

The inter-cluster approach: Innovation through knowledge sharing and collaboration

(Preliminary Program)*

The inter-cluster approach provides new opportunities for clusters and their members and partners. The exchange of best practices allows for collaborative projects in innovation to be established through a network as opposed to depending on proximity.

An example of this is the European Aerospace Cluster Partnership (EACP), whose mandate is to promote the exchange of experiences among its members, including cluster policies and the search for effective solutions to the various challenges faced by European partners of aerospace clusters.

As part of **Montreal International Aerospace Week - April 3-7, 2017**, Aéro Montréal invites you on **Friday, April 7** to participate in a **half-day activity focused on networking and the sharing of global cluster best practices**. Strategic topics will be addressed with key players from international organizations. Each presentation will be followed by a discussion and question period:

8:30 - 8:50 a.m. **Role and impacts of inter-cluster initiatives such as the "Abroad" project for cluster growth. Is this model applicable to other regions?**
Presentation by Mr. Thilo Schoenfeld - International Affairs Delegate/Aerospace Valley (France)

8:50 - 9:10 a.m. **How inter-cluster projects set up by Hamburg Aviation are helping to expand the region's strategic sectors.**
Presentation by Mr. Franz Josef Kirschfink - Managing Director/Hamburg Aviation (Germany).

9:10 – 9:30 a.m. **The Status of Mexican Aerospace Industry and how to be more competitive doing operations in Mexico.**
Presentation by M. Luis Lizcano – Managing Director / FEMIA (Mexico)

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. **Inter-cluster collaboration in support of innovation for SMEs : the role of the European Cluster Collaboration Platform**
Presentation by Marc Pattinson - Managing Director / inno TSD and ECCP Project Director

Networking break

- 10h30 – 10h50 a.m.** **Cluster Integration for Synergies and Market Opportunities – The Vermont Supply Chain Model**
M. Christopher Carrigan - Vice-President, Business Development / Vermont Chamber of Commerce.
- 10h50 – 11:10 a.m.** **Actions implemented by a cluster to promote the development of its workforce and attract international partners**
Presentation by Ms Maria EL FILALI – CEO GIMAS (Morocco)
- 11:10 – 11:30 a.m.** **The benefits of Inter-clustering and the sharing of best practices. The example of the MACH Wallonia Initiative.**
Presentation by Mr. David Praet – Head of international activities and external communication for the Skywin cluster (Belgium).
- 11:30 - 11:50 a.m.** **How the transfer of technologies and intersectoral knowledge enable the development of concrete solutions to promote the 4.0 transition. ie: MACH FAB 4.0**
Presentation by Ms. Mélanie Lussier - Senior Director, Market Development - SME/Supply Chain, Aéro Montréal.
- 11:50 – 12:00 a.m.** **Closing Remarks**
Ms. Suzanne M. Benoît, President, Aéro Montréal
M. Yves Charrette, Greater Montreal Economic Development Coordinator - Communauté Métropolitaine de Montréal

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