



Political-Strategic Working Group Clusters of Excellence EUSDR Priority Area 8 “Competitiveness”

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Workshop: Connecting Manufacturing Industries (esp. automotive)

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The workshop was held in two parts - presentation and discussion. The leader of the workshop, Dr. Till Truckenmüller, presented ACB activities and current projects:

- DonauMotor: Set up of a “Super Cluster Technology” in all Danube countries. Start - June 2014
- DonauSchwaben: Connecting technology driven SME´s from Baden-Württemberg with SME´s and large companies in SEE. Start - March 2014
- Auto Park Bulgaria: Start - May 2014
- Potential areas of cooperation



During the second part of the workshop, in an open discussion were proposed several potential projects / actions that can be summarized as follows:

- 1) Need of a person responsible for clusters and projects/programmes targeted to clusters to be in Brussels.
- 2) Research project on type of products / components that can be produced in Danube region, currently imported from China.
- 3) Supply chain development project for SME in the automotive sector.
- 4) Project for multiplication of the German dual education system in other Danube countries.
- 5) Cross collaboration between sectors connected with the automotive industry (i.e. Technical textile, Plastic and aluminum, etc.)
- 6) Quality sign for clusters.
- 7) DonauMotor Project - with LP - Fraunhofer Institute, Germany. Opportunities for other clusters to be involved in the implementation and the supercluster platform.
- 8) Integration of existing platforms to set up a managed platform for the technology driven clusters.
- 9) Best practices projects.

Funding opportunities - being at the beginning of the new programming period 2014 - 2020, we can't spot specific calls but programs that are expected to announce appropriate calls for clusters / SMEs in the sector:

- HORIZON 2020
- COSME
- Cross-border programmes
- EC tenders