



CLUSTER General Assembly and Steering Committee I 2022
Thursday 3rd March 2022
Grenoble INP-UGA
Virtual

Minutes of the meeting / Philippe Schaefer

1. Opening of the Meeting and Welcome

CLUSTER President Pierre Benech opened the meeting at 9 a.m. He mentioned how following the actions of the CLUSTER 2020-2022 presidency:

1. being a place to exchange about opening the relations towards Africa,
2. building truly European Alliances,
3. containing Sustainable Development aspects in our engineering programs,

have been addressed during the 2 years of the Grenoble INP-UGA presidency, through more than 30 virtual, hybrid or face-to-face meetings, in various working groups and task forces.

On all these priority subjects, and on the on-going working groups such as GAST, Task Force Mobility, Associated Members, SEEEP, CLUSTER members were able to exchange, benefit from the experiences of others and identify possible synergies.

The agenda for the for the General Assembly - Steering Committee I Meeting on the 3rd march 2022 and the minutes of the Steering Committee II of the 29th October 2021 were approved unanimously. All meeting materials were sent to the participants of the meeting and are accessible via the intranet of the CLUSTER website (<https://CLUSTER.org/intranet/>).

2. Sustainable Development WG, Isabella Zin

Isabella Zin from Grenoble INP – UGA presented outcomes of this WG created during the SC in Torino 2020 (see powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet). The activities since last SC, led to an Erasmus + project SusTechnability to be submitted on 15th March 2022, the creation of a common pool of experts lead by Patricia Luis Alconero (UCLouvain) and a webinar “**The contribution of engineering to the challenges of climate change**” labelled by the Grenoble European Green Capital 2022 and by the French Council of the European Union presidency held on the 3rd March 2022.

3. **CLUSTER network and Africa WG**, Gregory D'hahan

Gregory D'hahan from Grenoble INP-UGA presented the outcomes of the Africa WG created since last SC (see powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet).

He mentioned the collaboration on Entrepreneurship Distant Learning Research as well as the Challenge driven Education for Global Sustainable Development proposed by KTH.

The WG welcomes new members from CLUSTER universities, take contact with Gregory D'hahan.

4. **TF Mobility**, Line Firmin

Line Firmin from Grenoble INP – UGA presented the outcomes of the TF Mobility WG (see powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet) in which staff from most CLUSTER university members are participating. The main topics are: Erasmus without paper, New Erasmus+ program, Staff mobilities, New fundamentals of Erasmus+ Charter 2021-2027: inclusion and sustainable development (Green Erasmus).

She mentioned that the WG will be coordinated by KU Leuven for the next presidency.

5. **European alliances WG**, Brigitte Plateau

Brigitte Plateau, from Grenoble INP – UGA, presented the outcomes of this WG created during the SC in Torino October 2020 (see powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet).

The WG will resume after the call for proposal of the next call for EUNs.

6. **Associated Members WG**, Ana Pipio

Ana Pipio from IST presented the outcomes of the WG Associate Members (see powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet).

She mentioned that there is no need to revise the statutes on this subject.

Decision: Raise the target number of Associated Member is to reach 6 Associate Members and actively reach out to potential partners.

7. **InComm: Feel at Home**, Rui Mendes

Rui Mendes from IST presented the results of the student survey (see powerpoint presentation the CLUSTER intranet). Universities of CLUSTER can participate at the survey, and send contact points to Rui Mendes.

8. **GAST**, Mirko Varano

Mirko Varano from KTH presented the outcomes of the GAST WG (see powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet).

The ongoing activities are : Redeem 2; E4T; InComm; IDEM

Results of Redeem2 (<https://www.redeem2.eu>) are available at: <https://redeem2.fit.cvut.cz/>

Upcoming plans: new project proposal on Redeem3, Capacity Building project proposal in fall 2022

Challenges: Receive a clear mandate on what projects to be under the CLUSTER umbrella since there is a possible overlapping with EUNs initiatives.

There is the possibility to connect alliances in an initiative like IDEM which involves other CLUSTER partners. Please Contact Mirko or TUDa for the IDEM project if interested in joining the initiative.

9. CSO, Alberto Godio

Alberto Godio from Polito reported on the Cluster Student Organization which activities have been suspended because of restriction of physical mobility.

Decision: Organization of a student event by the Cluster Student Organization in Spring 2022 in Grenoble. Grenoble will help with the logistical aspects of the event. Discuss on the format with Alberto, Jos and Ana;

10. Presentation of KU Leuven, Rector Luc Sels for the next Cluster presidency 1.7.2022 – 30.6.2024

Rector Luc Sels from KU Leuven presented the candidacy by KU Leuven for the upcoming CLUSTER presidency rotation 2022-2024.

He presented the KU Leuven university, as well as the aims and objectives of the presidency (see powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet).

CLUSTER members should engage bilateral discussion with KU Leuven and members to gauge the expectations for the new presidency.

The new CLUSTER presidency team will be:

- President: Luc Sels
- Secretary General: Jos Van der Sloten,
- Supported by group SET

The candidacy of KU Leuven Cluster for the CLUSTER presidency 1.7.2022 – 30.6.2024 was unanimously approved by vote by all the GA members.

11. Cluster Budget, Philippe Schaefer Grenoble presidency

Philippe Schaefer from Grenoble INP – UGA presented the status of the budget for 2020-2022 Grenoble presidency of CLUSTER.

Decision: The surplus to included in the projected budget 2022-2024 by next presidency KU Leuven

Decision: The Statutes on auditing the CLUSTER budget to be modified by next presidency KU Leuven

The Budget Status of the 3rd March 2022 was approved by vote by all GA Members.

12. CLUSTER strategic position in the context of the European conflict

Discussion about the official statement on how to position CLUSTER in the context of the European conflict. *The Tomsk university representative was absent during this subject.*

Decision: Statement to be finalized after the GA.

13. Closing of the Meeting

CLUSTER President Pierre Benech thanked everyone for their presence and commitment to the network and closed the General Assembly and Steering Committee I Meeting at 12.30 pm.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- Steering Committee II, 22-23 September 2022 – hosted by Politecnico di Torino (Will be Combined with Unite! Dialogue)
- Steering Committee I and General Assembly, TBD March 2023 – hosted by Polytechnique Montréal

Participants at the virtual CLUSTER GA and SC on 3rd of March 2022

University	Name	First Name
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KIT	Hirth	Thomas
KTH	Östlund	Stefan
KTH	Varano	Mirko
KU Leuven	Verhoef	Sander
KU Leuven	Sels	Luc
KU Leuven	Van Puy Velde	Peter
KU Leuven	Van der Sloten	Jos
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INP Grenoble	Sarigiannidou	Erini
INP Grenoble	Le Grand	Antoine
INP Grenoble	Schaefer	Philippe
INP Grenoble	Zin	Isabella
INP Grenoble	D'Hahan	Grégory
INP Grenoble	Firmin	Line
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TU Eindhoven	Nelissen	Laurent
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IST	Pipio	Ana
IST	Mendes	Rui
Tomsk	Mazurina	Olga
UPC	Reig	Lourdes
UPC	Martinez	Helena
UCL	Delannay	Laurent
UCL	Brun	Emanuelle
USP Brazil	Assi	Gustavo
Polytechnique Montreal	Larocque	Guylaine
Polytechnique Montreal	Hyndman	Patrick