# Cluster Development in Africa and Europe

### **Similarities and Differences**

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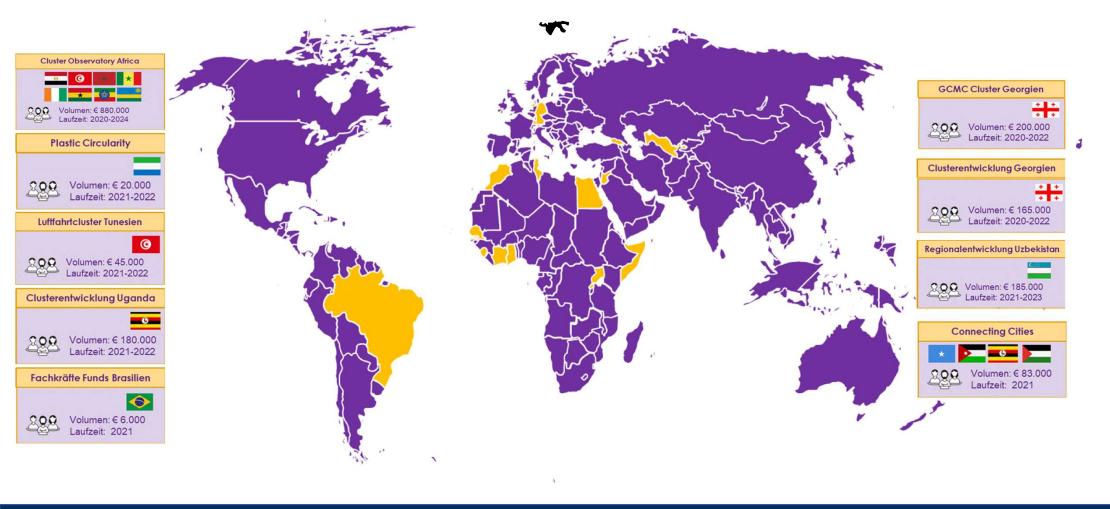


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Founded	1978
Shareholders	VDI GmbH, VDE e. V.
Turnover 2019	65 Mio. €
Employees	600
R&D Budget under	
management	1.000 Mio €

STRENGTHENING INNOVATION CAPACITY IN GERMANY

### **CLUSTER PROJECTS WORLDWIDE**



### THE CLUSTER CONCEPT



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"Clusters are geographic concentrations of interconnected companies, specialized suppliers, service providers, firms in related industries, and associated institutions (for example, universities, standard agencies, and trade associations) in particular fields that compete but also cooperate." (Source: PORTER 2000, S. 16)

### CHARACTERISTICS OF CLUSTER...

- Geographical concentration
- The specialisation or common denominator of a cluster
- Cluster actors the triple helix (Administration Research Economy)
- Cluster dynamics and linkages: competition and cooperation
- Critical mass

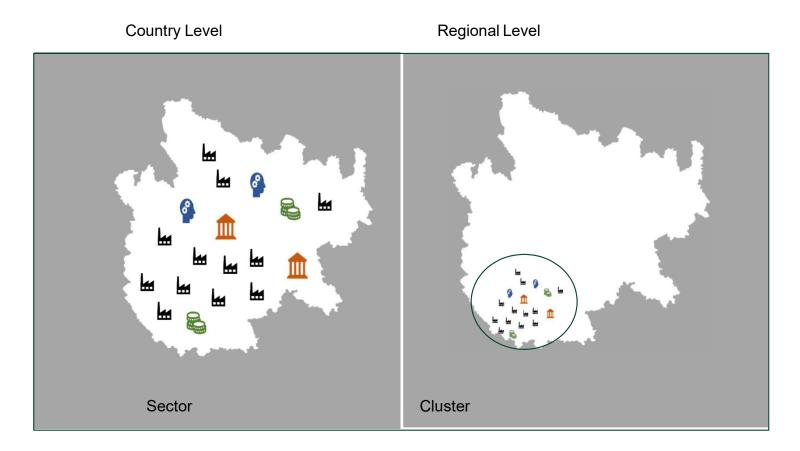
(Source: Andersson, T., Schwaag-Serger, S., Sörvik, J., & Wise, E. (2004). Cluster Policies Whitebook. IKED International Organisation for Knowledge Economy and Enterprise Development-. P29 f.)

