

Report on the workshop in Esbjerg, Denmark

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1 Executive Summary

The **DanubIA Clusters consortium** took an active and visible role at the **Cluster Collaboration Labs (C2Lab)** held in **Esbjerg, Denmark, on 6–7 May 2025**, an event focused on enabling international cluster cooperation to support Europe's green and digital transition—with a particular emphasis this year on the energy transition.

Representing the **Hungarian Cluster Association**, consortium partners **Péter Kiss**, president of the Hungarian Progressive Construction Cluster (HU), **Daniel Cosnita**, CLUSTERO president and project leader of DanubIA Clusters project, and **Zsolt Teleki**, Cluster Manager of MIRBEST Cluster (HU) and AI Stakeholder Coordinator of DanubIA Clusters project, joined forces with cluster actors from across Europe. Their aim was to **present the vision and potential of the AI platform of DanubIA Clusters project**, an innovative, AI-powered digital tool designed to enhance inter-cluster collaboration, accelerate project development, and foster cross-border innovation throughout the Danube Region and beyond.

During the two-day workshop, the DanubIA Clusters project team delivered a presentation introducing the platform's functionality and strategic value. **The demonstration highlighted how digital technologies can be leveraged for knowledge-sharing, virtual collaboration, and stakeholder engagement in the context of sustainable construction and smart urban development.**

Beyond formal presentations, the **DanubIA Clusters project representatives participated in over 10 bilateral matchmaking sessions**, engaging directly with European and international cluster organisations to explore synergies and potential for collaboration. These discussions generated significant interest in the platform's concept and its capabilities to support project ideation, matchmaking, and resource alignment using AI-driven tools.

As a result of these activities:

- Several European cluster organisations expressed **strong interest in joining or piloting the platform.**
- Initial letters of intent were prepared for **future cooperation** in domains such as green building technologies, smart energy infrastructure, and cross-border innovation ecosystems.

- A follow-up initiative was launched to organise a **joint international workshop in Vienna in autumn 2025**, with the objective of further developing partnerships and launching pilot use cases based on the DanubIA Clusters project.

The consortium's participation at C2Lab Esbjerg significantly **strengthened the platform's international visibility and demonstrated its strategic relevance** within the broader EU objectives related to the Green Deal, REPowerEU, and digital transition. The results clearly show that the AI platform of DanubIA Clusters project is well-positioned to become a cornerstone digital instrument in the transformation of how clusters collaborate, innovate, and deliver impact across borders.

2 Event introduction

This spring, the European Cluster Collaboration Platform, in partnership with Energy Cluster Denmark, hosted the seventh edition of the Cluster Collaboration Lab (C2Lab) in Denmark. The two-day workshop brought together over 20 cluster professionals, innovation actors, and public authorities from across Europe, all committed to shaping a greener and more resilient Europe.

C2Lab Esbjerg reaffirmed that **cluster collaboration is a powerful catalyst** for innovation, investment, and real impact in the green and digital transitions. For clusters working in sustainability, future C2Labs will continue to be a key platform for co-creating EU-aligned, high-value projects.

3 Participants

The DanubIA Clusters project was represented by 3 consortium members at the Esbjerg workshop:

- **Daniel Cosnita**, President of the Romanian Cluster Association, Project Leader of the DanubIA Clusters project
- **Peter Kiss**, President of the Hungarian Progressive Construction Cluster (MÉPK), Hungarian project manager
- **ZsoltTeleki**, Cluster Manager of MIRBEST Cluster (Hungary), AI Stakeholder Coordinator

Additional participants included representatives from over 60 cluster organizations and support institutions across Europe, Asia, and North America, such as:

Energy Cluster Denmark, European Clusters Alliance, CDVO (France), Cluster IDA, CenSec, MADE, etc.

The full participant list can be found in the attachment.

4 Activities related to DanubIA Clusters project

During the two-day workshop, the DanubIA Clusters team engaged in the following activities:

- **Presentation of the AI Platform of DanubIA Clusters project:**
An overview of the platform's purpose and capabilities, including its AI-driven approach to enhancing inter-cluster communication, project ideation, and matchmaking.
- **Promotion of the Platform Concept:**
Highlighting the benefits of AI tools in supporting cross-border innovation, project generation, and smart collaboration mechanisms among cluster stakeholders.
- **Demonstration of the SMART Showroom Use Case:**
The digital twin-based platform demonstration was presented to illustrate the practical applications.
- **Joint discussions:**
Discussions on potential applications in sustainable urban development and digital construction workflows.

5 Results and Follow-up

- **Bilateral meetings:**
More than 10 bilateral meetings took place related to the DanubIA Clusters project
- **Widespread Interest:**
Several European cluster organizations expressed strong interest in joining or piloting the DanubIA Clusters platform.
- **Initial Commitments:**
Letters of intent were drafted for future collaborations in areas such as:
 - Green building technologies
 - Smart grid infrastructure
 - Cross-border innovation networks

- **Next Steps:**

Planning has commenced for a **joint international workshop in Vienna**, scheduled for autumn 2025, aiming to expand the platform's reach and initiate pilot projects with new stakeholders.

