

Discussion Note – Internationalisation

Context

During the previous General Assembly we briefly discussed the possibility of revisiting the status of “Associated” Partner, especially in the context of a potential shift of CLUSTER as an European to an International network. The purpose of this meeting, is to have an in-depth discussion regarding these two topics.

Talking Points:

- Will CLUSTER remain EU focused?
 - What are the advantages of a European focused network?
 - What are the advantages of a Global network?

- Is it pertinent to revisit the “Associated Partner” **a)** only if Cluster becomes à Global Network and/or **b)** also if Cluster remains a European focused network?

- Defining the membership(s) (in case a and b)
 - Benefits for non-European partners (*what’s in it for them*)
 - Expectations of non-European partners (*what’s in it for us*)
 - Additional requirements for full membership (Erasmus+/Horizon, active participation,...)
 - Membership Fee

- Possible options :
 - Option 1: keep the distinction between “associated” and “full” member
 - Option 2: remove this distinction
 - Option 3: modify the statutes regarding this distinction
 - Example: a membership for less economically stable partners