-driven interventions with high potential for the future transformation – one that fosters transregional and cross border stakeholder cooperation and unlocks new synergies within the EuroDelta from ideas for initiatives to hands-on spatial-economic development.

Purpose of the Alliance

The EuroDelta Alliance will operate as a mission-driven Alliance. Its mission is to support the shift towards a competitive, livable and resilient EuroDelta by strengthening the relevance and importance of this megaregion by engaging the EU, national, and regional levels. It will serve as an accessible platform for all parties to advocate, develop and disseminate as well as actively work on ideas for initiatives, output-driven projects, tools, funding and mission-driven entrepreneurship, as well as a scientific knowledge base about the EuroDelta.

The Alliance will:

- Foster transregional and cross border stakeholder cooperation, knowledge sharing and innovation within the EuroDelta.
- Develop and implement joint initiatives and projects that promote and strengthen the EuroDelta, based on mutually set targets and a strategic action framework.
- Foster and prioritize collaborative research initiatives and experimentation to support the development of a competitive resilient EuroDelta.
- Work together on a narrative and strategies for the megaregion EuroDelta 2050.
- Stimulate reflection and interaction between industry, academia, and government on spatial-economic developments.
- Advocate for leadership, supportive (place based) policies, research and funding to support transregional and cross border stakeholder cooperation within the EuroDelta
- Advocate for the recognition and promotion of the EuroDelta megaregion at the European, national, and regional scales.

Scope of Collaboration

The EuroDelta Alliance will continue the focus of its work on the outcome of the Interreg project, ASSET, firstly focusing on the transition of a circular built environment.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Managing resource flows and materials efficiently (within the EuroDelta area)
- Enhancing sustainable low-impact mobility
- Reinforcing renewable energy sources
- Resilience (economy, ecology and social)
- Smart Specialization Strategies
- Spatial strategies
- Harmonizing and producing supporting data
- Mapping
- Lifelong learning in the field of mega regional spatial planning

Furthermore, the Alliance pushes for funding mechanisms and policy adaptations and interventions to allow for the physical development of spaces, new economic models for job growth and easier knowledge-to-practice transfer.

The undersigned parties express their intent to:

- Participate actively in Alliance meetings, conferences and working groups
- Contribute staff resources, expertise and/or financial support as feasible
- Work collaboratively in working groups to develop and implement a shared action plan among other things
- Advocate for policy change (adaptations, interventions) on behalf of the common aims
- Commit to put ideas for initiatives into action and communicate them strategically and effectively

Next Steps for Collaboration

The Alliance builds on the existing SURE EuroDelta working group within METREX (the European network of metropolitan areas) to widen the scope of stakeholders and to include non-METREX members such as academia, industry, and civil society. The target is to realize the EuroDelta Alliance vision through stronger collaboration within the EuroDelta. METREX will continue to host this Alliance.

We propose the following next steps to formalize the EuroDelta Alliance:

- Hold a founding workshop on [22nd of May] to discuss the Alliance's structure and governance
- Form an Alliance secretariat out of a minimum of 3-4 participating partners, supporting the organisation, communication, annual work plan, etc.
- Form a steering committee to manage the Alliance, supervise the action plan and make decisions in the interest of the Alliance
- Form a scientific advisory board from leading researcher of EuroDelta Universities and Universities of applied sciences
- Create a EuroDelta community of interested public and private parties to be involved in projects, knowledge sharing, research, B2B meetings, etc.
- Decide on, together with participating partners, financial and/or in-kind contribution and external funding.

Non-Binding Nature

This Letter of Intent is non-binding and is intended as a basis to foster cooperation and as basis for further negotiation. It does not create any legal obligations or liabilities for the undersigned parties. Any binding commitment regarding the EuroDelta Alliance will be subject to the execution of a definitive agreement.

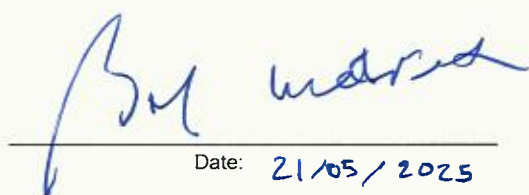
Invitation to Join

We invite academia, local and regional governments, NGOs, networks, business associations, and other organizations committed to drive the transition toward a prosperous, equitable and sustainable EuroDelta region to join our Alliance.

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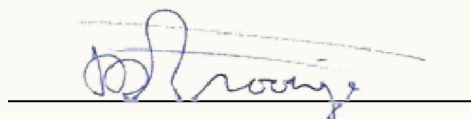



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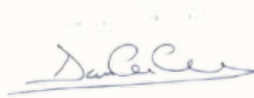



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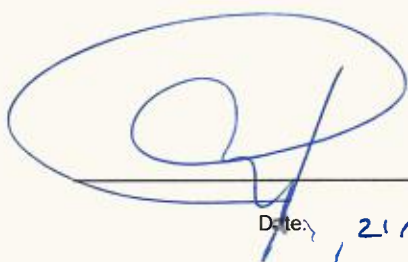
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