# **Clusters in Europe IV Conference**

Budapest, 30. November – 1. December 2017

#### Dr. Reinhard Büscher Former Head of Unit, European Commission

"10 years European cluster policy: How it started"

## The trailblazer [2007]

Europe INNOVA / PRO INNO Europe paper N° 5



INNOVATION CLUSTERS IN EUROPE

A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW OF CURRENT POLICY SUPPORT



DG Enterprise and Industry report

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uropean Commission IRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY



"Following the Commission's communication ,Putting knowledge into practice: A broad –based innovation strategy for the EU' of September 2006, the Council invited the Commission ,to prepare an analysis on how to promote the trans-national dimension of clusters in Europe.' The ENTR report responds to this request."

### The "zero hour" [2008]

### Towards World-Class Clusters in the European Union

THE CONCEPT OF CLUSTERS AND CLUSTER POLICIES AND THEIR ROLE FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND INNOVATION: MAIN STATISTICAL RESULTS

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AND LESSONS LEARNED



Commission Staff Working Document SEC (2008) 2637

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"Clusters play an important role in driving competitiveness, innovation and job creation. However, to fully reap the benefits of clusters, the EU should now step up its assistance to Member States and regions to promote excellence at all levels, and encourage cooperation across the EU in order to strive for more worldclass clusters."

17. 10. 2008



### **The Stockholm Conference Declaration 2008**

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# THE EUROPEAN CLUSTER MEMORANDUM

Promoting European Innovation through Clusters : An Agenda for Policy Action

> Prepared by The High Level Advisory Group on Clusters, chaired by Senator Pierre Laffitte.

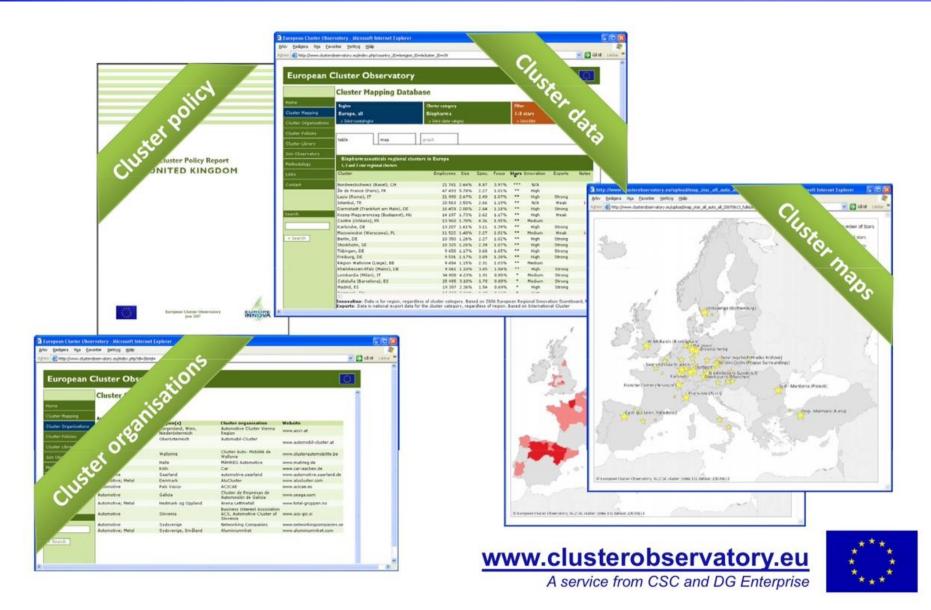
> > This work is coordinated by the Center for Strategy and Competitiveness, Stockholm School of Economics and performed under the Europe INNOVA Initiative of the European Commission.

#### "In conclusion the Conference

 Calls upon the European Commission to further develop policy actions along the orientation proposed by the European Cluster Memorandum and put forward a European Cluster strategy and action plan to the Council, the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions in 2008.

