



WHANT TO ORGANIZE YOUR OWN TRAIN LAB?

A Step-by-step-guide

Whether you are a regional authority, cluster, innovation agency or ecosystem facilitator, the TRAIN Labs methodology can be adapted to your own regional context.

- Follow these **7 key steps** to organise your own collaborative innovation process.



The 7 key Steps

Step 1 – Define your Challenge

Identify a clear regional challenge or innovation need that will guide the TRAIN Lab.

Step 2 Identify the right stakeholders

Bring together a diverse group of participants representing a large range of stakeholders (among the academia, industry, government, civil society and the natural environment) to ensure a broad range of perspectives and expertise.

Step 3 – Launch a Call for Solutions

Launch a call for solutions in collaboration with territorial partners.

Allow at least 3 months of preparation before the TRAIN Lab to mobilise stakeholders, collect solution information and prepare the sessions.

During this period, organise co-creation activities to help participants identifying the right partners, co -design innovative solutions, and develop proposals that effectively respond to the call.

Step 4 – Select the solution providers

Identify and select innovative solutions with the greatest potential to address the chosen challenge. Scalability and transferability are key principles within this process,

Step 5 – Prepare the facilitators

Equip facilitators with the methodology, tools and guidance needed to create an engaging and productive collaborative environment.

Step 6 – Run the collaborative sessions

Facilitate interactive workshops that encourage dialogue, co-creation, knowledge exchange and the identification of concrete opportunities.

Step 7 – Ensure effective follow-up

Maintain momentum after the TRAIN Lab by supporting partnerships, monitoring progress and identifying future collaboration opportunities.