



# European Cluster Collaboration Platform: A Guide to Cluster Initiatives

Under the COSME and Horizon programmes, the [European Cluster Collaboration Platform \(ECCP\)](#) is the leading European hub for international industrial cluster cooperation. Ongoing ECCP initiatives are launched by the European Commission under the COSME and Horizon programmes, with the ultimate goal of boosting economic growth and competitiveness in Europe. The ECCP initiatives factsheet regroups these initiatives providing funding for innovative projects.

## EREK

The [European Resource Efficiency Knowledge Centre \(EREK\)](#) gathers all actors involved in supporting small- and medium-sized businesses on their journey towards resource efficiency.

Though only business support organisations can join the EREK network, other platforms, projects, and organisations collaborate with EREK in its activities.

## INNOSUP-1

[INNOSUP-1](#) is the Horizon 2020 funding programme of cluster-facilitated projects for boosting innovation in new industrial value chains through cross-sector expertise. The programme has so far supported more than 1,600 SMEs to develop new value chains combining different domains.

## European Cluster Partnerships

### European Cluster Partnerships | Excellence

The European Cluster Partnerships | Excellence aims to increase the competitiveness of SMEs by strengthening cluster management excellence, facilitating strategic exchanges, and partnering between clusters and specialised industrial eco-systems across Europe.

#### ClusterXchange

Under Excellence, the ClusterXchange scheme is a new pilot programme to support short-term exchanges to better connect Europe's industrial ecosystems and facilitate transnational cooperation, peer-learning, networking and innovation uptake.



### European Cluster Partnerships | International

The European Cluster Partnerships | International encourages clusters in Europe to develop a 'European' strategic vision and to work together by sharing resources to target international markets, boosting SMEs' access to global value chains.

#### Green Transition Facility

Under International, the ECCP is launching the 'Green Transition Facility'. This initiative is tailor made and based on SMEs' needs. ECCP supports European SMEs to develop commercially viable business projects in Partnerships with companies from outside Europe.



### European Cluster Partnerships | Smart Specialisation

The European Cluster Partnerships | Smart Specialisation aims to foster collaboration between clusters, enterprises (especially SMEs) and technology centres in thematic areas related to regional smart specialisation strategies for industrial modernisation.



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