### OPERATIONALISATION OF THE CLUSTER APPROACH

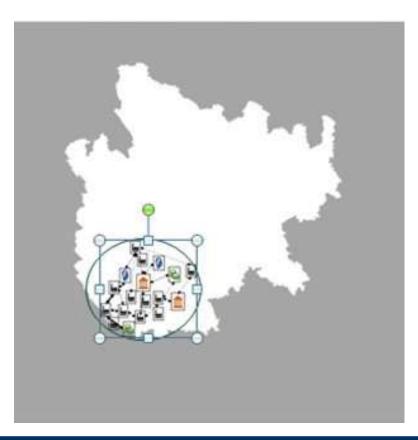
For further considerations, we shall consider **clusters** that meets the following criteria/ characteristics

- Regional focus: 100 150 km (diameter)
  - Practice has shown that agglomeration / clustering effects happen if cluster actors are located in an area of 100 – 150 km.
  - Cluster actors often accept 2 3 hours for travelling
- Sectoral focus
  - Even in times of industrial transformation cluster effects mainly happen through networking and collaboration within a sector.
  - Broader understanding of sector allowed, e. g. food or light industry
- Critical mass of firms and other related cluster actors
  - Practice has shown that at least 50 cluster actors shall be present within the cluster (this value might vary, but shall serve as guiding principle).

### THE CLUSTER APPROACH

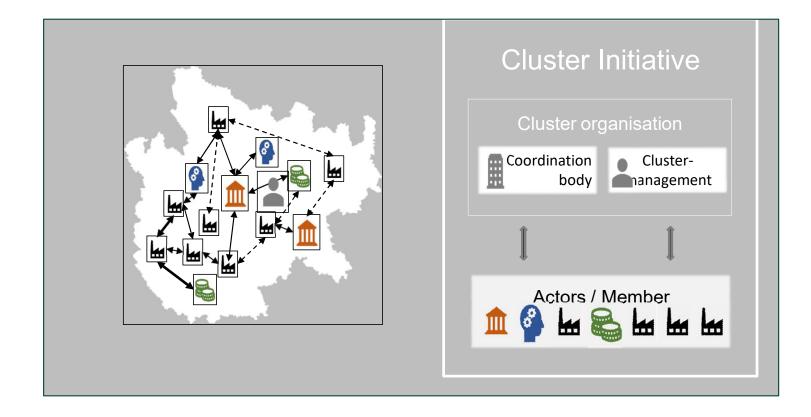


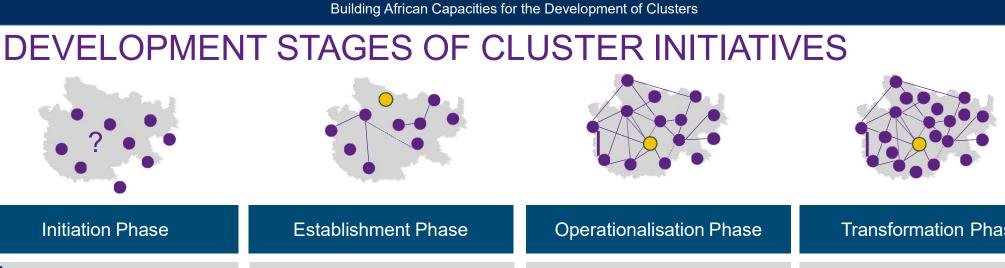
### THE CLUSTER APPROACH



- Regional Network
- Special Economic Zones
- Technology and Business Parks
- Industrial Parks
- Cluster Initiatives

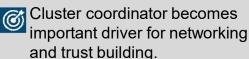
### CORE ELEMENTS OF CLUSTER INITIATIVES





- There is likely a critical number of cluster actors in a given location operating disconnected from each other.
- Cluster actors represent a given sector or have specific competences.
- An instigator appears.

- Critical number of cluster actors with regional focussed exist.
- One or several cluster actors act as driving force.
- Cluster organisation or coordinator/instigator is established.
- First services offered by the coordinator lead to networking and trust building among the cluster actors



- More sophisticated cluster services are embedded
- Triple Helix well represented.

