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The V4Clusters Project Final Conference

After the opening meeting in Győr in November 2013, the second match-making event in Nitra in February 2014 and the third meeting in Gliwice in May 2014, the Final conference within the V4Clusters project will be organized by the Lead Partner – The National Cluster Association - CZ. It will take place in Ostrava in the Czech Republic, on 4 and 5 November 2014 at the Lower Area of Vítkovice.

The V4Clusters project, co-financed by the International Visegrad Fund, covers coordinated actions and activities of five partners from four Visegrad group countries – National Cluster Association (CZ), Czech Knowledge Cluster (CZ), Pannon Business Network Association (HU), Upper Silesian Agency for Entrepreneurship Promotion (PL) and The Union of Slovak Clusters (SK).

The V4Clusters project consists of the following phases: i) identification, ii) networking, iii) informatisation of cluster organizations existing in Visegrad Group countries. The aim of the project is to open the potential hidden in clusters and their cooperation across strong and emerging sectors of the Visegrad Group by their identification and informatisation of the national cluster databases as a part of the V4 information platform. One of the main aims of the networking phase is to establish collaborative cluster networks represented by the V4 Leading clusters prepared for the V4 globalisation.

The V4Clusters Final Conference shall be devoted to overview of the V4 partners' activities and the presentations of the relevant results of the V4Clusters project. On 4 November, early afternoon, the partners and guests will be welcomed at the reconversed old-industrial place called Lower Area of Vítkovice, the former ironworks. After short invitation, the meeting will continue with a presentation of the complex of the Science and Technology Centre of Ostrava.

The session will be started by the speech of Pavla Břusková, the President of the National Cluster Association in the Czech Republic, who will briefly introduce the aims and goals of the project. The next part of the conference will be devoted to the presentations of the V4 partners from Hungary - Mátyás Lazáry, Poland - Karolina Piwowarska and Slovakia - Daniel Ács. The potential of cluster organisations for the Visegrad Group will be discussed by Tomáš Kafka from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Igor Hajdušek from the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia and Petr Adrián from the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. In addition, the V4 Leading clusters will present its partners and activities. The first day of the conference will be crowned by signing ceremony of the Memorandum of the V4Clusters Board establishment and subsequent dinner and networking.

The second day of the conference will be opened by the presentation of the outputs of the V4Clusters project. Pavla Břuskova will perform the V4C final database and Břetislav Skácel, Honorary Consul-General of the Philippine Republic and the manager of the CREA Hydro & Energy Cluster, will introduce V4-ASEAN Cluster Initiative. Afterwards, the V4 Leading cluster managers will acquaint the participants with their Action Plans towards V4 clusters cooperation.

During the whole event participants can raise questions to speakers and discuss their ideas and future cooperation opportunities.

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