



Cluster Steering Committee II 2022
23th SEPTEMBER 2022
Politecnico di Torino
Torino, Italy

Minutes of the meeting / Jules Vanpée

1. Opening of the Meeting and Welcome

CLUSTER President Luc Sels opened the meeting at 9 a.m. with a presentation. He mentioned the refinement of the priorities.

1. Virtual and blended mobility
2. CLUSTER & Africa
3. Re-activate the CSO and Entrepreneurship

Laura Montanaro (Deputy Rector) welcomes everyone on behalf of Politecnico di Torino and Guido Saracco (Rector).

The agenda for the Steering Committee on 23th September 2022 and the minutes of the General Assembly of the 2nd - 3th March 2022 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. Keynote – the role of university in implementing sustainable development challenges of cities and communities (Prof. Patrizia Lombardi)

Prof. Patrizia Lombardi, Vice Rector for Sustainable Campus and Communities, presents her keynote on sustainability (See powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet).

Key concept of the presentation are:

- Human impact
- Decision making
- The role of cities and technology
- The role of universities

3. WG Entrepreneurship, Yolande Berbers

Yolande Berbers from KU Leuven presented the outcome of the Entrepreneurship WG. Currently, there are 9 universities represented (Aalto, Grenoble INP-UGA, KIT, KTH, KU Leuven, PolyMtl, TU/e, UPC, USP).

During the preparatory meeting Aalto, KIT, KU Leuven and PolyMtl were present. They discussed what actions each university takes concerning entrepreneurship and share a common goal of creating more entrepreneurial mindsets.

Future ideas: sharing practices, be involved in each other's projects, workshop on entrepreneurship with the CSO.

4. GAST, Mirko Varano

Mirko Varano from KTH presented the outcome of the GAST WG (See powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet). GAST shows a list of recent events and discusses how to take advantage of the past initiatives. They express their intent to collaborate with the WG Entrepreneurship.

In the pipeline:

- Incomm 2 – main focus on students but will try to be extended to staff
- Joint European Degree (JED) – If they get the project approved nine CLUSTER partners will be involved

Next steps:

- REDEEM2-event (19 & 20 October 2022)
- Sustainable Development can contact GAST for resubmission of their proposal
- Other WG can contact GAST if they have an interesting proposal

5. Mobility, Pascale Conard

Pascale Conard from KU Leuven presented the outcome of the Mobility TF (See powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet). They express several interests such as 'intensifying the exchange between WG members', 'introducing a student representative in the WG' and 'reaching out to the WG CLUSTER & Africa to include African students'.

Main topics: University Partnerships, Erasmus Without Papers (EWP), Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP), role of student organisations in the network

Next meeting topics: enhance mobility with Associated Partners and staff exchange "how to organise a BIP".

6. Communication, Klaus Rümmele

Klaus Rümmele from KIT presented the outcome of the Communication WG (See powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet). There were 5 members present.

Conclusions:

- Focus will be on internal communication
- Students will communicate among themselves.
- Template has been created to easily communicate between the working groups (See template on the CLUSTER intranet).

Assignments:

- Working groups are asked to add 'Communication' as a new point at the end of their agenda.
- All members are asked to follow in order to increase traffic (Twitter and LinkedIn)

7. **EUI**, Peter Van Puyvelde

Peter Van Puyvelde from KU Leuven presented the outcome of the EUI (see powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet).

8. **CLUSTER & Africa**, Laurens Rademakers

Laurens Rademakers from KU Leuven presented the outcome of the CLUSTER & Africa WG (See powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet). Bart Van der Bruggen (KU Leuven) is the chair but could not attend.

The mission statement is presented to the attendees (see text on the CLUSTER intranet). KU Leuven will take the lead and partner up with KTH. The WG GAST will be consulted on the action plan.

Assignments:

- CLUSTER members are asked to share 1 African partner with who they have a close working relationship, and which already has some educational and research capacity in engineering sciences. (Example: KU Leuven – Unikin)
Deadline = 14 October 2022

9. **Associated Partners**, Ana Pipio

Ana Pipio from IST presented the outcome from the Associated Partners WG (See powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet). Not all members are represented in the WG.

Main topics: New Associated Members, Joint Activities.

Assignments:

- CLUSTER members are asked to propose 3 countries who would bring added value to the network (example Japan).
Deadline = Mid-November 2022

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

Rui Mendes from IST presented the outcome of the InComm project. (see powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet). CLUSTER Members are invited for the final event in Barcelona.

11. **Budget**, Jos Vander Sloten

Jos Vander Sloten presents a short update on the CSO as well as the CLUSTER budget (See budget on the CLUSTER intranet). The budget mostly aligns with previous presidencies, however a few changes have been made.

Firstly, the SEEEP budget in the second year is provisional until further evaluation. Secondly, a new post of €20.000 has been added to provide a head start of the WG's. Proposals will be discussed and the budget will be allocated by the end of 2022. Changes were approved unanimously.

Deadline proposals = 20 November 2022

The budget will be reevaluated in Montréal as well as the results regarding the audit investigation.

CSO:

- Reactivating and has students from KIT, KU Leuven, Polito, UCL.
- There are still looking for student representatives from other CLUSTER members
- The students would actively participate in the WG's
- The will hold a live meeting at the beginning of December

12. PolyMtl, Patrick Hyndman

Patrick Hyndman from PolyMtl gave a short presentation on Polytechnique Montréal and invites the CLUSTER members to the SC I and GA of 2023. (see powerpoint presentation on the CLUSTER intranet).

13. Closing of the Meeting

CLUSTER President Luc Sels gave the closing remarks and thanked everyone for their presence and commitment. He closed the Steering Committee Meeting at 1pm.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- REDEEM2, 19-20 October – Aalto
- InComm Final Event, 28th-29th November – Barcelona
- Steering Committee I and General Assembly, 29-31 March 2023 – Hosted by PolyMtl
- Steering Committee II, September/October (Autumn) 2023 – Hosted by xx