

NEREUS Clusters Working Group – planned focus of activities 2013/work programme 2013

Work Group Leaders	AEROSPACE VALLEY
Aim of the Working Group/ Main areas of interest	<p>2.1 To create a group of entities interested by the development of SMEs in the domain of space applications. This group may act as SMEs interface with ESA or EC. This group will be managed by entities mandated and selected by public regional authorities.</p> <p>2.2 To prepare a “meta cluster” in the domain of space applications.</p> <p>2.3 To develop the participation of SMEs in the H2020 program.</p> <p>2.4 To facilitate the access of SMEs to dedicated European funds.</p> <p>2.5 To ensure communication links with end-users, in particular clusters of different sectors of activity.</p> <p>2.6 To analyse the world market of space applications.</p> <p>2.7 To support to the creation of new clusters.</p> <p>2.8 To analyse the brakes to the development of applications at the regional level.</p> <p>2.9 To identify and to share best practices between clusters.</p> <p>2.10 To facilitate the technology transfer between research and SMEs.</p> <p>2.11 To encourage NCWG members to answer to European Calls in a collective manner.</p> <p>2.12 To develop communication between SMEs.</p> <p>2.13 To develop networks of expertise.</p> <p>2.14 To create synergies to reach a critical mass.</p> <p>2.15 To play a role in standardisation issues.</p> <p>2.16 To create a communication network between NEREUS and SMEs through clusters or associations of SMEs.</p>
Established	December 2012
Strategic context 2013	<p>Launch of Horizon 2020 and future EU programs 2014-2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SMEs needs will be more addressed by H2020: more funding for commercial applications and market introductions - The role of clusters will be increased in Europe, mainly as SMEs interface and innovation facilitator - The creation of meta-clusters is encouraged by European Union authorities

Planned focus and form of activities 2013.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Validation of NCWG Terms of Reference - Definition of communication channels within the NCWG - Definition of a lobbying plan towards determined EU stakeholders
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Numbers

Topic	Number	Comments
Number of regular participants at WG meetings	10	
Planned number of WG meetings (approx.)	3	
Planned number of conferences or major event with external participants	1	
Planned number of policy or call briefings with EU	3	
Planned number of training seminars held, if applicable	0	
Planned number of projects stimulated from within the WG	3	
Closer co-operation with other related networks and / or observatories (plus contact point if possible)	4	ERRIN, ESA, EURISY, ARIANE European community of cities

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