

Project title: New Models of Innovation for Strategic Cluster Partnerships –CLUSTERIX 2.0

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INMA budget: 156600 Euro, from which 133110 Euro funded from FEDR (85 %)

Partners in the project:

- P1 ecoplus. The Business Agency of Lower Austria – Austria
- P2 IDM Suedtirol – Alto Adige – Italy
- P3 West-Pannon Regional and Economic Development Public Nonprofit Ltd. – Hungary
- P4 INMA - National Institute of Research - Development for Machines and Installations designed to Agriculture and Food Industry – Romania
- P5 Lund University - Sweden
- P6 Regional Development Agency Ostrava – Czech Republic
- P7 Region of Southern Denmark – Denmark
- P8 Regional Council of Auvergne – France
- P9 Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship – Belgium
- P10 North – East Regional Development Agency – Romania
- P11 Region Skane – Sweden

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Project objectives:

- Increasing the number of cross sectoral collaborations and partnerships between clusters from each partner region in the project;
- Development of interregional strategic partnerships based on complementary competencies identified by the regional smart specialization profile.

Project purpose:

- Increasing the number of collaborations between companies and research entities (with 5% on average until 2020) that will lead to new value chains through the collaboration between clusters to the premises of realization new products and solutions.

Expected outputs and results:

ClusteriX 2.0 addresses 9 Structural Funds Programmes and 1 regional programme (Flanders Cluster Support Programme). There are 2 national policy instruments (addressed by P4 and P6) and 8 regional ones. The project partners see this mix as positive for the interregional learning process: on one hand there is a good size of structural funds programmes enabling a synergetic exchange between peers and bringing along the potential of spill-overs in other fields, especially when governance is concerned. On the other hand there is enough diversity to profit from by looking into different levels and approaches. Although the majority of policy instruments are SF related, the project shall also influence regional funds.

The output indicators:

The total number of policy learning events organized is 81:

- 9 project meetings organized in phase 1 including back-to-back:
 - peer group discussions of good practice cases,
 - study visits,
 - in-depth exploration meetings to assess the transferability/adaptability of good practices in the action plans,
 - one specific workshop dedicated to related European initiatives,
 - one workshop dedicated to a joint policy peer review,
 - additional in-depth exploration meetings,
 - 3 staff exchanges, where voluntary hosts identified in the project preparation phase will host staff members of other project partners for up to 2 weeks.
- 2 monitoring meetings organized in phase 2.

At regional level there will be at least 10 meetings (1 per partner) with local stakeholders in each semester of phase 1, in total 60.

A minimum of 20 good practices will be identified, analyzed and structured for dissemination purposes.

Result indicators:

No. of Growth & Jobs or ETC programmes addressed by the project where measures inspired by the project will be implemented 100% of policy instruments addressed with structural funds link: 9;

No. of other policy instruments addressed by the project where measures inspired by the project will be implemented 100 % of policy instruments addressed without structural funds link: 1;

Estimated amount of Structural Funds (from Growth & Jobs and/ or ETC) influenced by the project (in EUR): 6343000;

Estimated amount of other funds influenced (in EUR): 5000000.