



Program

4th Competitiveness Clusters Forum 13th November 2008

13th November 2008 - CICA, 2229 route des Crêtes, Sophia Antipolis, France

Moderator plenary sessions: Mrs Annika Ström Melin and discussions will be translated into English and French.

8:45am	Welcoming
9:00 – 9:45am	A European Policy for world class clusters Mr Pierre Laffitte, President of the Fondation Sophia Antipolis, Honorary Senator (France) Mrs Françoise le Bail, Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry, European Commission Mr Luc Rousseau, DGE, Ministry for the Economy, Industry and Employment (France)
9:45 – 10:30am	Clusters: Going from the past to the future Mr Pierre Dartout, DIACT (France) Prof. Örjan Sölvell (Sweden) Mr Jean Marc Thomas, Aerospace Valley (France)
10:30 – 11:00am	Innovation and clusters policy in Japan Mrs Yuko Harayama, MOST, Graduate School of Engineering, Tohoku University (Japan)
11:00– 11:15am	Coffee Break
11:15– 12:15pm Parallel Sessions	Raising the level of excellence of cluster organization Moderator: Mr Alain Moulet, DIACT (France) Mr Philippe Bassot, CM International (France) Mr Bernard Sans, Pôle Mer PACA (France) Mr Nikos Pantalos, Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry, European Commission The role of clusters supporting SMEs to go international Moderator: Mr Peter White, YTKO (UK) Mr Ben Butters, Eurochambers Mr Dominique Vernay, System@tic (France)

	<p>Mr Rodolfo Zich, Torino Wireless (Italy) Mr Vassilios Makios, Corallia (Greece) Mr Nelson De Souza, IAPMEI (Portugal)</p> <p>New training needs for new qualifications Moderator: Mr David Halley, Business in the Community (UK) Mr Bernard Froment, Ministry for Higher Education and Research (France) Mr Gabriel Crean, Athlone Institute of Technology (Ireland) Mr Wolfgang Sening, Cluster Medizintechnik (Germany) Mr Jean Louis Pierquin, Pôle MIPI (France)</p>
12:30– 2:00pm	Lunch
2:15– 3:00pm	<p>European Clusters in global competition Mr Günter Verheugen, Vice-président of the European Commission</p>
3:00– 4:00pm	<p>Public and private financing foster clusters excellence Moderator : Mr Jean-Noël Durvy, Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry, European Commission Mrs Claire Munck , EBAN /AFIBIO Mr Alain Huriez, EBAN / TcLand Expression SA Mr Pascal Lagarde, CDC Entreprises (France) Mr Michael Hochholzer, Baytech Venture (Germany)</p>
4:00– 4:15pm	Coffee Break
4:15– 5:30pm	<p>The role of trans national cooperation for developing world class clusters Moderator: Mrs Agnes Arcier DGE (France) Mr Clément Goossens, Point One (Pays bas) Mr Stig Jorgensen, Medicon Valley (Suède Denmark) Mr Rolf Reiner, BeLCAR (Germany) Mr Martin Hinoul, ELAT</p>
5:30pm	Closing session (by a Minister, to be confirmed)

14th November 2008 – Sophia Country Club, 3550 route des Dolines, Sophia Antipolis, France

Moderator : Nikos Pantalos, European Commission



First Assembly of the European Cluster Alliance

An open policy dialogue on cluster development in Europe

9:15am - 9:30am

Opening

Mr Jean-Noël Durvy, European Commission

9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Presentation of the main results and achievements of the ECA Mrs Lynne Taylor, CLUNET Mr Jens-Erik Lund, BSR Mr Michel Ganootte, INNET Mrs Anita Hingsamer, CEE-Network</p>
10:30am - 10:45am	<p>Expectations from the associated members of the ECA Speaker from an associated member of the ECA (to be nominated)</p>
10:45am - 11:00am	Coffee Break
11:00am - 11:30am Parallel Sessions	Working Area 1 & 2 Working Area 3 & 4
11:30am - 11:45am	<p>Main lessons learned from trans-national cooperation Mr Laurent Soulier, Fondation Sophia Antipolis</p>
11:45am - 12:00pm	<p>The next phase of the European Cluster Alliance Mr Nikos Pantalos, European Commission</p>

