



**Invitation to the DanubioValNet event: "Danube Cluster Policy Maker Forum",  
on 11th December 2018, Bucharest**

We have the pleasure to invite you to the "Danube Cluster Policy Maker Forum" organised by the Romanian Ministry of Economy, the Romanian Cluster Association and Institute for Economic Forecasting, in the frame of the Romanian Presidency of EUSDR and the Danube Transnational Project *DanubioValNet*, which will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, in Bucharest.

Bio-economy has been identified as one of the main opportunities to foster competitiveness in the Danube Region. In such a context, *DanubioValNet* has taken on the challenge to develop cross-cluster partnerships, which will boost eco-innovation by developing regional bio-based value chains. Eco-construction, bio-plastics and phytopharma have been identified as most promising ones.

However, there is a need of integrating different experiences from the partner countries into a *Joint Bio-Based Industry Cluster Policy Strategy*, which could be used by the political actors as a political framework.

The Forum will give us the chance to set up a network of policy makers and practitioners in the Danube Region as an instrument to better involve bio-based clusters in the development of future smart specialisation approaches.

Please find more details in the enclosed Draft Agenda and for any other information please contact Mrs. Gabriela Pirvu, communication manager - [gabriela\\_pirvu@economie.gov.ro](mailto:gabriela_pirvu@economie.gov.ro). We would appreciate the confirmation for your participation until 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

We are looking forward meeting you at our event.

Sincerely yours,

**Ilie Călin BODEA**

**State Secretary**