



INVITATION

Hamburg's Ministry of Science (BWFG) Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg,
and the Hanse-Office

cordially invite you to the following lunch briefing:

Outcomes and Recommendations of the HALRIC Project A Best Practice Model for Cross-Border Collaboration in Life Sciences

on Wednesday, 28th January 2025,
at 12:30
(Admission as of 12:00)
Hanse-Office, av. Palmerston 20, 1000 Brussels

HALRIC is a cross-border life science initiative involving Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Germany, aiming to strengthen the region's research and innovation ecosystems by facilitating technological and knowledge sharing and fostering access to the internationally renowned research infrastructures in Hamburg (DESY/European XFEL) and Lund (MAX IV/ESS) for stakeholders from industry, hospitals and universities. Looking ahead, the cooperation between Scandinavia and Northern Germany is to be further deepened in a sustainable manner, unlocking previously untapped economic potential.

As a best-practice model for a transnational regional innovation hub, HALRIC addresses the interface between the Horizon budget and the European Competitiveness Fund. The project has received more than EUR 11 million in Interreg funding and brings together 21 partners from the ÖKS-Hamburg region.

Hamburg's Ministry of Science (BWFG), as part of the initiative led by Lund University and supported by the partners, is driving the establishment of a Strategic Forum to strengthen cooperation among key stakeholders and support the development of the first ÖKS-Hamburg innovation hub.

During the lunch briefing, the main project results will be presented followed by a discussion on a) how to further develop and empower this transnational research and innovation space, and b) how targeted cooperation and knowledge exchange can help enhance Europe's competitiveness in the Life Sciences sector.

We are honoured to discuss these questions with selected members from the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Permanent Representations, BWFG representatives and the Project Director of HALRIC.

Programme

12:00 Admission

12:30 Welcome

Klaus von Lepel, Head of Research, Hamburg Ministry for Science, Research and Equalities

12:35	Presentation of the HALRIC-Project Kajsa Paulsson, Director of the HALRIC project
13:00	Key remarks and reactions Isabella Lövin, Member of the European Parliament (tbc) Andreas Schwarz Head of Cabinet to Commissioner Zaharieva, DG RTD
13:15	Lunch & Open Discussion With Members of the European Commission, DG REGIO and DG GROW, representatives of Permanent Representations (SE, DE, DK, NO), representatives of the German state liaison offices for science and research.
14:15	End

Please register for the lunch until Monday, 19th January 2026

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