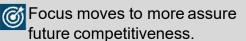




More cluster actors join the cluster to benefit from creative milieu.

#### **Transformation Phase**

Cluster organisation becomes professional driver for new topics and services to be implemented.

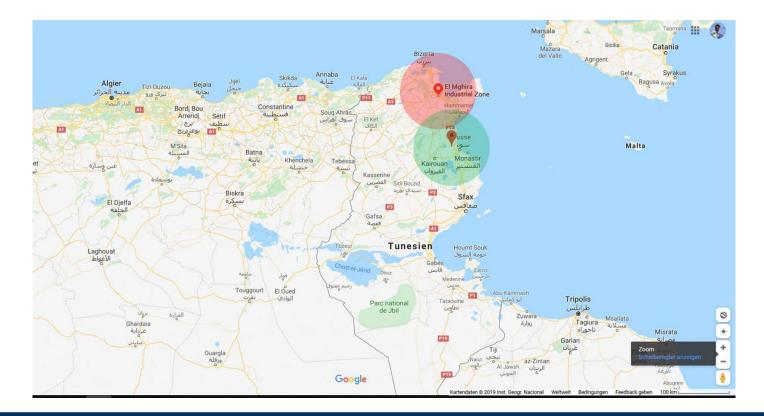


- Minternational visibility and cooperation gains high importance.
- Cluster becomes driver for regional change and strategic regional development.

### APPLICATION OF THE CLUSTER DEFINITION TO TUNISIA

Proposed clusters (with 150 km diameter)

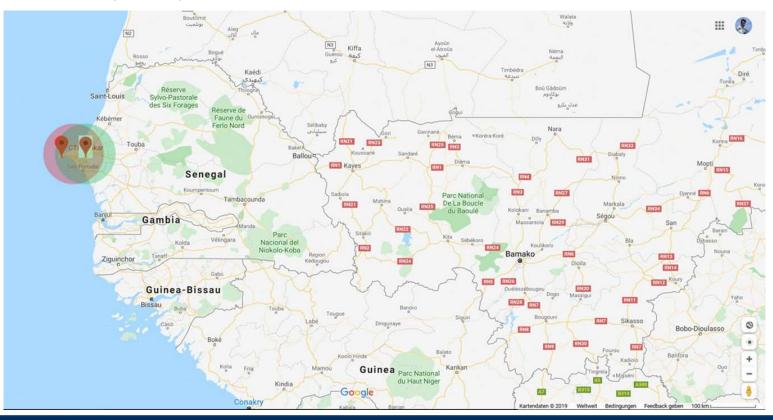
- Aviation cluster, around on L'Aéropôle de M'Ghira (red circle)
- Automotive cluster, around the Technopole de Sousse (green circle)



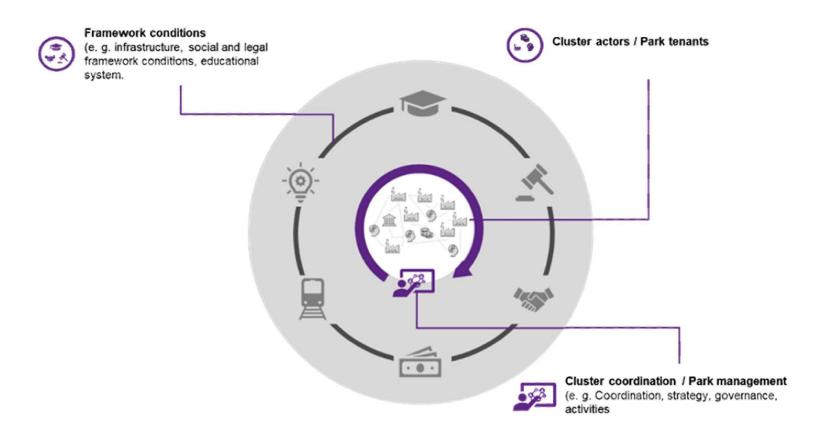
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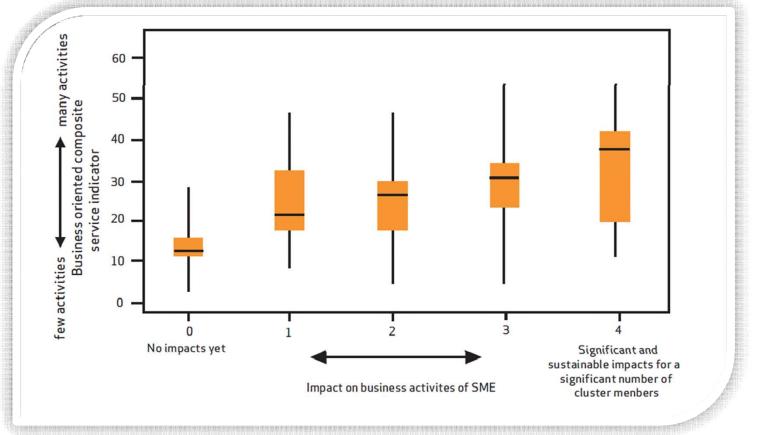
- Agribusines cluster, around Yeesal Agrihub / Thiess (greencircle)
- ICT cluster, around Dakar (red circle)



