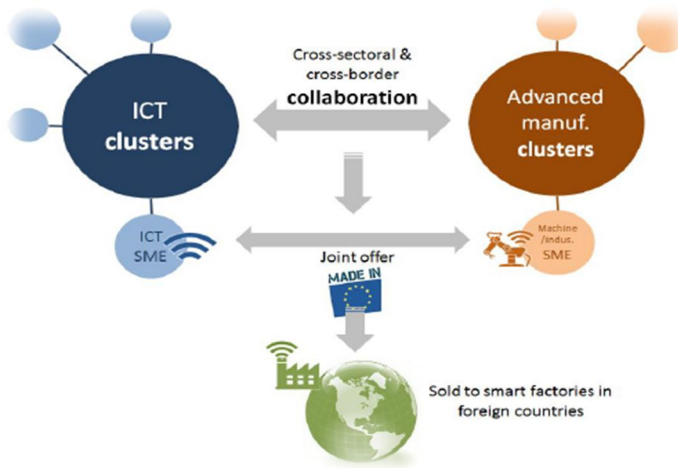


## DISCp , a strategic partnership in the industry of the future

At the beginning of December 2017, project DISCp “**Digital Industry Strategic Cluster partnership**” kicked-off, in the framework of COSME Programme: a two-year project to set-up a partnership of world leading clusters to configure a “European Strategic Cluster Partnership – Going International” focused on **internationalization of the “Industry 4.0” SMEs**.

This partnership will lead clusters to **increase their competitiveness** with a **European coherence**, fostering international cooperation among **SMEs** and enhance innovation: a cross-sectorial collaboration to commercialise different technologies, products and services **jointly in the field of digital technologies and smart manufacturing**.



The six clusters involved etch a route across Europe and ideally across the multifaceted capabilities they possess: our travel starts from Sweden in the academic **Mälardalen Industrial Technology Center (MITC)** focused on smart manufacturing, goes on with the teutonic **BalticNet-PlasmaTec (BNPT)** discovering plasma technologies (the 4th state of the matter). The 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of the trip leads us in the south-west where we meet **GAIA/Basquegame Cluster** focused on video and gaming sectors (entertainment and training) in the Basque Region, to descend to

Aveiro (Central Region) and visit the National Portuguese ICT Cluster **TICE.PT** specialised on Information Technologies, Communication and Electronics. We travel over South of France up to the technology pole of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur region to discover **SCS Cluster** involved in the field of Secured Communicating Solutions covering the entire ICTs value chain. Our adventure in the industry of the future ends in the North-west of Italy with **MESAP** the Mechatronics cluster focused on Smart Products and Smart Manufacturing based in Turin, in the industrial area of FCA and Leonardo.

***DISCp partnership assembles cross-sectorial capacities across European countries to help SMEs be more competitive and innovative, shortly to project them in the future.***