

# COMMON WORK PROGRAM

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Every four years the Benelux Union sets out the main objectives for its cooperation in a multi-year plan. In short, the activities for the coming years.

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## A strong and sustainable Benelux internal market, contributing to a digital and green recovery

- **Commitment to the European Green Deal and Circular Economy**
- **A cross-border labour market without barriers that encourages entrepreneurship**
- **Cleaner passenger and freight transport** through the launch of a Benelux service for the registration of electric charging operators, etc.
- **Pooling expertise on Artificial Intelligence**
- **Supporting national COVID-19 recovery plans**



## The ambition to achieve a common security space

- A renewed Benelux Policing Convention
- Tackling cross-border fraud
- Justice that works together across borders
- Dealing with crises and disasters together
- Ensuring food safety and cybersecurity



## A 'smart Benelux' that connects citizens and businesses

- EU role model for promoting the digital single market
- Ensuring cross-border access to digital goods and services
- Creating a favourable environment for companies to develop digital services



## A platform for responsible cooperation, prepared to take concrete action

- Permanent dialogue for crisis coordination
- Cross-border health policy (patients, ambulances, etc.)
- Commitment to scientific research and new technology in healthcare
- Tackling environmental challenges together with each other and international partners



## Ally of regional cooperation and European integration

- Bridge builder and knowledge centre helping to connect border regions
- The home of regional energy cooperation: Benelux Energy Expertise Network, Pentilateral Energy Forum, Gas Platform and North Sea Energy Cooperation
- Deep partnership with North Rhine-Westphalia
- Cooperation projects with France, the Grande Région, the Nordics and Baltics