



NATIONAL CLUSTER ASSOCIATION

We connect cluster organizations and technology platforms defend their needs and develop cluster policy in the Czech Republic.

The National Cluster Association (NCA) is a non-governmental non-profit organization that brings together entities and individuals with the goal of coordinated and sustainable development of cluster initiatives and cluster policy development in the Czech Republic based on concentration of knowledge, experience and expertise to strengthen the Czech competitiveness.



AI based Cluster Cooperation in the Danube Region

Clusters as drivers of interregional value chains

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National Cluster Association Czech Republic brings together:



34 / 5

clusters and technology platforms /
research and support organizations

881 / 282

companies / other members

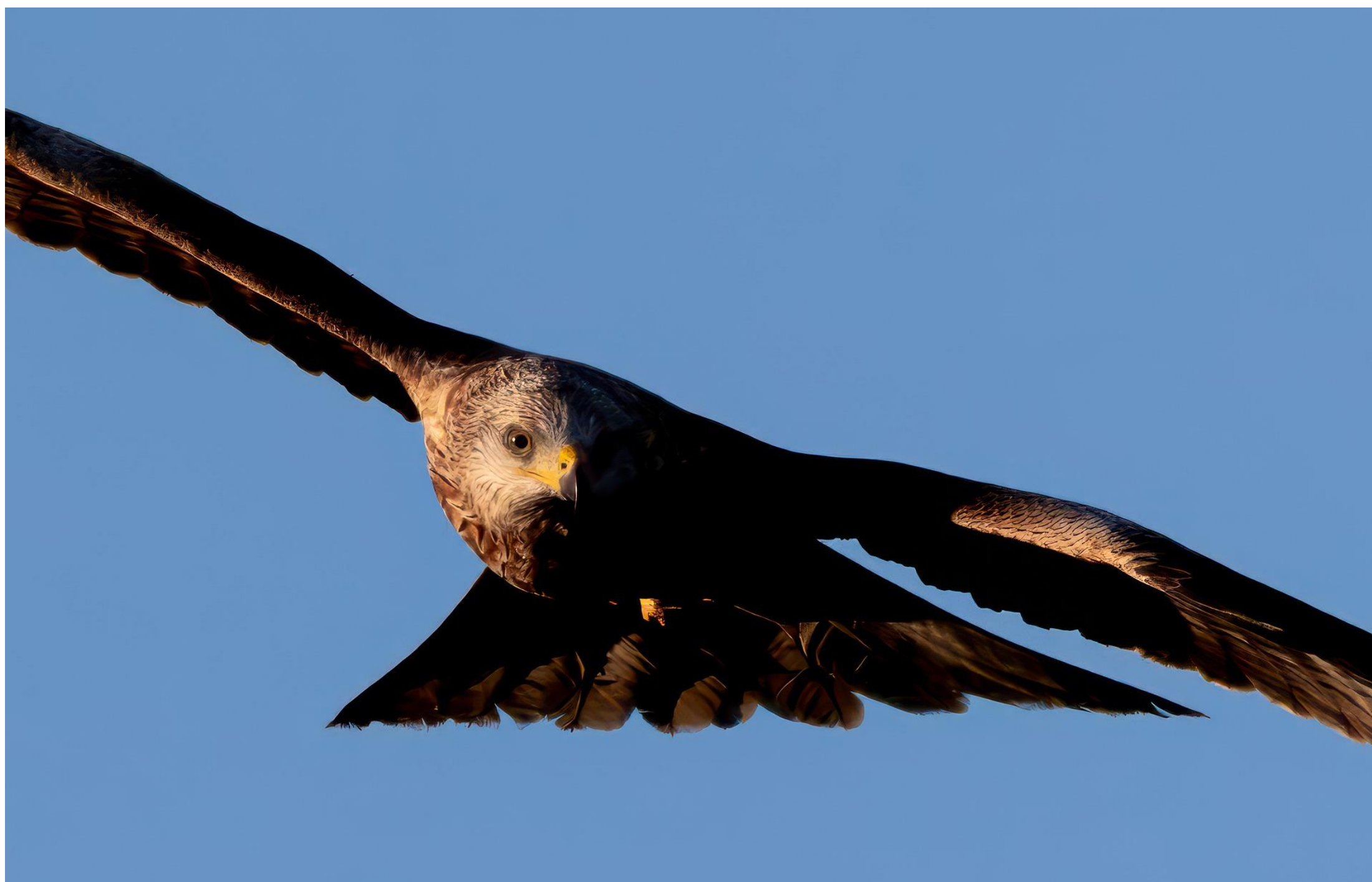
268 tis

Total number of employees in member
organizations (approx.)