### LEVELS THAT IMPACT THE PERFORMANCE OF CLUSTERS AND CLUSTER INITIATIVES

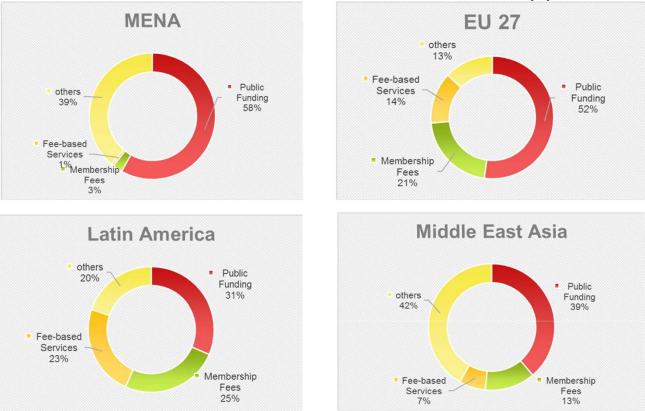


### QUALITY AND INTENSITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED CLUSTER MANAGEMENTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE



Source: Lämmer-Gamp, Meier zu Köcker, Christensen, Clusters are Individuals, 2011

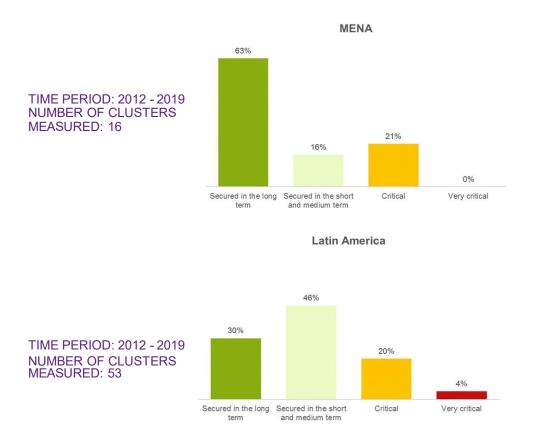
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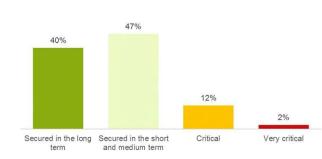


TIME PERIOD: 2017 - 2020, NUMBER OF CLUSTERS OBSERVED IN TOTAL: 420

Source: Recent findings from European Cluster Secretariat and VDI/VDE-IT, unpublished

