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EUROPEAN CLUSTERS INTEGRATING UKRAINIAN CLUSTERS  
AND COMPANIES INTO THE EU VALUE CHAINS

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## CLUSTERS MEET REGIONS: EUROPEAN CLUSTERS INTEGRATING UKRAINIAN CLUSTERS AND COMPANIES INTO EU VALUE CHAINS

Kasarne Kultúrepark, Kosice, Slovakia

### 29 MARCH 2023

Morning session:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Slovak Cluster Conference (only Slovak clusters)
- Site Visits

#### 13:00-13:45 REGISTRATION

#### 13:45-14:00 Introduction by the organisers:

- Master of ceremony: **Teodora Jilkova**, European Cluster Collaboration Platform
- Host: **Artur Bobovnický**, Director of Innovations - Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency

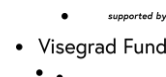
#### 14:00 – 14:15 Welcoming address

- **Jakub Boratynski**, Director Networks & Governance, DG GROW, European Commission
- **Rastislav Trnka**, President of the Košice Self-governing Region (tbc)
- **Alexander Duleba**, UA Advisor for Prime Minister of Slovakia
- **Taras Holub**, Advisor for vice-Prime Minister of Ukraine

#### 14:15 – 15:15 Regional Economic Development

Input paper presentation: **Dr. Jan-Philipp Kramer**, Team Leader 'Data & Policy', European Cluster Collaboration Platform  
 Moderator: **Lucian Jega** – DG REGIO Policy officer, Slovakia (tbc)

- **Alexander Yourchak**, Head of Ukrainian Cluster Alliance
- **Daniel Acs** – Head of Union of Slovak Clusters
- **Antonio Novo**, President of the European Cluster Alliance
- **Martin Svoboda**, Director General, Section of Competitiveness, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic
- **Danys Shemyaken**, Director of Reform Support Team of the Ministry of Economics of Ukraine
- **Maria Radvanska**, Head of EEN, Slovakia



## 15:15 – 16:00 High Level Session

**Keynote Speech: Eduard Heger**, Prime minister of the Slovak Republic

- **Thierry Breton**, the Commissioner for the Internal Market, European Commission (tbc)
- **Maive Rute**, Deputy Director General DG GROW, European Commission
- **Karel Hirman**, Minister of Economy of the Slovak Republic (tbc)
- **Olha Stefanishyna**, Vice Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine (tbc)

## 16:00 – 16:30 Break

## 16:30 – 17:30 Interregional collaboration

Moderator: **Marek Przeor**, Team Leader Cluster Policy, DG GROW, European Commission

- **Slawomir Tokarski** – Director Transnational Collaboration Regio, European Commission
- **Miria Hučková**, Cluster Director Košice IT Valley
- **Olga Trofymova**, Head of Internationalization program of the Ukrainian Cluster Alliance, CEO of UAMC
- **Peter Keller**, Ministry of Finance, Hungary

## 17:30 – 19:00 Practical aspects on doing business with Ukraine

Moderator: **Martine Diss**, senior expert, DG GROW, European Commission

- **Volodymyr Panchenko**, head of Analytic Center of the Ukrainian Cluster Alliance
- **Andrii Lytvyn**, deputy director of the Entrepreneurship and Export Promotion Office
- **Sergiy Tsivkach**, CEO of UkraineInvest
- **Genadij Chyzhykov**, Head of EEN Ukraine, President of Ukraine Chambers of Commerce
- **Oksana Ocheretiana**, member of the Management board of PJSC "Export Credit Agency"
- **Lukáš Parížek**, CEO of EXPORTERS
- **Svitlana Mykhailovska**, Deputy Director at European Business Association
- Representatives of local authorities of Slovakia (Prešov, Košice) and of Ukraine (Transkarpatia, Lviv, IvanoFrankivsk) (tbc)
- **Alexander Duleba**, UA Advisor for Prime Minister of Slovakia

**30 MARCH 2023**

**8:30 – 9:00 REGISTRATION**

**9:00 – 10:00 Funding for investments and interregional collaboration**

Moderator: **Martine Diss**, senior expert, DG GROW, European Commission

- **Gergana Nikolova** – European Investment Fund (tbc)
- **Igor Guzhva**, Deputy director of the State Scientific Research Institute for Information and Economic Modeling
- **Johan Magnusson**, DG REGIO
- **Natalija Dolya**, DG RTD
- **Dr.-Ing. Christian Bölling**, Director EIT Manufacturing Central

**10:00 – 10:30 Pitching Session (round I)**

**10:30-11:00 Break**

**11:00-12:00 Pitching Session (round II)**

**12:00-12:30 Break**

**12:30-13:30 Matchmaking (Round I)**

**13:30 – 14:30 NETWORKING LUNCH**

**14:30 -16:30 Matchmaking (Round II)**

**16:30 – 17:00 Wrap up, closing, next steps**

Moderator: **Marek Przeor**, Team Leader Cluster Policy, DG GROW, European Commission

- **Artur Bobovnický**, Director of Innovations, Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency
- **Daniel Acs**, Head of Union of Slovak Clusters
- **Alexander Yourchak**, Head of Ukrainian Cluster Alliance
- **Krzysztof Krystowski**, vice-president of European Cluster Alliance