



Latest News

Cluster Go International call opened!

The main objective of the action is to intensify cluster and business network collaboration across European countries and also across sectoral boundaries and to support the establishment of European Strategic Cluster Partnerships-Going International (ESCP-4i) to lead international cluster cooperation in fields of strategic interest towards third countries beyond Europe and notably in support of the development of emerging industries.



The action will be implemented by consortia of cluster organisations or business network organisations operating in COSME participating countries that are interested in establishing and running a ESCP-4i partnership. These are expected to develop a joint 'European' strategic vision with a global perspective and common goals towards specific third markets.

If you want to develop a proposal and you are looking for partners to apply or you are looking to join a consortium active in the same domain as you, it is recommended to use [ECCP's Partner Search tool](#). But you can also be proactive and use the tool to let the community know that you are interested in participating. More information and details about the call are available [here](#).

Upcoming ECCP matchmaking events

[High-level EU Cluster Mission to the USA Including a U.S. – EU Cluster Cooperation and Matchmaking Event & Cluster visits, May 15-19th 2017](#)

Organised during the TechConnect World Innovation Conference, Washington DC, the EU-US cluster mission will also include cluster visits to Boston, Philadelphia and Washington DC, enabling European clusters to develop or deepen transatlantic cluster strategic business partnerships. The main sectors addressed are nanotechnologies, advanced materials, biotechnology & medical, advanced manufacturing and processing, energy and sustainability, electronics & microsystems, personal & home care/cosmetics/foods.

[The EU-Taiwan cluster matchmaking event in the context of the 3rd EU-Taiwan Industrial Dialogue will be organised in Brussels on 26 & 27 June 2017.](#)

The cluster matchmaking event will be technology oriented, focusing on digital technologies, future of manufacturing, circular economy and 5G.

UPCOMING EVENTS



[Invitation to INOTEX Exhibition & Forum, Iran](#)

23/05/2017



[Green Energy Technologies Technologies Business Mission to Japan](#)

18/09/2017



[Organic Food & Beverages Business Mission to Korea](#)

23/10/2017

OPEN CALLS

[3rd call for Interreg Europe projects opened on 1 March 2017](#)

Deadline: 30/06/2017

[ECRI PROJECT – Call for expression of interest for subcontractors](#)

Deadline: 18/04/2017

[Startup Europe for Growth and Innovation Radar](#)

Deadline: 25/04/2017

ECCP AT A GLANCE

Watch the [interview](#) given by **Stan Higgins**, CEO NEPIC cluster, Cluster Manager of the Year 2014-16



ESCP-4i News



The [homepage of the ESCP-4i partnerships](#) was restructured and enriched with information, offering other clusters insights into the partnerships targeting markets beyond Europe. On the important issue of the sustainability strategy of international cluster collaboration after the end of the project, the ECCP organized a webinar for the Strand 2 partnerships about to enter into this phase. It was an excellent opportunity to openly discuss the pros and cons of various scenarios, and to learn from each other's experiences and backgrounds.

Cluster Achievements

ECCP celebrates its first anniversary!

In March 2016 the ECCP was re-launched with the objective of providing networking support for clusters organisations, and for their members to increase their competitiveness through the stimulation of trans-national and international cooperation. Our efforts were dedicated to attracting the cluster organisations and creating a cluster community through services covering their needs.

In one year, more than **550 cluster organisations**, **25 ESCP-4i partnerships**, **25 cluster networks** (territorial or sectorial), more than **29 EU cluster-related projects** were profiled. ECCP became an abundant information source with over **310 news**, **220 events**, **20 cluster achievements**, **50 calls for proposals**, and **30 partner search requests** published on the main pages. More than **400 news** and **190 events** were published/promoted by the users on their own cluster profiles and disseminated through the weekly digest.

The ECCP is dedicated to offering the cluster organisations community the best service according to its needs. For this two major [user satisfaction surveys](#) were undertaken and feedback monitored diligently, in order to adapt and improve the community's demand.

News for the cluster community

New tools offered by the ECCP to support the interaction with the members

The second ECCP poll showed a high interest of users for webinars (91% participants were interested). Two webinars were held, one related to the Partner Search tool and one addressed to the ESCP-4i partnerships Strand 2.

A series of webinars based on the users' needs will be organised in the future. Let us know at contact@clustercollaboration.eu which topic you would like to discuss with peers.

Better features for the presentation of cluster organisations

We permanently improve the features of ECCP for its users. In order to make the content uploaded on the profiles more appealing users can now include photos, graphics, logos, etc.

The overall look of the clusters' or ESCP-4i partnerships' own news, events, documents on their profile is more colourful, dynamic and attractive. Learn more [here](#) on how to boost your profiles look.

The ECCP team is at your service: contact@clustercollaboration.eu

Cluster Organisations

With more than 550 profiles, ECCP is the world's largest community of cluster organisations. We are happy to see a growing interest from cluster organisations outside and reach out for cooperation with their European counterparts. We particularly welcome the first [Gold Label Cluster in Mexico - Cluster Automotriz de Nuevo León, A.C.](#) - as well as an increasing representation of clusters from Taiwan.

We encourage all registered cluster organisations to pro-actively use their profile to upload news, events and achievements to increase their international visibility, making the ECCP [weekly digest](#) a valued tool for the dissemination of relevant cluster information worldwide.

ECCP Tools

More than 40 persons registered for the webinar the ECCP organized in February on "Tips & tricks on how to best use ECCP's Partner Search tool". For those who could not attend, the presentation and guided tour are available [here](#). More than 30 interesting opportunities for cooperation were published - have a look or upload your own offer and demand! <https://www.clustercollaboration.eu/partner-search>

Dialogue with users

Daniel Cosnita, *President of the Romanian Cluster Association - CLUSTERO* :

"Romanian Clusters have set an intensive internationalisation programme for the benefit of their members. For these very purposes and beyond, ECCP is the perfect tool to make your cluster known and connect with others. Don't be surprised when hearing Romanian is probably the second most used language in ECCP events!"



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