

Adenda

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS CONNECTING

Introduction Sheet: International Cleantech Network



The International Cleantech Network (ICN) is an exclusive network of cleantech clusters in the world's leading cleantech regions, aiming to generate new business opportunities, enhance competitive advantages and create value for companies, knowledge institutions and local authorities across cluster regions.

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

ICN's vision is to be the leading global network of the best performing cleantech cluster organizations from around the world. ICN's **mission** is to create direct value for stakeholders belonging to the clusters, such as companies, knowledge institutions and local authorities, by using international cooperation to enhance their competitive advantages in the global market.

GREEN INNOVATIONS FOR A SMARTER WORLD

Climate change, rapid urbanization, the depletion of natural resources and a recent global financial crisis have increased the global demand for sustainable solutions and green technologies. Cleantech SMEs (i.e., energy and environment industries) are on the international forefront, using their innovation capabilities and cutting-edge technologies to meet this growing global demand.

CLUSTER ORGANIZATIONS

By supporting SME development, cluster organizations have successfully promoted SME internationalization, thus increasing exports and generating regional growth in their home regions.

ICN clusters take steps to connect regions striving to take the global lead in the research, development, production, commercialisation and adoption of cleantech. Within this framework, ICN members Clean Tech Delta (The Netherlands) and CLEAN (Denmark) are part of the SCALE-UP initiative, a North Sea Region network supported and encouraged by ICN.

SCALE-UP



Together, the cleantech cluster members of the International Cleantech Network represent all areas of cleantech. The provided technologies contribute to creating environmental, social and economic solutions to many of the challenges we are facing today. ICN has proven to be a leading solutions provider within the following sectors: Environmental Technologies, Sustainable Energy & Energy Efficiency, and Smart City.