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Top – down view



- **EU Industrial Ecosystems**
- Smart specialisation strategies
- **Green, digital, resilience**
- ...
- Aggregated data
- Regional comparison
- **This view is important for setting strategies for regional development, targeting grant support etc.**



View from below



- **Mostly have minimum knowledge about industrial strategie, ecosystems etc.**
- Knows its product and service portfolio exactly.
- **Knows what they need for their development.**
- Doesn't use buzzwords.
- **We love them (mostly). They are our members 😊**



And somewhere in the middle we are ... cluster managers



- **We know our members.**
- We know strategies and buzzword.
- **We strive to help our members as well as our region.**
- Among other services, we bring business and R&D opportunities to our members.
- **What tools do we have available?**

Regional Map of the clusters, ECCP partners search etc.

Map of clusters in the CR - by the seat of the clusters

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Czech Republic | Number of clusters: | 74 |
| Number of companies: | 1220 | Employees (estimate): 242 170 |

Selection of the whole republic

Map of clusters in the CR - by the seat of the firms

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|-----------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Czech Republic | Number of clusters with at least one company: | 57 |
| Number of companies: | 1220 | Employees (estimate): 242 170 |

Selection of the whole republic

<https://nca.cz/en/clusters-map-cr/>

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Filter your results

- Keyword:
- Location:
- Active filters: Clear all
- Industry:
 - Sectoral Industry (NACE2)
 - Mining and quarrying:B07 Mining of metal ores
 - Mining and quarrying:B05 Mining of coal and lignite
 - Agriculture, forestry and fishing:A03 Fishing and aquaculture
 - Cross-Sectoral Industry
 - Select Some Options

Reporting > Cluster Actor Selector

Cluster Organisations

Cluster Organisation Members

EUROCLUSTERS, European Cluster Partnerships & Initiatives

National Associations of Clusters

Meta-Clusters & Cluster Networks

Policy or Public Institutions

Resource Efficiency Support Providers

Training

Other Innovation Actors

List of Clusters and Technology Platforms in the Czech Republic

Involvement of Clusters and Technological Platforms in the EU Industrial Ecosystems

[All](#)
[Tourism \(0\)](#)
[Proximity and Social Economy \(0\)](#)
[Retail \(0\)](#)
[Construction \(5\)](#)
[Digital \(8\)](#)
[Health \(8\)](#)
[Aerospace and Defence \(6\)](#)
[Creative and cultural Industries \(2\)](#)

Involvement of Clusters and Technology Platforms in Key Enable Technologies

[All](#)
[Výrobní technologie - Pokročilé výrobní technologie \(10\)](#)
[Výrobní technologie - Pokročilé materiály \(9\)](#)
[Digitální technologie - Fotonika \(1\)](#)
[Digitální technologie - Umělá inteligence \(6\)](#)
[Kybernetické technologie - Zabezpečení \(1\)](#)

Established International Cooperation

[All](#)
[Bulharsko \(1\)](#)
[Česko \(2\)](#)
[Dánsko \(1\)](#)
[Finsko \(2\)](#)
[Francie \(5\)](#)
[Itálie \(5\)](#)
[Maďarsko \(1\)](#)
[Německo \(4\)](#)

| CIN | Organization name | No Members | Web |
|----------|---|------------|---|
| 3888321 | Agroklastr Vysočina z.s. | 0 | They don't have a website |
| 26795761 | AIM.klastr, družstvo | 0 | They don't have a website |
| 26562898 | Asociace NGV z.s. | 0 | http://www.ngv.cz/ |
| 67362176 | Asociace obranného a bezpečnostního průmyslu ČR | 5 | https://aob.cz/ |
| 10755713 | Asociace pro inovace v logistice, z.s. | 0 | https://apil.cz/ |
| 4968298 | Asociace pro komunikační nástroje a internet věci, z.s. | 0 | https://www.knaw.cz/ |
| 67775403 | Asociace pro vodu v krajině České republiky, z.s. | 0 | https://www.vodakrajina.cz/ |
| 546151 | Asociace výzkumných organizací, z.s. | 0 | https://www.vzo.cz/ |

