



**Republic of Serbia
MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**FIRST INTERNATIONAL CLUSTER CONFERENCE
Clusters – Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Development**

Conference Agenda

**Place: Palata Srbije, 2 Bulevar Mihaila Pupina St., Belgrade
Date: March, 10th, 2009.**



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Thursday, March, 10th, 2009.	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Opening Ceremony
	<p>Mladjan Dinkic, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Regional Development of the Republic of Serbia</p> <p>Hakon Blankerborg, Ambassador The Royal Norwegian Embassy in Belgrade</p> <p>Joseph M. Lloveras, Head of Delegation of the European Commission in the Republic of Serbia</p>
9:30–12:30	Session 1
	The impact of clusters on regional development
9:30–10:45	<p>Chairman: Dejan Jovanovic, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Regional Development</p> <p>Clusters and competitiveness at regional level Andrea Forti, EU Committee of the Region</p> <p>Clusters & competitiveness at regional level – Italian experiences Fabrizio Paolin, general manager, Centro Studi Sull’Impresa e Sul Patrimonio Industriale</p> <p>Cluster initiatives in Regional development in Croatia Zdenka Mesic, Head of Department, Ministry of Economy, Labor and Entrepreneurship, Croatia</p> <p>Competitive Regions in Austria Simone Hagenauer, Programme manager, The Business Agency of Lower Austria</p>
10:45– 11:00	Coffee break
11:00–12:30	<p>Chairman: Vesna Arsic, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Regional Development</p> <p>European Commission and support to world - class European clusters</p>

	<p>Nikos Pantalos, Directorate General for Enterprise and Industry, Unit D.1)</p> <p>Cluster development, world perspective (with the view to Bask experiences) Juan Manuel Esteban, President, The Competitiveness Institute</p> <p>From cluster support to Centers of Excellence Olav Bardalen, Programme manager, Innovation Norway</p> <p>Czech cluster policy: fifth years results Pavla Bruskova, CEO, Regional Development Agency Ostrava</p>
	Questions and answers
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-14:30	Session 2
	Cluster development in Serbia
	<p>Chairman: Vidosava Dzagic, Vice-president, Chamber of Commerce of Serbia</p> <p>Support to cluster development in the Republic of Serbia Igor Brkanovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Economy and Regional Development</p> <p>Support to Cluster Development in Vojvodina Istvan Pastor, Executive Council of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Provincial Secretariat of Economy</p> <p>Case studies of cluster initiatives in Serbia Autocluster Serbia Serbian Software Cluster Flower Producers Cluster „Sumadijski cvet“</p>
	Questions and answers
14:30-16:00	Session 3
	Clusters as innovation drivers, experiences
	<p>Chairman: Zorica Maric, Head of Department for Competitiveness Ministry of Economy and Regional Development</p> <p>Success Factors for Sustainable Cluster Management Gerd Meier zu Köcker, CEO, Agency Initiative Competence Networks,</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Germany</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ICT as a tool of SME competitiveness in a cluster Jagat Shah, CEO, Cluster Pulse, India, Mumbai</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Innovation Platform and clusters` approach Christoph Beer, CEO, ICT cluster, Switzerland</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chances for sustainability of the cluster initiative Dusan Busen, CEO, Automotive cluster Slovenia</p>
	Questions and answers
16:30-17:00	Conference closing
	<p style="text-align: center;">Chairman: Goran Dzafic, CEO, Republic SME Agency</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Conclusions and recommendations</p>