



European Strategic Cluster Partnerships – Going International (ESCP-4i) Charter

We, the undersigned, have agreed to establish a **European Strategic Cluster Partnership – Going International (ESCP-4i)** called **WIINTECH 2020** (Worldwide Intercluster Initiative for New Materials and Processes focused on Clean Technologies) upon the invitation of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROWTH).

We, hereby, commit to work on a joint cooperation agenda with the aim to support the internationalisation of our SME members towards third countries beyond Europe and thereby, to contribute to the European Commission's objectives to boost growth, jobs and investment in Europe.

As partners of a **European Strategic Cluster Partnership – Going International (ESCP-4i)**, we confirm that we subscribe to the following partnership's principles:

Being **European**, meaning

- *composed of partners, all established in EU Member States or countries participating in the COSME programme under Article 6 of the COSME Regulation and in minimum three different countries;*

Being **Strategic**, meaning by

- *developing and implementing a joint 'European' strategy with common goals and fostering complementarities between partners;*
- *promoting cooperation across related industries and sectoral boundaries in support of industrial modernisation / emerging industries;*

Representing **Cluster(s)** through

- *innovation cluster organisations or equivalent business network organisations that have an own legal entity, are registered on the European Cluster Collaboration Platform (ECCP) with a new complete profile and will post regularly information on the Partnership activities on the ECCP platform;*

Forming a **Partnership** with the aim

- *to set-up a partnership agreement engaging the partners to develop common actions and setting out the modalities of cooperation between them;*
- *to develop a roadmap for implementation with a long-term cooperation agenda to foster the sustainability of the partnership;*
- *to provide information upon European Commission's request on the partnership activities and achievements;*

Working towards **Going International** by

- *developing and implementing a joint 'European' strategy for going international beyond Europe; and*
- *striving to successfully support the internationalisation of our SME members towards specific third countries, and/or attracting strategic foreign direct investment and cooperation partners and/or securing critical imports, knowledge and technologies with a view to support growth, jobs and investment in Europe.*

Other provisions

This ESCP-4i Charter is not intended to be binding or create any legal rights or financial obligations under EU or national law.

This ESCP-4i Charter may be modified at any time by the Partners in writing and upon acceptance by DG GROWTH. Partners may wish to withdraw from or discontinue the Partnership, endeavouring if doing so to provide prior written notice of 60 days to the other Partners and DG GROWTH.

The ESCP-4i Label, to be awarded upon reception of this signed Charter, will be valid until its possible renewal following the outcome of the next COSME call "Cluster Go International" and/or upon reception of information at DG GROWTH's request to decide upon its prolongation.

Each Partner intends to bear its own costs and expenditures that might be incurred in the course of implementing this ESCP-4i Charter, besides possible funding made available under the COSME "Cluster Go International" action.

Date: 22nd of February 2016

ESCP-4i Coordinator

Organisation name: **PLASTIPOLIS**

Organisation acronym:

Country: France

Representative name: *VUILLERMOZ Patrick*

Representative title: *General Manager*

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ESCP-4i Partner 1

Organisation name: **POOL_NET**

Organisation acronym:

Country: Portugal

Representative name: Rui Jorge Gregório Tocha

Representative title: General Director

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ESCP-4i Partner 2

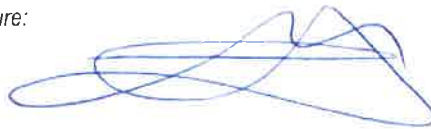
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Organisation acronym: AVEP

Country: SPAIN

Representative name: Mrs CRISTINA MONGE FRONTIÑAN

Representative title: General Manager

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ESCP-4i Partner 3

Organisation name: CONSORZIO PER LA
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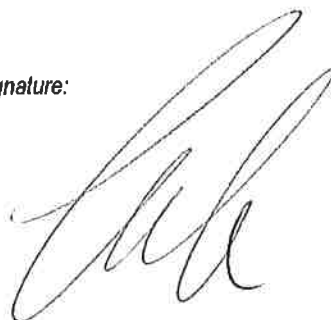
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Country: ITALY

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Representative title: LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

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ESCP-4i Partner 4

Organisation name: **BUSINESS UPPER AUSTRIA – OÖ** Signature:
Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH

Organisation acronym: *Biz-up*

Country: *Austria*

Representative name: *Werner Pammlinger*

Representative title: *Ing. DI (FH), MBA*



Date: 22nd of February 2016

ESCP-4i Partner 5

Organisation name:

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia

Organisation acronym: **CCIS**

Country: **Slovenia**

Representative name: **Samo Hribar Milič,**

General manager

Representative title: **MSc.**

Signature:





WIINTECH stands for "Worldwide Intercluster Initiative for New materials and processes focused on clean TECHnologies".

This initiative has been supported within a pilot project funded by the EC in 2012 and 2013. It enabled to set up and pilot a common international strategy established focusing on a selected number of countries (USA, Brazil, Japan and India) and well-defined set of partners: with whom MOUs have been signed:

The WIINTECH 2020 project aims to foster the most promising international cooperations that have been started within the pilot project in the field of new materials, advanced manufacturing and clean technologies and to establish intensified partnerships with the objective of ambitious technology and business impacts.

The focus of WIINTECH 2020 will be a

- USA
- Japan
- India
- Brazil

The project is proposed with the strand 2 of the EC call 2015"CLUSTER GO INTERNATIONAL" (REF: COS-CLUSTER-2014-3-03) aiming at supporting the first implementation, testing and further development of European Strategic Cluster Partnerships and contributing to develop concrete activities supporting cooperation with strategic partners at international level.

The WIINTECH 2020 project is gathering a group of seven European clusters from different countries:

- France
- Austria
- Portugal
- Italy
- Spain
- Slovenia