23. 1. 2008

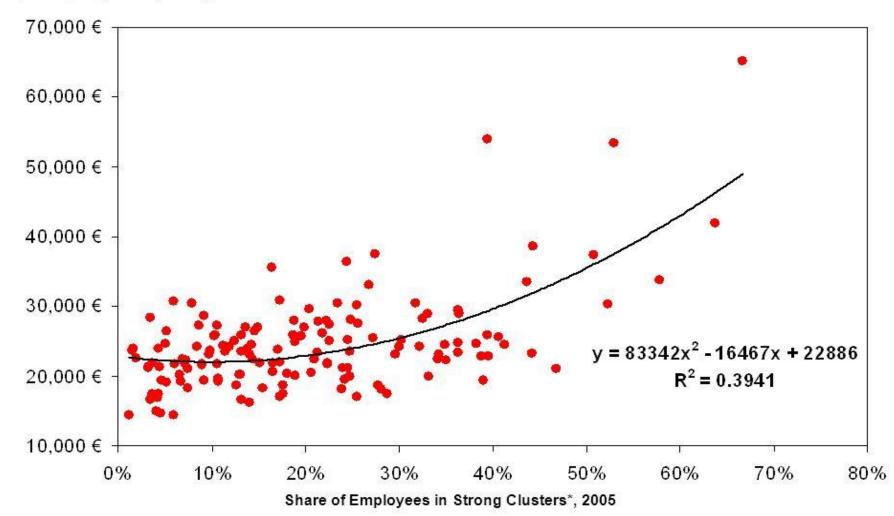
## **European Cluster Observatory [since 2007]**



### **Clusters matter!**

### Cluster Strength and Regional Prosperity EU-15 Countries

GDP per Capita (PPP adjusted), 2004



### (My) Vision of European cluster policy



**Clusters as robust eco-systems** 



... and not as "greenhouse plants"

### **European Cluster Collaboration Platform [since 2010]**



#### The European Cluster Collaboration Platform



#### A great moment!



Start of ECCP on 29 September 2010
New ECCP on 8 March 2016

### **European Cluster Excellence Initiative [since 2010]**

#### **European Cluster Excellence Initiative** ..... ..... cluster-excellence.eu ClusterManagersClub\*\* Quality indicators for .... good cluster management ۲ **ClusterCollaboration** - 112. • da **Training Scheme** Internet Second × 0 275m **即IESE** -----0...... Club of Cluster Managers VDI VDE IT it. In: FCA at .12. en F. . Mail Bennation Agency In- RT and Media 0 **Cluster Collaboration** Platform \* X



#### ...a success story!

European Secretariat for Cluster Analysis and Regional Development

European Commission Enterprise and Industry



### **European Strategic Cluster Partnerships (since 2012)**

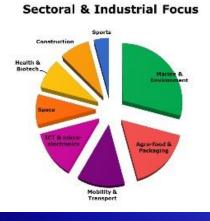
Partnership

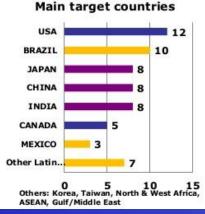


#### European Strategic Cluster Partnerships -Going International (ESCP-4i)

**ESCP**<sup>®</sup> Overall, 24 EU Cluster Partnerships "Go international" (incl. 15 co-funded) involving: 138 European cluster organisations

17,000 SMEs across 23 European countries







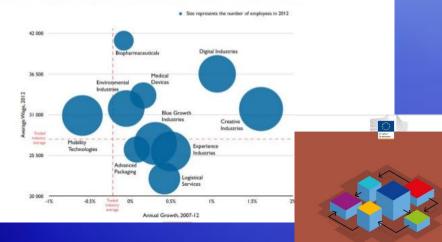




#### **Clusters in support of industrial transformation (since 2014)**



#### European Cluster Panorama 2014: Emerging Industries Overview



REPORT European Cluster Panorama 2014

> Prepared by: Christian Ketols and Sergiy Protex Conter for Strategy and Competitivenes Stockholm School of Economics

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enabling collaboration across chemical regions in Europe

**Cluster facilitated projects for new** 

**Overall Budget** 

2015-2020: EUR

140 Million

Two-stage

submission

procedure

Standard

eligibility

criteria

industrial value chains: INNOSUP-1-2015

Budget 2015: EUR

24.9 Million

First stage

concept note of

10 pages

70% except for

non-profit

entities 100%

Deadline 1:

30/04/2015

Deadline 2:

09/09/2015

At least 75% to

support

innovation in

SMES

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## The ideal cluster policy: Many good ideas

THE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE OF NATIONS Michael E. Porter

### European Cluster Policy Group

Final Recommendations – A Call for Policy Action

t Series How to support SME Policy from Structural Funds

### LET'S MAKE A PERFEC CLUSTER POLICY AND CLUSTER PROGRAMM

SMART RECOMMENDATIO





## **Good luck!**

