

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

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Extended phase (call 5): 1.10.2021 – 31.03.2023

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Partners in the project:

- P1. ecoplus. The Business Agency of Lower Austria – Austria
- P2. IDM Suedtirol – Alto Adige (until 31.12.2018 / NOI Techpark (since 1.01.2019) – 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 (not for Extended phase).

Project objective:

- 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 SF 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:
 - a. peer group discussions of good practice cases,
 - b. study visits,
 - c. in-depth exploration meetings to assess the transferability/adaptability of good practices in the action plans,
 - d. one specific workshop dedicated to related European initiatives,
 - e. one workshop dedicated to a joint policy peer review,
 - 7 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 least 10 meetings (1 per partner) at regional level, with local stakeholders in each semester of phase 1, in total 60. This dialog should continue also in phase 2;
- a minimum of 20 good practices will be identified, analysed and structured for dissemination purposes;
- in Extended phase:
 - 1 online consortium meeting,
 - 6 online meetings in working groups on sub-topics,
 - 1 online cross-fertilisation workshop with relevant IE projects,
 - 8 Regional reflection activities.

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.

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Result indicators:

- Number of Growth & Jobs or ETC programmes addressed by the project where measures inspired by the project will be implemented 88% of policy instruments addressed with structural funds link: 8,
- Number 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): 5086000,
- Estimated amount of other funds influenced (in EUR): 5000000.