

INNO INDUSTRY Study visit & Interregional stakeholders workshop Slovakia 2022 - "Cluster support and transformation towards industry 4.0"

INVITATION

This event is dedicated to showing you the way of Smart Industry and Cluster Support in Slovakia. Slovakia as an extremely open economy with export dominated by automotive production has to secure the competitive future of the industry. Dawn of AI, 5G, growth of IoT, cyber security issues, and the need of well-educated graduates with relevant competencies are the key points of Smart Industry (I4.0 and/or I5.0) and industrial clusters policy support.

You will learn more about the activities of ESCA certification in Slovakia. Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency (SIEA) has been for over a decade involved in cluster certification with the main objective to raise the standards and quality of the Slovak cluster ecosystem. Last 4 years this effort has been multiplied and as a result, the state support of clusters was based on the results of the certification report. How Slovakia will benefit from the concerted effort of SIEA, Ministry of Economy, and clusters in near future?

Currently, Slovakia has 21 active bronze, one silver, and one gold cluster, which were certified by the European Secretariat for Cluster Analysis (ESCA). In 2021, 11 clusters has achieved ESCA certification or re-certification. Slovakian clusters are becoming major economic players in Central Europe Space. Stricter ESCA criteria, including the publication of the cluster profile on the European Cluster Collaboration Platform, have resulted in new and updated profiles. At the same time, their involvement in national and international projects has increased. We will show you good practices linked to I4.0 and the future needs of regions, states, and employers presented by 3 selected Slovak clusters.

We will introduce you also the place with an offer for the free use of machines and technologies and offer for production of prototypes, design and workshops, excursions, or professional and promotional events within the Slovak Business Agency.

AGENDA

Date: 20th January, 2022	
Time: 10.00 - 11.30 a.m. CET	
Location: online	
10.00 - 10.05	Logins and opening
10.05 - 10.15	Smart Industry and Cluster Support in Slovakia , <i>Martin Svoboda, Director of the Innovation Department in the Competitiveness Section, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic</i>
10.15 - 10.25	ESCA certification in Slovakia , <i>Vladimír Borza and Renáta Magulová, Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency</i>
10.25 - 10.55	Good practices linked to I4.0 and the future needs of regions, state and employers presented by selected Slovak clusters <i>Ján Václav, Slovak Plastic Cluster,</i> <i>Miriama Hučková, Executive Director, IT Valley Košice</i> <i>Martina Maláková, Industrial Innovation Cluster, GAIA-X HUB</i>
10.55 - 11.15	Creative point – Fab Lab , <i>Zuzana Betáková a Andrej Gerhard, Slovak Business Agency</i>
11.15 – 11.25	Q&A
11.25 – 11.30	Conclusion