### FINANCING PATTERNS OF CLUSTER INITIATIVES AROUND THE WORLD (II)

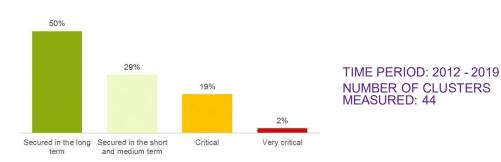




Middle East Asia

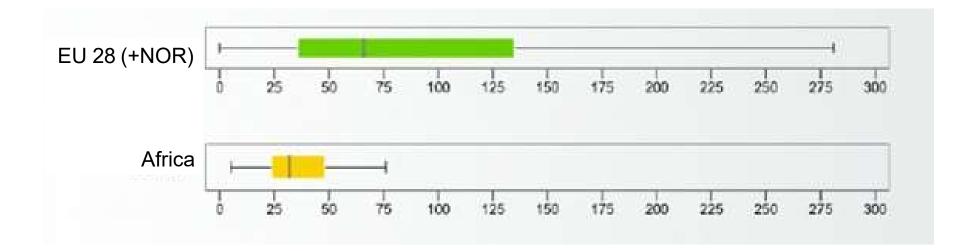
EU 27

#### TIME PERIOD: 2010 - 2020 NUMBER OF CLUSTERS MEASURED: 945



Source: Recent findings from European Cluster Secretariat and VDI/VDE-IT, unpublished

### SIZE OF AFRICAN AND EUROPEAN CLUSTER INITIATIVES

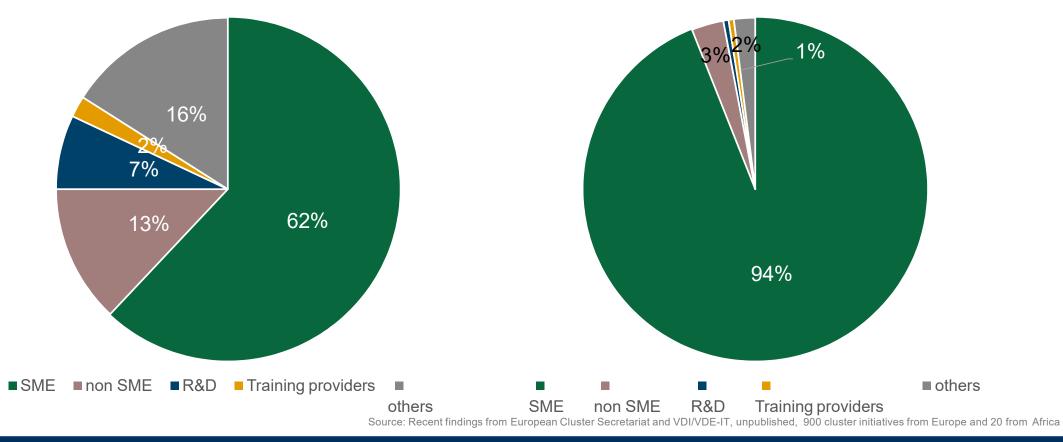


Source: Recent findings from European Cluster Secretariat and VDI/VDE-IT, unpublished, 900 cluster initiatives from Europe and 20 from Africa

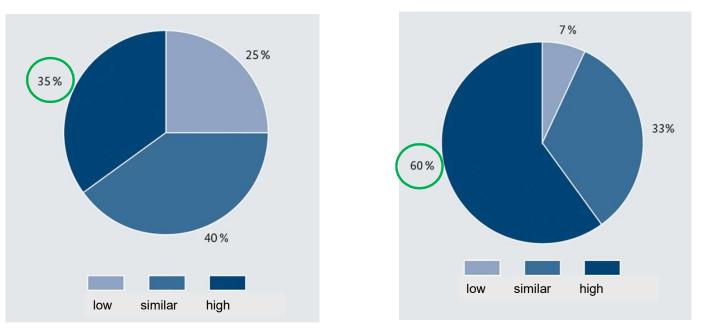
### COMPOSITION OF EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN CLUSTER INITIATIVES

Cluster Initiatives in Europe

- Cluster Initiatives in Africa



### HIGHER INTENSITY OF COOPERATION WITHIN CLUSTERS LEADS TO HIGHER MONETARY ADDED-VALUES



All actors

Actors that cooperate more intensive than others

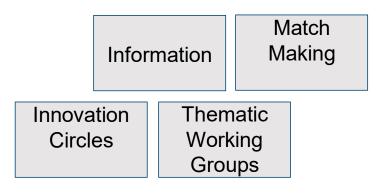
Cluster Monitor Germany, July 2012, 50 Cluster representing about 5000 company

