



# Annual EU Cluster Partnership partnering events

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Executive summary

This deliverable is related to the WP4 – Task 4.2 Active dissemination and awareness-raising (4-24). In particular, about the participation to the 2 annual EU Cluster Partnership partnering events organised by the EU Commission services. Unfortunately, the second annual EU Cluster Partnership partnering event did not take place (planned for 2023), so the deliverable only covers and summarizes outcomes from the 2022 event.

## 1.2 Introduction and objectives

BIGINN marks a new beginning for business and Big Science Innovation. The project has the overarching objective of exploiting the potential for innovation and international collaboration from the Big Science market by tapping into the huge investments in state-of-the-art technologies in this field. The consortium partners from Denmark, Spain and Lithuania have joined forces for the ClusterXchange programme to address the specific challenges of the sector, namely:

- Strengthen and professionalise the cluster management skills in the new area of Big Science clusters.
- Employ cluster mobility schemes to implement cross-fertilization of innovation opportunities at the different clusters.
- Improve SME global competitiveness by establishing international relations and collaborations.

## 1.3 Legal notice

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**Table 1: BIGINN partnership**

Participant Organization Name	Short Name	Country
TEKNOLOGISK INSTITUT	DTI	Denmark
ASOCIACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE LA INDUSTRIA DE LA CIENCIA	INEUSTAR	Spain
VIESOJI ISTAIGA FIZIKOS INSTITUTO MOKSLO IR TECHNOLOGIJU PARKAS	LITEK	Lithuania

## 2. ANNUAL EU CLUSTER PARTNERSHIP PARTNERING EVENTS

According to the COSME Programme Call for Proposals (European Cluster Excellence Programme with ClusterXchange scheme connecting ecosystems and cities, COS-CLUSTER-2020-3-03, 3 November 2020), the selected partnerships must take part in annual partnering events gathering all European Strategic Cluster Partnerships. These are organised by the European Cluster Collaboration Platform on behalf of the European Commission, back-to-back with major events (e.g. European cluster conference or European Industry days). One of the expected results and deliverables of each approved COSME project is related to the participation in the two annual EU Cluster Partnerships partnering events organised by the European Commission services (half day, back-to-back with major events).

### 2.1 First EU Cluster Partnerships partnering event

The first EU Cluster Partnership partnering event – “ECCP Side event for European Cluster Partnerships & Euroclusters” – was organized back-to-back with the European Cluster Conference 2022. It took place in Prague, Check Republic on 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2022 (14:00 – 17:00 CET).

Kristina Ananičienė, LITEK cluster manager, represented the BIGINN Partnership (see Fig. 1) at this event. She participated in two “World-café style parallel discussion” groups (Internationalisation & Communication and European outreach) and shared the experiences and insights.

This side event was very useful to connect with other COSME financed partnerships, learn from their best practices and discuss about joint initiatives and activities.



*Fig. 1. Kristina Ananičienė (LITEK) at European Cluster Conference 2022 and EU Cluster Partnership partnering event*