6 Attachments

Participant list

Meeting ID	Participant ID	Role	Participant Name	Organization	Type	Country
3967852	2907390	host	Rasmus Reimer	Center for Defence, Space and Security (CenSec)	Participant	Denmark
3967852	2869365	guest	Daniel Cosnita	Romanian Cluster Association	Participant	Romania
3967853	2907390	host	Rasmus Reimer	Center for Defence, Space and Security (CenSec)	Participant	Denmark
3967853	2876742	guest	Louis LIU	CDVO	Participant	France
3967854	2907390	host	Rasmus Reimer	Center for Defence, Space and Security (CenSec)	Participant	Denmark
3967854	2879717	guest	Claus Andersen	Danish Energy Agency	Participant	Denmark
3967855	2907390	host	Rasmus Reimer	Center for Defence, Space and Security (CenSec)	Participant	Denmark
3967855	2869812	guest	Nina Hoppmann	Cluster IDIA	Participant	Spain
3967856	2907390	host	Rasmus Reimer	Center for Defence, Space and Security (CenSec)	Participant	Denmark
3967856	2907686	guest	Sandrina Lohse-Larsen	MADE	Participant	Denmark
3967858	2907390	host	Rasmus Reimer	Center for Defence, Space and Security (CenSec)	Participant	Denmark
3967858	2910447	guest	Stéphane Eboko	101 Capital Partners	Participant	France
3967859	2907390	host	Rasmus Reimer	Center for Defence, Space and Security (CenSec)	Participant	Denmark
3967859	2908558	guest	Yolanda Beltrán Franco	Cluster IDIA	Participant	Spain
3967871	2897656	host	Hamed Nezhadkhatami	EL-Energy	Participant	Denmark
3967871	2900147	guest	Jakob Falk		Participant	Denmark
3967877	2897656	host	Hamed Nezhadkhatami	EL-Energy	Participant	Denmark
3967877	2918408	guest	Nermina Saracevic	RISE Research Institutes of Sweden AB	Participant	Sweden
3995745	2943814	host	Daniel Chirtes	Haptic R&D Consulting Srl	Participant	Romania
3995745	2869812	guest	Nina Hoppmann	Cluster IDIA	Participant	Spain
3995753	2943814	host	Daniel Chirtes	Haptic R&D Consulting Srl	Participant	Romania
3995753	2928042	guest	Bjarne Volt	PA_Tents	Participant	Denmark
3995756	2943814	host	Daniel Chirtes	Haptic R&D Consulting Srl	Participant	Romania
3995756	2927978	guest	Christian Boysen	Energy Cluster Denmark	Participant	Denmark
3995761	2943814	host	Daniel Chirtes	Haptic R&D Consulting Srl	Participant	Romania
3995761	2944369	guest	Fabrizio Guarasi	Lombardy Energy Cleantech Cluster	Participant	Italy

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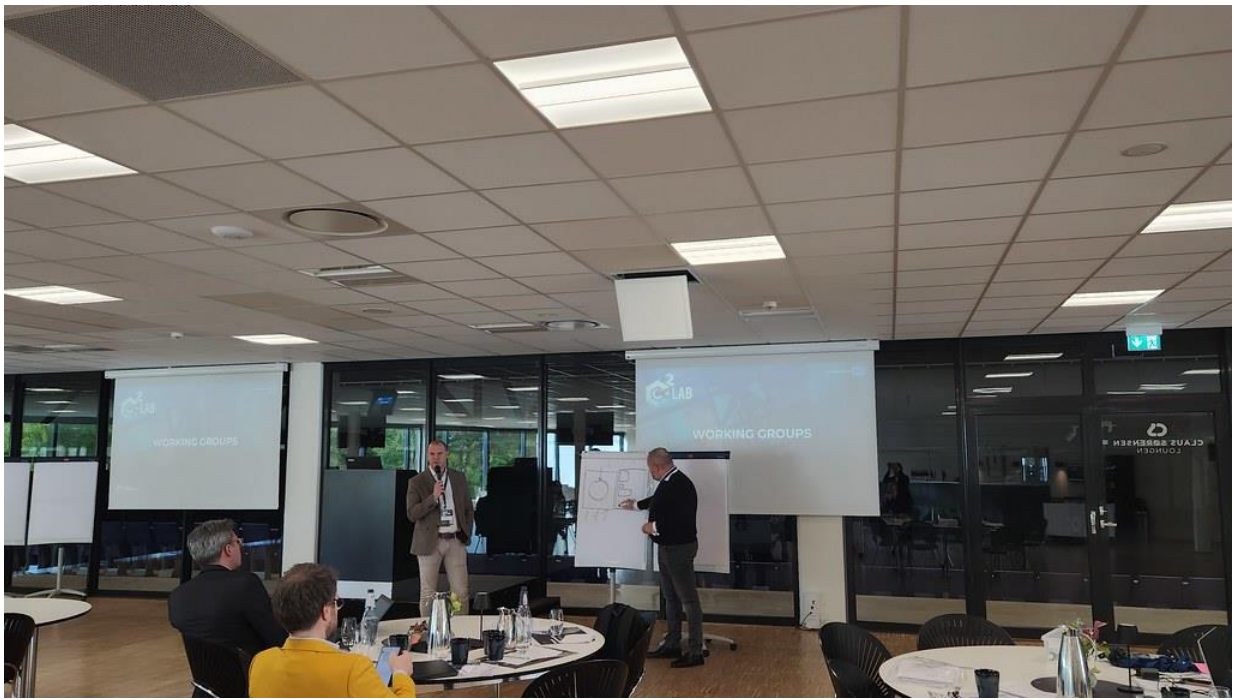
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