



Innovation perspectives of
industrial clusters and networks

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DISTRICT brings together partners from Tuscany (Italy), Saxony (Germany), Västra Götaland (Sweden) and West Midlands (UK) to find better ways to manage the transition from economies based on industry to knowledge and innovation based economies under consideration of the themes:

1. Connecting clusters and business networks to innovation in global context,
2. SME innovation projects in collaborations with Universities and Research and Transfer Centres,
3. Innovation in financial engineering, seed venture capital, start-ups and spin-offs.

ETI-Net is an interregional co-operation project of Saxony and West Midlands lead by RKW Sachsen GmbH: The cooperation partners are imreg – Institut for Medium-Sized Businesses and Regional Development GmbH and from west midlands the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UK Trade and Investment) and Coventry University Enterprises Ltd.

Objectives:

1. to set impulses for a future oriented regional cluster and network policy
 - > by up-dating the existing regional innovation and cluster strategies with the use of the regional foresight technique,
 - > by defining strategic development perspectives and requirements for selected regional clusters,
 - > by assessing and identifying interregional and cross-sector co-operation potentials,
 - > by identifying common co-operation opportunities.
2. to initiate and support common innovation activities within and between the clusters and networks
 - > by providing a commonly developed innovation management tool, which is based at ETI (Economic and technological intelligence) techniques,
 - > by initializing international co-operation projects between the clusters and networks.



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