# The European cluster collaboration platform

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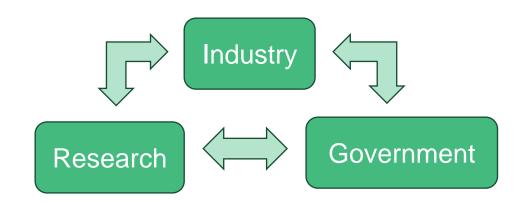


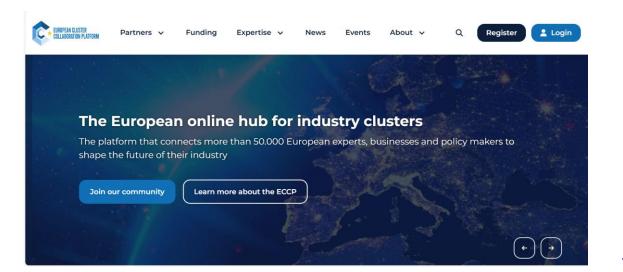
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## **Clusters & ECCP**

**Clusters:** dynamic geographic concentrations of interconnected firms and related economic entities.

**Clusters organisations**: support strengthening of collaboration, networking, capacity building and innovation.





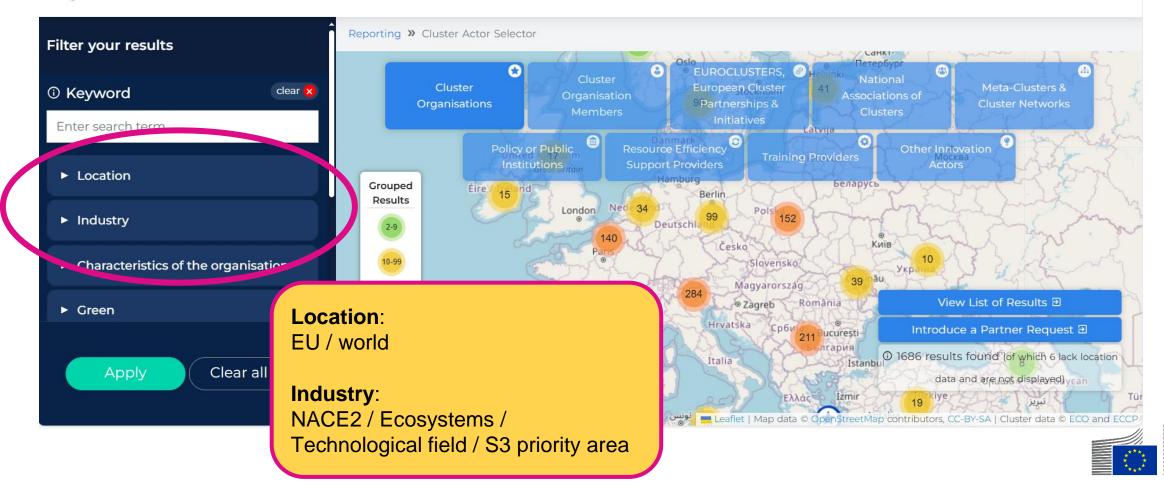


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## ECCP – mapping tool

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## ECCP support to clusters



- Cluster meet Regions
  Clusters' active role in regional development
- Cluster collaboration labs
  Develop and scale up common innovation projects
- Clusters booster academy
  Training programme for clusters and clusters managers
- Clusters talks
  - Discuss clusters-related topics or policies

#### Matchmaking events

Find new markets and collaboration opportunities



## Euroclusters

- EUR 84 million (2 calls)
- FSTP: 75% of the budget to SMEs
- 1<sup>st</sup> call projects ending
  - 30 projects
  - 160 partners (23 countries)
  - Industrial ecosystems oriented
- 2<sup>nd</sup> call evaluation ongoing
  - 16 projects expected (at least 8 on raw materials and net-zero industries)
  - Innovation oriented



## **Euroclusters - example**



#### Consortium:

- 8 partners
- 6 EU MSs (IT, RO, CZ, EL, FR, ES)
- 1.3 mEUR
- Ended in Feb. 2025

#### **Objectives:**

- Establish a cooperation mechanism between regional tourism clusters, operating in the field of rural tourism
- Support green and digital transformation of SMEs operating in the field of rural tourism
- Constitute transnational network of advanced tourism services and scale up such services

#### Main Outcome:

~ 190 rural tourism businesses in 19 countries financially supported (improve competitiveness and resilience)



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