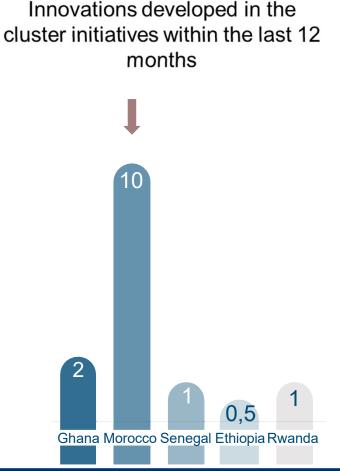
### SERVICES CURRENTLY OFFERED BY ACLUSTER INITIATIVE IN MOROCCO

Objectives of the cluster management

- Strengthening economic performance of the tenants
- Provision of support towards innovation
- Development of regional infrastructure

#### Current services offered





### **BENEFITS OF CLUSTERING**

- Improved ability to innovate and diversify
- Improved competitiveness
- Improved visibility
- Improved frameworks conditions for doing business



# **GEORGIAN APPAREL AND FASHION CLUSTER**

#### ② Challenge:

Until 2015, Georgian apparel SME produced mainly for the local market. The potential for export was untapped. Producers lacked access to international markets, were unable to document their adherence to international standards and lacked sales power and experience in presenting and marketing their products.



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#### → Cluster Objective:

Integration of the industry into global apparel value chain with a focus on sustainability, branding "Made in Georgia" as a quality seal for sustainable clothing and fashion.



Expert interviews, SME and DCFTA in Georgia Cluster Development Guide 2020

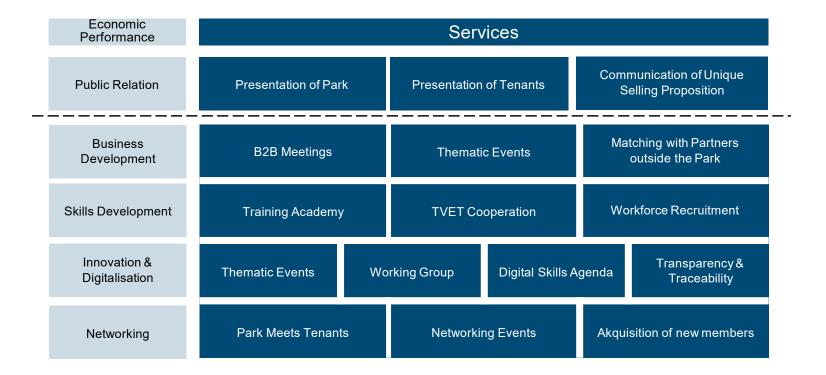
### THE BUSINESS MODEL CANVAS FOR CLUSTER INITIATIVES



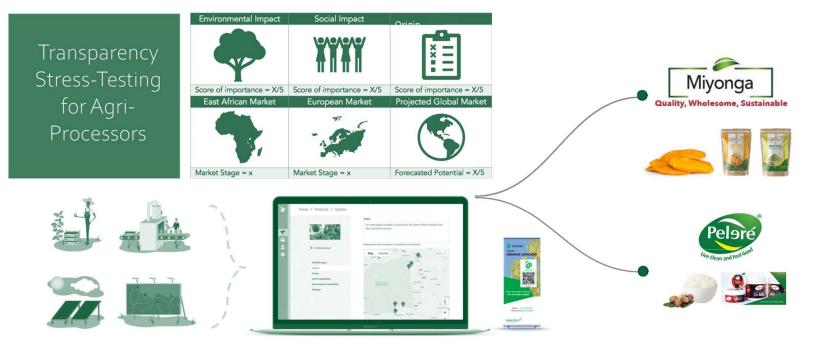
### **ADDED VALUES OF CLUSTERS**



### THE PERFECT CLUSTER SERVICES PORTFOLIO



### HOW AGRI-PROCESSORS CAN BE SUPPORTED BY CLUSTER MANAGEMENTS -TRANSPARENCY -



Source: Anteja Africa

### **Personal Recruitment**

### Example: AIRstudent BodenseeAIRea



Dein Trip in die Luftund Raumfahrtregion 18. - 20. April 2016 Friedrichshafen I Bodensee



Luft- und Raumfahrttechnik, Elektrotechnik, nformatik und Maschinenbau ab dem 4. Semester Future-Workshop | Karriere-Dinner | Firmenbesuche | AERO Mes



