

Let's Bring Baltic Partnership to the Next Level: Baltic Cluster Forum 2018

Changing global economic environment encourages smaller regions to look for new opportunities in collaboration rather than competition. Across EU, clusters have proven that their nature and model of partnership can bring such benefits as open innovation, new jobs and stable growth. Internationalization and cross-sectoral cooperation are key policy priorities for clusters in EU, however there is much to be done in this area in the Baltic region.

Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology invites all interested parties who would like to learn more about clusters and creating international partnerships in the Baltic region to the first conference & matchmaking event the BALTIC CLUSTER FORUM 2018 which will take place on 16th May in Litexpo Exhibition and Congress Centre (Laisvės pr. 5, Vilnius, Lithuania).

Conference with international speakers

The event is focused on 3 major points: internationalization, partnership and opportunity. To start, variety of local and foreign experts will provide valuable information and insights on policy, funding possibilities and support programs for clusters. Great deal of attention will be paid to present possible clusters' partnership development scenarios in the Baltics, establishment of metaclusters, arising threats and opportunities.

B2B matchmaking opportunity

BALTIC CLUSTER FORUM 2018 will provide excellent platform to network and find new partners. Extensive matchmaking session for C2C (cluster to cluster) and B2C (business to cluster) will be hosted.

Participation in the conference and matchmaking sessions is free of charge, however **registration** is required due to limited spots available. Detailed BALTIC CLUSTER FORUM 2018 program and registration is available **here** until 7th May. Further information on matchmaking event will be sent to all registered participants with more precise instructions.

BALTIC CLUSTER FORUM 2018 is organized under the project Promotion and Development of Innovation Networking (InoLink) which is coordinated by the Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology (MITA) and funded by the European Fund for Regional Development. The project is being implemented together with the Lithuanian Innovation Centre (LIC) and aims to encourage companies to merge into clusters, to increase cluster maturity, to promote their growth and international collaboration.