<https://reporting.clustercollaboration.eu/>

Detailed information about our members

| Technology profiles | | 9 |
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| NÁZEV ORGANIZACE (člen COC): | | NETWORK GROUP, s.r.o. |
| WEB: | | www.nwg.cz |
| Počet zaměstnanců v ČR | | 50 |
| SMEs | | x |
| Large Enterprises | | |
| Research Institutions | | |
| Logo | | https://www.optickyklast.cz/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/logo-nwg.png |
| Působnost v pilířích: | Industriální a spotřební optika | x |
| | Vojenská optika | |
| | Světelná technika | |
| | Laserové technologie a aplikace | x |
| | Elektronová a světelná mikroskopie | |
| ZAMĚŘENÍ: | Hlavní (podnikatelské) činnosti: Who we are: 95 značek | Development and production of FBG based sensors, interrogators and components of special fibre optic. Cabling systems and PCB assembling |
| | Hlavní / nejčastější typy zákazníků: | Owners of critical infrastructures, manufacturing companies, industrial companies, Research centres and Universities. |
| | Hlavní oblasti výroby/služeb: Main areas of production/services: 250 značek | Nuclear power plant monitoring. Bridge monitoring. Temperature measurement in silos. Advanced temperature measurement. Railway monitoring. |
| | Hlavní oblasti výzkumu a vývoje: Main areas of R&D: 400 značek | FBG sensors for advance industrial applications and Structure Health Monitoring, development of interrogation units, special sensors for nuclear powerplants, bridge monitoring systems, diffractive structures for sensor applications and development of optical resonance structures. |
| | Hlavní (příp. mezinárodní) konkurenční výhody (max. 3): What we are the best at: 400 značek | Unique manufacturer of FBG structures and FBG based sensors in Czech Republic, development of low-cost interrogation units and following systems, independence from suppliers of key components for sensor systems. Own |
| Specializované technologie a přístrojové vybavení: Specialized technologies and equipment: 400 značek | | UV laser for FBG exposition; femtosecond laser; Special splicing system for manufacturing of unique optical components; hexapod position system; Hot-air stripper; Acrylate recoater; Polyimide recoater; Calibration baths; Thermo chambers; LTCC (low-temperature co-fired ceramic) workshop; dept. of PCB assembling, dept. of cable systems. |



asphericon s.r.o.
www.asphericon.cz

Who we are:
Design, manufacture and sale of precision optical elements and systems.

Main areas of production/services:
Asphere, sphere, acylinders, reflectors, axicons, freeforms, optical systems, beam tuning. Services: Design and Manufacturing of optical systems and elements for UV, VIS, IR, CNC Grinding and Polishing, High-End Finishing, Diamond Turning, Coatings.

Main areas of R&D:
R+D of machining processes for various materials, R+D of optical systems, R+D of evaporation and sputtering technology.



What we are the best at:

1) High-End Finishing technology; ION-Finish accuracy "lambda"/600RMS for plano; Magnetorheological Finishing Tech. (MRF); asphericon Angstrom-Polishing (up to 60 nm PV). 2) Small and large series: spherical RMSi(0,10Fr/0,030µm), Rq<1nm, aspherical RMSi(0,30Fr/0,09µm), Rq<1,5nm. 3) Fully digitized processes and digital twin of lense.

Specialized technologies and equipment:

Process Development Line: CNC optical machine center for grinding and polishing aspheres (Optotech), Interferometer (Mahr, Xonox), Non-contact 3D optical profilometer (LUPHOScan), Non-contact central thickness measurement (asphericon GmbH), White Light Interferometer (Mahr). Coating, ultrasonic cleaner.

Specialized technology services:

Optical design (Analysis, Conception, Realization). High performance optical coatings: AR-Coating (ARES, ARDS, ARDD, ARBB, ARSBB), Dielectric mirrors (SHR/BBHR), Metallic mirrors (AGM, AUM, ALM, ALENHM), Filter layers (KPF, LPF), Beam Splitter (BS) Metrology. Optical Assembly. Optical characterization, Phasics™ SID4 – HR. Refinement (Edge Varnishing, Laser marking).



Possible Joint R&D projects:

Precision imaging systems, medical applications, optical systems for R&D, evaporation, deposition and sputtering technologies.