## Agenda:

27 September 2022, 14:00 – 17:00 (CET), O2 University, Prague

Time (CET)	Agenda point
14:30 – 14:00	Registration
14:00 – 14:15	Opening Remarks Welcome from the European Commission • Bogdan Botez, Head of Department for Innovative Initiatives, SMEs, Entrepreneurship and Cooperation, EISMEA • Marek Procar, D2 Team Leader – Cluster Policy, DG GROW Introduction and explanatory overview of the event, moderator: Barbara Barnabè, Head of Sector Entrepreneurship and Clusters, EISMEA
14:30 – 16:15	Session 1: World-wide single-panel discussion This section will aim to share examples of good practices, discuss the ongoing activities of the Partnership and Co-ordinators, and find synergies between the participants to deepen the collaboration between the partners. [1] Platform for excellence moderator: Maria Zeynepa, Project Advisor, EISMEA rapporteur: Rita de Sousa Santos, FINECO, European Cluster Alliance [2] Innovation moderator: Ugoletta Favaro, Project Advisor, EISMEA rapporteur: Fabi Maria, European Entrepreneurship Project Manager, CBMA [3] Academic and non-academic digital innovation moderator: Pauline de laire, Project Advisor, EISMEA rapporteur: ERM AG, THE ONE, Union of Social Clusters [4] Training, consulting and mentoring moderator: Vanessa de Menezes, Project Advisor, EISMEA rapporteur: Marcella Girelli, Manager, IMPACT – European Institute [5] Internationalisation moderator: Mónica Ferraz, Project Advisor, EISMEA rapporteur: Publica Techno Project, Director Europe International, IITPA, IITN [6] Co-operation and knowledge sharing moderator: Ana Maria Ana, Project Advisor, EISMEA rapporteur: HES Logistics, Project Manager, European Cluster Alliance Each participant will be invited to prepare to contribute to the discussion as per their single preference, with marks allocated to each 20 minutes. Each discussion discussion will be moderated by EISMEA in collaboration with a rapporteur from each topic. The aim of this section is to facilitate stronger connections and synergies across the Partnership and Co-ordinators
16:00 – 16:50	Session 2: Briefing on all topics by rapporteurs – “the best of the best” – 3 good practices from each discussion topic Open discussion – how to use these good practices in other projects and how to collaborate together among the projects
16:50 – 17:00	Closing remarks • Marek Procar, D2 Team Leader – Cluster Policy, DG GROW
17:30 – 18:00	Networking Coffee

Fig. 2. Agenda of the ECCP Side event for European Cluster Partnerships & Euroclusters

## 2.2 Second EU Cluster Partnerships partnering event

Unfortunately, the BIGINN Partnership received notification from European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) (21 September 2023) stating that the European Commission will not organise a second EU Cluster Partnerships partnering event during our project duration (see Fig. 3).

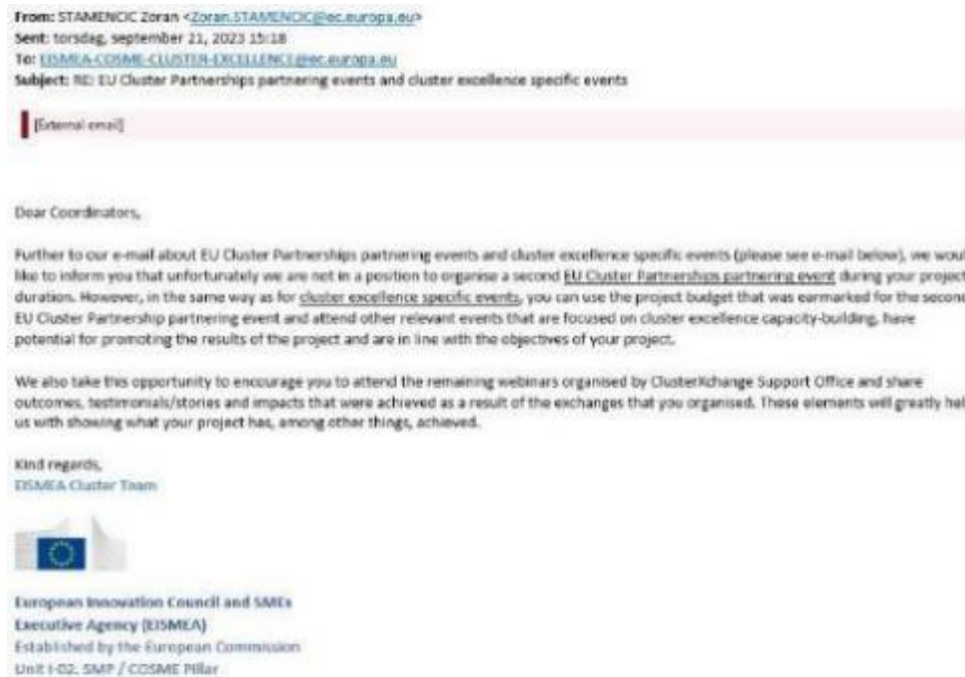


Fig. 3. Information letter from EISMEA Cluster Team to the BIGINN Partnership (21 September 2023)

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