



CLUSTERS AS DRIVERS OF INTERREGIONAL VALUE CHAINS

Cluster Meet Regions Conference

09-11.10.2024, Republic of Moldova 2024

AGENDA

Day 0 – Wednesday, October 9th, 2024

10:00-17:00	EU4D ICT Digital Forum
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Day 1 – Thursday, October 10th, 2024

09:30 – 10:00	Welcoming coffee, participants' registration
10:00 – 10:15	Opening Speeches Moderator – Teodora Jilkova, ECCP Team Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorin Recean, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova (tbc) • EC Representative • Daniela Gasparikova, UNDP Moldova Resident Representative
10:15 – 11:15	Input Paper: Jan-Philipp Kramer Team Leader 'Data & Policy', ECCP Input Paper Panel Discussion – Clusters as drivers of interregional value chains Moderator – Dumitru Udrea, PRIM Project, UNDP Moldova <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vadim Codreanu, Director, Organisation for Entrepreneurial Development • Linda Perina, DG Grow • Daniel Cosnita, CLUSTERO • Zinaida Plamadeala, MD Berries Cluster
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee Break
11:45-12:45	Session II: Role of clusters in the economic development of Moldova Moderator – Linda Perina, DG Grow

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dumitru Alaiba, Minister for Economic Development and Digitalisation of the Republic of Moldova (tbc) ● Andrei Darie, Inclusive Growth Cluster Lead, PNUD Moldova, ● Rodica Perciun, Academy of Economic Sciences ● MD Cluster – PRIM
12:45 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 14:30	<p>Session III: Interregional Collaboration in the EU through clusters Moderator – Gerd Maier zu Kückner, ClusterAgentur BW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strengthening Governance: Enhancing governance structures and public administration efficiency in the region. ● EU and Eastern Partnership Synergies: Maximizing the benefits of EU membership and Eastern Partnership initiatives for mutual development. ● Regional Policy Alignment: Aligning policies and regulations to foster better cooperation. <p>With the participation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Managing authorities of the Danube and Black Sea Programme ● Stakeholders from the eligible countries (Clusters from Georgia, Turkey, Moldova, Ukraine, Armenia Black Sea Programme)
14:30 – 15:30	<p>Session IV: MD and international clusters present themselves. Pitching session Moderator – Teodora Jilkova, ECCP Team Member</p> <p>Moldovan Clusters pitching session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alexandru Pelivan, Programme Manager, EU4Moldova ● MD Cluster Pitches, facilitated by Simion Berzoi, Project Manager, EU4Moldova- Focal Regions Programme <p>Romanian Clusters pitching session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (tbc) <p>Ukrainian Clusters pitching session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (tbc) <p>EU Clusters pitching session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (tbc)
15:30 – 16:00	Networking Coffee
16:00 – 18:40	Matchmaking event in partnership of ARHIPELAGO.com

Day 2 – Friday, October 11th, 2024

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and coffee	
09:30 – 11:00	<p>Session V - Doing Business in Moldova</p> <p>Moderator – BERZOI Simion, Project Manager, EU4Moldova Programme</p> <p><i>Discussion Topics:</i></p>	<p>Session VI Sustainable Development and Green Clusters</p> <p>Moderator – Daniel Cosnita, CLUSTERO</p> <p><i>Discussion Topics:</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent reforms and their impact on the business climate. Best practices for compliance and risk management. Government incentives and support programs for foreign and local investors. Financing options for startups and SMEs. Challenges and opportunities in logistics and supply chain management. Infrastructure projects and their potential benefits for businesses. Government initiatives to promote digitalization. <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative of Invest in Moldova Representative of Minister for Economic Development and Digitalisation Representative of Minister of Infrastructure and Regional Development Representative of ARHIPELAGO <p>Q&A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrating sustainability into cluster strategies Examples of green initiatives within clusters Benefits of sustainable practices for long-term growth Collaboration between businesses and educational institutions. International partnerships and their impact on local clusters <p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bianca Muntean, Transilvania IT Cluster Jiri Hirinek, president NCA <p>Q&A</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30-13:00	<p>Session VII Perspectives of cluster development in the Republic of Moldova (panel discussion)</p> <p>Moderator – TUCAN Radu, Senior Project Officer on Local Development Resilient and Inclusive Markets in Moldova project</p> <p>Discussion Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role of cluster managers and their impact on success Aligning cluster vision with industry trends Facilitating collaboration among cluster members Financial management and sustainability strategies 	<p>Session VI Sustainable Development and Green Clusters (panel discussion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Thinking Workshop

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for expanding cluster activities internationally • Future trends in digitalization for clusters <p><i>Panellists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative of a European Cluster • Representative of the Organisation for the Development of Entrepreneurship • Representative of a MD cluster • Representative of CLUSTERO <p>Q&A</p>	
13:00-13:30	Lunch end of the conference	

N.B Possibility of small exhibition stands will be given in the foyer of the conference.