REGIONAL EVENTS ACROSS EUROPE

Strengthening Innovation Procurement Collaboration in Big Science

4 REGIONAL HUBS – ONE EUROPEAN ECOSYSTEM

NORTH
30 September 2025
Lund, Sweden

MIDDLE
7 April 2026
Dwingeloo,
the Netherlands

EAST
28 May 2025
Online Webinar
+ 14 April 2026
Warsaw, Poland

SOUTH
30 April 2025
Madrid, Spain

OUR MISSION

Engage companies and stakeholders in innovation procurement, raise awareness about opportunities in the Big Science market and build lasting collaboration between industry and Big Science Organisations (BSOs).

EVENT DESIGN

- Engage innovative SMEs and start-ups
- Connect them with Big Science Organisations
- Showcase practical examples of innovation procurement
- Collect feedback to inform INPROCAP training and procedures

KEY IMPACT IN NUMBERS

4	300+	100+	7	4	MULTIPLE
REGIONAL HUBS	STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED	COMPANIES & SMEs INVOLVED	SEED-FUNDED COLLABORATIONS (NORTH HUB)	BIG SCIENCE ECOSYSTEMS CONNECTED	EMERGING COLLABORATION PATHWAYS

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS & OUTCOMES

NORTH HUB LUND, SWEDEN

- AIMday Big Science Technology 2025
- 31 BSO challenges matched with SMEs in specific sectors
- 8 BSOs presented challenges
- 7 challenges received seed funding to continue collaboration
- **Strongest KPI progress among all regions**

EAST HUB ONLINE & POLAND

- Online webinar on business opportunities and innovative procurement in Big Science
- Speakers from CERN, Fusion for Energy and industry
- NOMATEN Innovation Days (14 April 2026, Poland)
- Emerging collaborations in advanced materials and related technologies

SOUTH HUB MADRID, SPAIN

- Big Science Industry Forum Spain 2025
- Focus on PCP, innovation procurement and FCC ecosystem
- Active engagement of industry and research institutions
- Emerging consortia and partnership pathways

MIDDLE HUB DWINGELOO, NETHERLANDS

- Industry Meeting & INPROCAP @ ASTRON
- 4 concrete technological challenges from CERN, ESO and European XFEL
- Early-stage discussions and connection of key players
- Building basis for future collaborations

CHALLENGES IDENTIFIED

- Complex and time-consuming procurement procedures
- Need for specialised expertise and internal capacity
- Limited follow-up funding and financing instruments
- Time needed to build trust and strong partnerships

RECOMMENDATIONS & LESSONS LEARNED

- Continue structured follow-up and matchmaking
- Support challenge-based collaboration and pilot projects
- Increase access to seed funding and financial support
- Combine online and onsite formats for wider reach
- Strengthen training and awareness on innovation procurement

FROM CHALLENGES TO COLLABORATION

INPROCAP regional events have activated innovation ecosystems across Europe, connected industry with Big Science challenges and paved the way for sustainable collaborations and future innovations.

NEXT STEPS

- Follow-up with emerging collaborations
- Integrate feedback into training & procedures
- Expand network and community engagement
- Strengthen e-learning platform and resources

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