

Final Conference

Danube PeerChains Project

18-19th October 2022

Iași, România





The final conference of the DTP DanubePeerChains was realized in collaboration with the European Clusters Alliance and the European Cluster Collaboration Platform within Sustainability Forum on October 18-19th, 2022, Iași, România.

Sustainability Forum aimed to strengthen cooperation between the countries of South-East Europe and the Danube Region for the achievement of the global objectives of sustainable development through a multidisciplinary and comprehensive approach in-line with the SEE 2030 Strategy and UN 2030 Agenda.

The main sustainable development goals that the event promoted were:
Decent work and economic growth-8,
Industry, innovation and infrastructure- 9 – and
Partnerships to achieve the goals- 17



The Sustainability Forum was organized by the Department for Sustainable Development of the Romanian Government in cooperation with:

- Association of Business Incubators from Romania,
- Romanian Cluster Association,
- The Institute of Corporate Governance and Sustainability-CORP, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași,
- SC Arhipelago SRL,
- North East Regional Development Agency,
- Imago-Mol Cluster,
- BioNest Cluster,
- Enterprise Europe Network regional representatives,
- Technopolis Scientific and Technological Park .



The forum theme encompassed several aspects ranging from the role of clusters in generating green, digital and resilient value chains, challenges faced by the labour force, bio-based business models, ecological agriculture, sustainable communities up to precision medicine.

The concept of the forum included the engagement of all categories of the quadruple-helix model: policy makers, business representatives, academia & research, and civil society, in the form of panel sessions, debates, and round-table discussions, focusing on promoting examples of good practice and identifying ways to multiply these examples.

A particular highlight was represented by the adjacent EEN brokerage event at the end of the first day.

The event was an excellent opportunity to exchange best practices and experience gathered across several European cooperation projects such as DTP DanubePeerChains, DTP GoDanuBio, Interreg Europe InnoIndustry, COSME MedicNest.



The forum enjoyed the active participation of over 120 representatives from over 12 countries including Germany, Hungary, Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Turkey, Greece, Albania, Montenegro, Austria, Slovenia, Spain: national public authority, regional public authority, local authority, business support organizations, university and research institutes, SMEs, and NGOs.

Representative speakers of the forum:

Ulla Engelmann, Head of Unit- European Commission DG Grow

Industrial Forum, Alliances & Clusters;

Arslan Umet Ergezer, SEE 2030, Coordinator and Senior economic Policy analyst Regional Cooperation Council;

Barna Kovacs, Secretary General BioEast Initiative, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU;

Antonio Novo, president, European Cluster Alliance

Simion Berzoi, Investment Attraction Officer – EU4Moldova – Focal Region Programme

Laszlo Borbely, State Councilor and SDG Coordinator, Prime minister's Office, Department of Sustainable Development, Romania

Terente Ciui, Secretary of State, Ministry of Economy, Romania

Vasile Asandei, General Director, North East Regional Development Agency

Mihai Chirica, the mayor of Iași





The final conference DanubePeerChains project is made up of the presentation of the results of the project in the first day of the forum and the workshop “Towards green, digital, and resilient bio-economy value chains in the second day of the forum.

The results of the DanubePeerChains project were presented as follow:

-on October 18th, 2022 at panel discussions” Best Practice Exchange Session”, “Good practices from the Interreg DTP project DanubePeerChains” presented by Brigitte Hatvan, ConPlusUltra project partner.

-on October 19th,2022, a hybrid workshop with the main topic “Towards green, digital and resilient bio-economy value chains. The Labour Force Perspective”, dedicated to challenges in the labor market with a special emphasis on existing value chains.





The hybrid workshop with the main topic “**Towards green, digital and resilient bio-economy value chains. The Labour Force Perspective**” based on the results of DanubePeerChains project held on the second day of the forum .

Other topics were the followings: Role of clusters as drivers of industrial ecosystems; Bio-economy as a solution for value chain disruptions; Skilling, up-skilling and re-skilling challenges; Perspectives of the Danube Region

Moderator: Daniel Cosnita

Antonio Novo, president, European Cluster Alliance

Daniela Pasnicu, National R&D Labour Institute

Alojzij Kokalj, Head of Business to business training center at School center Škofja Loka

Carmen Boiciuc, Projects Coordinator of Astrico Nord–Est Textile Cluster

Heiko Bartschat, Head of the Cluster Mechatronics & Automation at Bayern Innovativ, Germany





Participants:

120 participants in the first day of the forum

65 participants at the workshop in the second day of the forum, of which 23 online and 42 physically in Iasi

This forum was distributed on the social pages of the organizers and partners and also on Facebook.

The first day of forum was live on Facebook and had 1400 viewers.

Afaceri.

<https://www.facebook.com/Afaceri.ro/videos/645751987003114>

City Hall of Iasi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBj1asF491c>

The Final conference of DanubePeerChains project was promoted in September 2022, in the following newsletters: European Cluster Alliance Newsletter, PROSME newsletter, and CLUSTERO newsletter and Event Recommendation October 2022 of European Cluster Alliance..



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Thank you !

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