



Topics such as factory of the future, energy efficiency in ICT, smart cities with turnkey solutions and sustainable buildings, smart mobility, logistics, virtual reality and e-games, space applications (including focussing on start-ups, incubators), joint-ventures, and vertical solutions were largely discussed.



During the afternoon of June 1<sup>st</sup>, the European cluster delegation participated in C2C and C2B matchmaking meetings, where they discussed collaboration and partnership opportunities. Overall, the cluster participants conducted more than 120 one-to-one meetings with Taiwanese organisations, including business associations, companies and governmental agencies.

Some EU cluster representatives also covered a few European Strategic Cluster Partnerships - Going International (ESCP-4is), of whom the [Silicon Europe Worldwide](#) played a central role in organising together with DG GROWTH of the European Commission the entire European Innovation Week agenda. Silicon Europe Worldwide supported under COSME covers in particular micro and nano-electronics and a number of ICT application domains and is targeting Taiwan in its internationalisation strategy. Other ESCP-4is took part in this mission including representatives from [Space2ID](#), [MobiGoln](#), [SmartCityTech](#), [REINA PLUS](#), [CROSSCUT](#) and [GIVE](#).

In order to gain insight into the Taiwan ICT business eco-system, the cluster representatives participated in four seminars focused on different topics: a) smart health; b) smart mobility; c) Taiwan-EU Horizon 2020; and d) smart industry. In this regard, several of the European cluster representatives participated as speakers in some of the seminars. Ms Cristina Murillo (GAIA), Mr Paolo Piccinelli (Distretto HTMB) and Mr Peter Statev (ICT Cluster) participated in a session titled *“Industry of the future: European clusters perspectives”*, moderated by Mr Ben van der Zon (High Tech Netherlands). In this session, the clusters had the opportunity to express their views regarding the future of smart industry. In particular, the session discussed the role of standards in the new digital market, the momentum towards Internet of Everything and how this requires SMEs to define new business models, and the starting of global companies following an open outsourcing approach towards innovative ICT SMEs and start-ups.



Moreover, Ms Vinciane Meroux (Mov'eo) and Mr Sergio Saiz (Basque Energy Cluster, Tecnalia) participated in the Taiwan-EU Horizon 2020 seminar. The seminar emphasised the possibility for

Taiwanese partners to join the consortia of Public Private Partnerships and large scale pilots made available under Horizon 2020 on ICT. Several relevant domains were identified that included: components and systems, cloud computing, future internet, big data, robotics & autonomous systems, KETs such as photonics and micro & nano electronics, factories of the future, digital security, and entrepreneurship support.

The smart health seminar, with focus on medical electronics and related personalised medicine opportunities, showed numerous chances under Horizon 2020 for EU-Taiwan collaboration to take place, especially in areas where joint R&D is already being performed through FP7 support. In addition to discussing relevant information with regard to the future trends of ICT and its applications, the seminars provided the European cluster representatives an opportunity to interact with relevant speakers and participants from the ICT sector in Taiwan.

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, the European cluster representatives participated in a guided tour of the COMPUTEX Taipei Fair and attended a Welcome Reception. This Reception provided further opportunities for informal networking between the European delegation and Taiwanese relevant participants, including business associations. Last but not least, all European cluster representatives had the opportunity on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to visit one or more of three very interesting companies - Fair Friend Group (FFG), Advantech and Gogoro.



A full report will be made available soon on the European Cluster Collaboration Platform.

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