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High-level mission to the U.S. and cluster matchmaking event: opening research and innovation collaboration opportunities for European clusters and their members



From the 15th to the 19th of May 2017, a delegation visit to the United States (U.S.) involving 19 European cluster organisations from 10 EU countries was organised by [BILAT USA 4.0](#) and the [ECCP](#). The event was appreciated by the participants who enrolled in a rich programme combining visits to 20 peer organisations in Philadelphia (PA), Boston and Cambridge (MA) with a cluster-to-cluster matchmaking event in Washington, D.C., resulting in more than 90 bilateral meetings, as well as a seminar & roundtable with experts from the EU and the U.S.

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The EU-Taiwan Matchmaking event, in support of the 5th Generation Wireless Systems, Circular Economy and Smart Industry



On the 26th and 27th of June about 200 participants – involving companies, clusters and business associations from both regions – attended the event with the aim to exchange knowledge and foster cooperation. In this context, the participant organisations had 131 formal meetings in addition to less formal interactions that took place through various networking activities included in the agenda. In particular, the C2C matchmaking involved 21 European and 15 Taiwanese clusters, associations and government bodies. The meeting was opened by Ms. Ulla Engelmann, Head of Unit Clusters, Social Economy and Entrepreneurship, DG GROWTH and Ms. Chun - Fang Hsu, Senior Advisor of Chinese National Federation of Industries (CNFI).

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[INNOSUP-1 Activate: call for financial support to third parties \(SMEs\)](#)

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ECCP AT A GLANCE

Watch the [interview](#) given by **Emma Vendrell**, Head of International Projects Clusters Unit – ACCIÓ Government of Catalonia



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European Cluster Matchmaking Event: Cross-Sectoral and Inter-Cluster Opportunities in the Aerospace Value Chain

Notwithstanding one of the hottest days since 1872, 16 European clusters from 11 different countries met at Le Bourget between 22nd - 23rd June of 2017 aiming to explore cross sectoral collaboration opportunities in the aerospace sector. Christophe Guichard, European Commission Official at DG GROWTH in charge of cluster internationalization reminded participants of the importance of cross sectoral collaboration as a means of driving the creation of new value chains and helping clusters structure their internationalization activities. The cluster managers participated in some 30 bilateral matchmaking meetings between aerospace clusters but also exchanges with clusters representing digital and software, laser and microwaves, smart textiles and security and defense sectors.

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Upcoming ECCP matchmaking events

Thailand Cluster Cooperation and Matchmaking Event

05/09/2017

ECCP will organise an EU-Thailand Cluster Cooperation and Matchmaking Event over a 3-day period starting on the 5th or 6th of September 2017 in Bangkok (Thailand). The overall objective of the event is to provide EU clusters access to the Thai healthcare market through close cooperation with the National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA) of Thailand. Submit your application before 12th of July!

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European Cluster Matchmaking event

13/09/2017

ECCP will organise its 10th cluster matchmaking mission in Thessaloniki, Greece on the 13th - 14th of September 2017 during the Thessaloniki International Fair. The overall objective of the event is to provide EU clusters active in the fields of cultural and creative industries, mobility, smart city, agrotech and automotive opportunities to cooperate with clusters in their fields. Submit your application before 20th of July!

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Cluster Achievements

Celebrating 25 years of cluster policy in Catalonia - ECCP congratulates!

On June 8th, Catalonia celebrated its 25th anniversary on cluster policy in an event hosted by Mr. Carles Puigdemont, President of the Government of Catalonia. The ceremony gathered cluster managers, companies, technology centres, universities and associations part of the cluster ecosystem as well as representatives from the Catalan Government in charge of cluster policy during the different stages, to celebrate and acknowledge the success achieved during the past 25 years.

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NATUREEF's successful internationalisation activities in China



From 15th to 18th of June, a European business delegation travelling under the COSME-funded [Natureef](#) ESCP-4i partnership visited Beijing, Shijiazhuang, Hebei and Huai'an, Jiangsu, three bustling metropolises in China. The European delegation consisted of a mix of companies from agriculture and clean energy related sectors, as well as managers from the Spanish ([FEMAC](#)), Danish (Agro Business Park), and Bulgarian ([Green Synergy](#)) Natureef cluster nodes.

Discussions were complex, between matching the requirements of advanced research capacity, and how to integrate European technologies to more primitive techniques. Next steps are currently being planned, focusing on joint projects under the auspices of the Natureef China node planned for the Huai'an area. Three Memorandum of Understanding were signed, including partnerships between Natureef, Huai'an Municipality and the China International Technology Transfer Center to build Natureef China, as well as two between two businesses and the Natureef and Agro Business Park Clusters.

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bioXclusters plus and Fenglin Group in China sign a Gateway Agreement

On May 15th, representatives from [bioXclusters](#) plus ESCP-4i partnership and Fenglin Group signed a Gateway Agreement to offer free services and guidance for SMEs in their operations in China. The Fenglin Biomedical Center (BioFM) is an innovation platform based in Xuhui Shanghai, part of Fengling Group, which owns four important biomedical parks in the Shanghai Area, including Juke Park (in Zhangjiang) and Shanghai Fenglin Life Healthcare Park.

As set in the agreement, European companies of personalized medicine are eligible for BioFM consultation package, facilitating market entry and cooperation partners identification in China. The Gateway Agreement also offers an attractive and very inexpensive infrastructure for European companies for short or long-lasting business visits in China located at Fenglin BioMedical Park in Shanghai, in which hospitals, medical research centers, as well as companies such as Shanghai Pharm and Quintiles IMS are established.

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News for the cluster community

The launch of the ECCP Expert Talk webinar series

We invite you on 20 September 2017, 16.00-17.00 hrs CET to attend the first webinar "ECCP Expert Talk" having as guest speaker Gerd Meier zu Köcker, Founder of the European Secretariat for Cluster Analysis (ESCA).

Gerd will share with the ECCP cluster community his experience and knowledge on the funding mix for cluster organisations and discuss about how the regional development authorities could be addressed as a "funding customer".

[Register here](#)



Cluster Organisations

With more than 630 profiles in less than 1,5 years of operations, ECCP grows day by day. Not only in Europe, but also beyond. We are particularly happy to welcome the first clusters from the United States and Japan who joined us in the last 2 months.

The page dedicated to [Cluster Networks](#) was re-designed and accommodates now more than 30 networks (at regional, national, international and sectoral level).

ECCP Tools

We recently launched a new poll for the ECCP cluster community: take a few seconds of your time to let the community know (anonymously) whether your organisation supports entrepreneurship or not and see the live results.

Dialogue with users

Sam Goodall, Cambridge Cleantech, UK, Cambridge Cleantech, UK :

Thanks to everyone involved in the [EU-US Bilateral Cluster Mission](#). I can't speak highly enough of what a fantastic opportunity it was for Cambridge Cleantech as a technology cluster. I met over 70 potential collaborators and since returning have already followed up with 3 potential partner organisations with concrete next step actions, (two meetings scheduled in London and an outline for a US-EU Summit on Smart Grid Technology). [Read more](#)

