



# CLUSTER CONFERENCE - SESSION 1 - 30.06.2017

## WORKSHOPS - SUMMARY

### BARRIERS, CHALLENGES AND DIRECTIONS OF CLUSTER COOPERATION WITHIN THE V4 + 4 GROUP

#### BARRIERS:

- lack of comprehensive policy on supporting clusters in V4+4 Group;
- financial aspects, lack of financial support;
- lack of information from partners to build collaboration;
- low level of experience and low level of information about clusters;
- bureaucracy;
- mismatched legal system;
- politicians without vision;
- low level of information about possible partners.

#### CHALLENGES:

- identifying visionars;
- finding relevant clusters for trans-border cooperation;
- effective education programs to increase the visibility of cluster issues;
- similar level of development of the countries from V4+4 Group;
- needed changes in structures and maybe even boards;
- not to follow global trends which could not fit to countries from v4+4 Group;
- strengthen cooperation projects between countries from V4 + 4 Group;
- ability to share new technologies to build new quality.

#### DIRECTIONS:

- efficient use of existing chanel for developing international relations;
- bilateral cross-border cooperation of clusters from related sectors;
- exchange ideas and experiences by participating in bilateral or multilateral meetings;
- more initiatives in the cluster conference stream;
- creating more regional clustering cooperation, concentrated on Central Europe or V4+4 Group rather than Pan-European;
- joint efforts to promote cluster initiatives;
- strengthen joint cooperation to face global competitors.

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