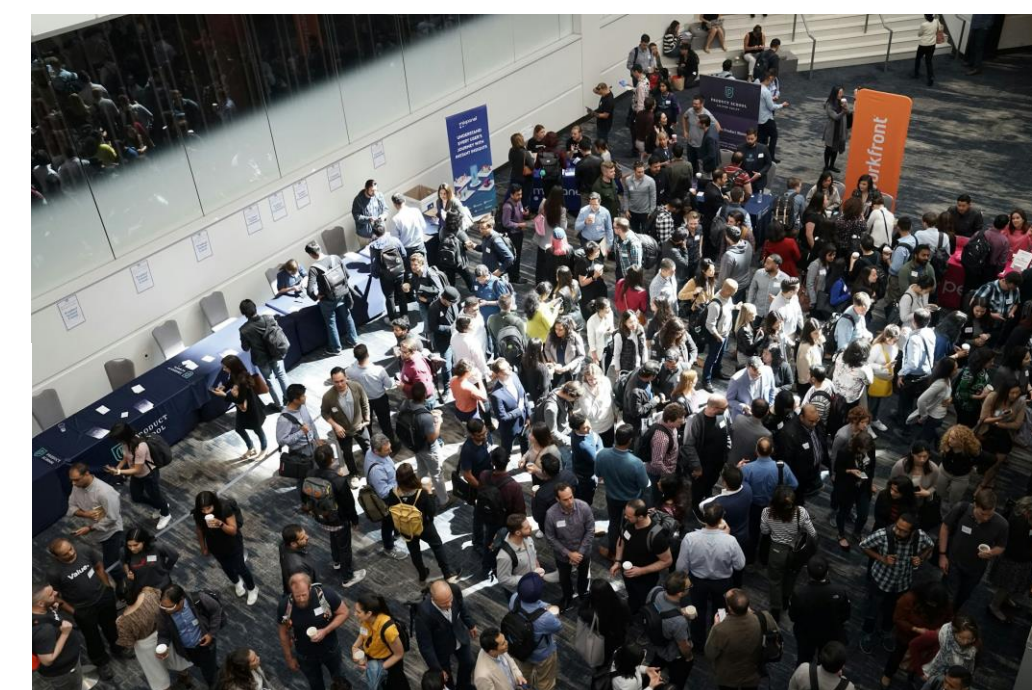
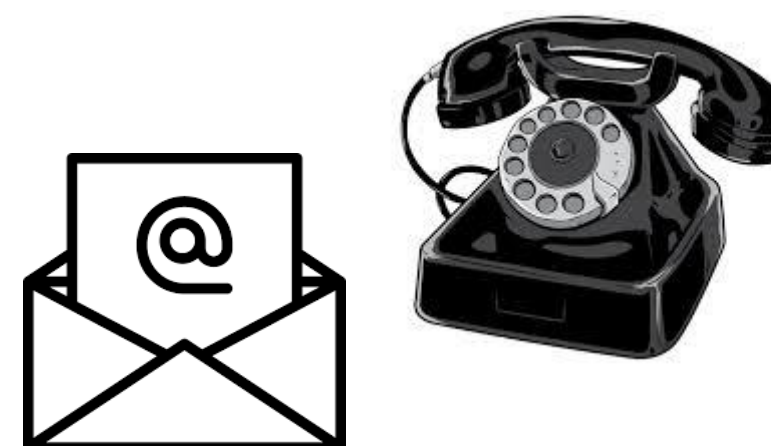
Possible Business cooperation:

Precise mechanical manufacturing. Testing of optomechanical systems and optical elements according to MIL. Business cooperation in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland only.

But information are fragmented.

Members' professional profiles are becoming obsolete and hard to obtain.

Sharing information between clusters is difficult at the national level and even more difficult at the international level.



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How about testing the potential of artificial intelligence?

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Automatically update information about cluster members from publicly available data using AI. Cluster manager will be able to edit the prepared information.

AI algorithm finds opportunities in the supply and demand chain / value chain.

Cluster managers will be automatically contacted with opportunities for their members.

Cluster managers of two cluster organizations know their members, verify the offered opportunity and simply connect their members.

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We using relevant data prepared automatically and checked manually.

We can rely on the expertise of cluster managers to assess the collaborative proposal.

Compared to a Google search, we are working with verified data, taking advantage of the trust that managers have built among their members.

If funded, the project will be piloted in 5 countries in 2025 - 2027.

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