

## NCA OFFERS A TRAINING COURSE FOR REGIONAL CLUSTER STAKEHOLDERS:

### Cluster development – building the regional competitiveness

The training course is based on the Methodologies for National and Regional Cluster Policies prepared by the Faculty of Management and Economics of the Tomas Bata University in Zlin and certified by the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic.



## WHY TO BE THE MEMBER OF THE NCA?

### BE IN

- projects, policies, funding resources, training programmes, new trends

### LEARN FROM OTHERS

- open membership base and conditions for experience sharing and practical solutions

### MAKE USE OF THE COOPERATION SYNERGIES

- networking, communication and international relationships

### BE VISIBLE AND EXPAND

- membership in European platforms, international business promotion

## HELPING CLUSTERS TO CLUSTER

# NATIONAL CLUSTER ASSOCIATION

## THE MEMBERSHIP OF NCA IN OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Crafts CZ  
Association of Nongovernmental Nonprofit Organizations ANNO  
The Competitiveness Institute  
The European Cluster Collaboration Platform  
The European Cluster Observatory

[www.amsp.cz](http://www.amsp.cz)  
[www.asociacenno.cz](http://www.asociacenno.cz)  
[www.tci-network.org](http://www.tci-network.org)  
[www.clustercollaboration.eu](http://www.clustercollaboration.eu)  
[www.clusterobservatory.eu](http://www.clusterobservatory.eu)

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**National Cluster Association** (NCA) brings together organizations and individuals with the purpose to coordinate the sustainable development of cluster initiatives and to develop cluster policy in the Czech Republic on the basis of concentration of knowledge, experience and expertise to strengthen the competitiveness of the CR.

### Mission

The National Cluster Association exists to create a competent and long-term platform for the development of cluster organisations in the Czech Republic and an active interface for their internationalization.

### Benefits of the NCA

- strengthening the role of clusters in innovation processes and development strategies within the Czech Republic
- boosting dynamic development in key sectors and emerging technology-based clusters
- providing institutional support for cluster organizations and initiatives
- helping to raise efficiency and quality in cluster management
- harnessing the potential offered by social capital and innovation based on shared knowledge and relationships of trust among SMEs, industry leaders, the public sector and universities
- promoting effective, proven solutions on an international scale

## THE ROLES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NCA



## NCA IN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES



### DanuBioValnet - Cross-clustering partnership for boosting eco-innovation by developing a joint bio-based value-added network for the Danube Region

(1.1.2017- 30.6.2019) - Aim of this project is to develop new methods and tools to connect enterprises transnationally. Clusters as the representatives of many enterprises are chosen to organise the industry cooperations and creation of new value chains, because they are sustainable partners and guarantee the upgradeability in the dimension industry, sciences and politics.



### V4Clusters Go International (V4ClusGO)

(1.10.2016 - 30.9.2017) - The aim of the project is to build the internationalisation capacities of V4 clusters. Our first task is to identify the current state of internationalisation of cluster organisations in each Visegrad country.



### Gender in Innovation - Innovation in Clusters

(12/2014-11/2015) is the project co-funded by the Norwegian Grants through the Open Society Fund Prague.



### CluStrat

(10/2011-11/2014) is the strategic project "Boosting innovation through new cluster concepts in support of emerging issues and cross-sectoral themes" co-funded by the OP Central Europe. [www.clustrat.eu](http://www.clustrat.eu).



### V4Clusters

(10/2013-12/2014) is the strategic project "Boosting V4 Cooperation through Strategic Cluster Identification, Networking and Informatisation" co-funded by the International Visegrad Fund. [www.v4clusters.eu](http://www.v4clusters.eu).

## MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL CLUSTER ASSOCIATION

### CLUSTER ORGANISATIONS

#### AGROCLUSTER VYSOČINA

**ATOMEX GROUP**  
[www.atomex.cz](http://www.atomex.cz)

**CLUSTER OF CZECH FURNITURE MANUFACTURERS**  
[www.furniturecluster.cz](http://www.furniturecluster.cz)

**CLUSTER MECHATRONICS**  
[www.klastrmechatronika.cz](http://www.klastrmechatronika.cz)

**CLUSTER OF APPLIED BIOTECHNOLOGY AND NANOTECHNOLOGY**

**CREA HYDRO&ENERGY**  
[www.creacz.com](http://www.creacz.com)

**CZECHBIO**  
[www.czechbio.org](http://www.czechbio.org)

**CZECH STONE CLUSTER**  
[www.czechstonecluster.eu](http://www.czechstonecluster.eu)

**ENERGY TECHNICAL INNOVATION CLUSTER**  
[www.etikcz.cz](http://www.etikcz.cz)

**ENERGY WATER SUPPLY INNOVATION CLUSTER**  
[www.ewic.eu](http://www.ewic.eu)

**HI-TECH INNOVATION CLUSTER**  
[www.hticcluster.eu](http://www.hticcluster.eu)

**IT CLUSTER**  
[www.itcluster.cz](http://www.itcluster.cz)

**MEDCHEMBIO**  
[www.medchembio.cz](http://www.medchembio.cz)

**MORAVIAN AEROSPACE CLUSTER**  
[www.aero-cluster.cz](http://www.aero-cluster.cz)

**MORAVIAN-SILESIA AUTOMOTIVE CLUSTER**  
[www.autoklastr.cz](http://www.autoklastr.cz)

**NANOPROGRES**  
[www.nanoprogres.cz](http://www.nanoprogres.cz)

**NETWORK SECURITY MONITORING CLUSTER**  
[www.nsmcluster.com](http://www.nsmcluster.com)

**PLASTICS CLUSTER**  
[www.plastr.cz](http://www.plastr.cz)

**REGIONAL FOOD CLUSTER**  
[www.repok.cz](http://www.repok.cz)

**SAFETY AND SECURITY TECHNOLOGY CLUSTER**  
[www.btklastr.cz](http://www.btklastr.cz)

**THE CZECH & MORAVIAN GLASS CLUSTER**  
[www.CzechArtOfGlass.com](http://www.CzechArtOfGlass.com)

**VYSOCINA PRECISION ENGINEERING CLUSTER**  
[www.kpsv.cz](http://www.kpsv.cz)

### KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION INSTITUTIONS

**BIZGARDEN, S.R.O., BRNO**  
[www.bic-rtd.cz](http://www.bic-rtd.cz)

**THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK OF PALACKY UNIVERSITY IN OLOMOUC**  
[www.vtpup.cz](http://www.vtpup.cz)

**THE TECHNOLOGY CENTRE OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**  
[www.tc.cz](http://www.tc.cz)

**TOMAS BATA UNIVERSITY IN ZLÍN, FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT AND ECONOMICS**  
[www.fame.utb.cz/caev](http://www.fame.utb.cz/caev)

### NUMBER OF THE NCA MEMBERS AS OF 1.3.2017 29



### DanuClus, EU Strategy for the Danube Region

Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding among six national cluster associations of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Romania, Slovakia and Serbia on 13 September 2013 in Vukovar, Croatia.