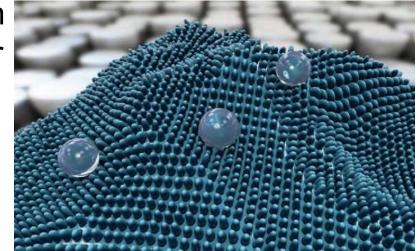


- 3 days Recruitment -Event in Friedrichshafen with 100 students und graduates from 6 German universities. Workshops, Company-Dinner, Company visits, Aviation-,,Tent-City" or Talent-Camp
- Companies booked sponsering packages, students paid small fees

### PUBLIC RELATION FOR CLUSTER ACTORS

Examples: HighTechComm Cluster Nanotechnology or Munich Biotech





→ Cluster Managements support SME in PR and communication manners. This includes

- Analyses (What exists? What is needed?)
- Communication / Marketing Strategy development
- Dedicated PR activities / Website development /maintenance

### MATCHING SUPPLIER - BUYERS

Example: Samsung Innovation Days Silicon Saxony





- During Samsung Innovation Days members of the Silicon Saxony Clusters get direct access to Samsung Managment and bying agents.
- ➔ Members are selectd and trained for face-to-face meetings
- ➔ High successrate

### JOINT BOOSTS AT TRADE FAIRS

#### Hochform: Joint boots at trade fairs

"Hochform" is a cluster initiative for specialists in precision technology from the Pforzheim area. For example, it organizes a joint stand for its members at the Medtec medical technology trade fair. This relieves the companies of the organizational burden, and the stand is also more cost-effective and attracts more attention than if each SME had its own stand.





### **Meet & Greet Science Meets Business**





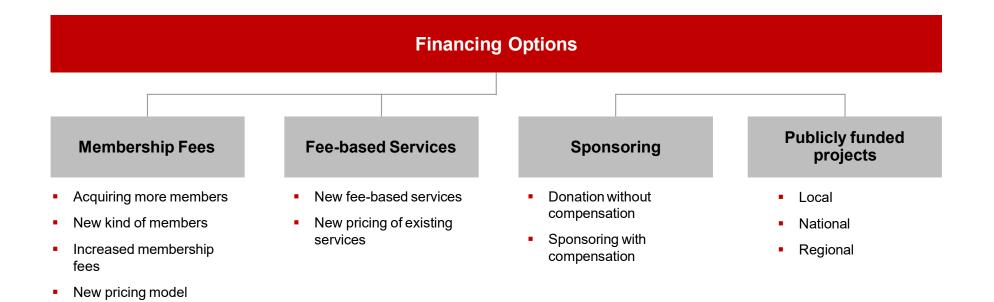
### SHARED INFRASTRUCTURE

### Packaging Valley Germany – Joint VRCenter Schwäbisch Hall



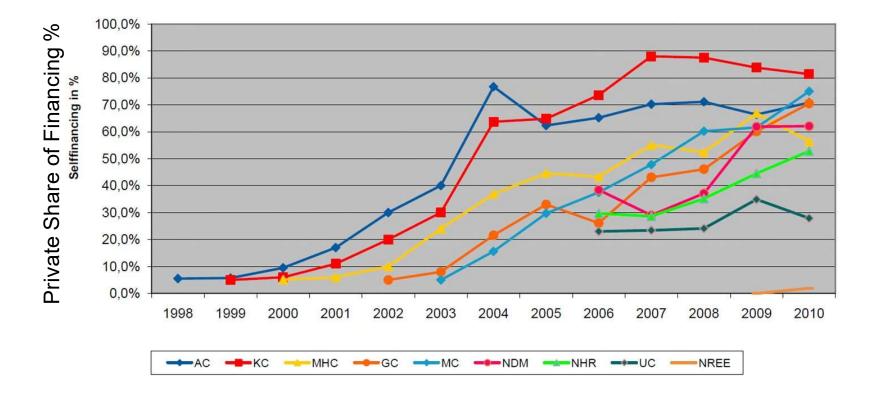


### DETERMINANTS TO ENSURE SUSTAINABLE



# **ENSURING SUSTAINABLE FINANCING**

#### - AUSTRIAN EXAMPLE -



<sup>84</sup> Clusterland Upper Austria. 2010. (A)