

European Technology Platforms Conference 2010

Learning from each other, learning from experience

Workshop H1

ETP Clustering and Collaboration

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Focus

Increased coordination between industry, researchers and other stakeholders in undertaking R&D and innovation is a key objective of the ETP mechanism, and most respondents to the survey underpinning the evaluation of ETPs in 2008 said that their ETP coordinates its activities with other ETPs to a significant extent. Over the past couple of years, in fact, ETPs have increasingly joined forces in making contributions to the formulation and implementation of measures such as the Lead Market Initiative, the SET Plan, Joint Technology Initiatives, and several public-private partnerships. In parallel, the European Commission has been exploring ways of supporting and incentivising the clustering and collaboration process. The aims of the types of collaboration covered in this workshop include helping prepare a demonstration project or related research; preparing a joint vision document and strategic research agenda; launching a public-private partnership; creating networks; and creating working groups for platforms operating in different technological sectors that converge on common applications.

1. Objectives

- Exchange experiences on clustering and collaboration activities.
- Draw up a list of lessons learnt and "hints and tips".

2. Speakers

- *BECOTEPS (Bio-Economy Technology Platforms)*
Silvia Travella, BECOTEPS Coordinator (Plants for the Future TP)
- *European Consumer Goods Research Initiative*
Lutz Walter (FTC ETP)
- *NANO futures*
Péter Krüger (Head, Bayer WG on Nanotechnology)
- *SusChem-WSSTP Cooperation Framework*
Sylvie Baig (Head of Scientific Innovation, Degrémont Technologies)
Ger Spork (Manager, SusChem ETP)

3. Chair and rapporteur

- Chair: **Karin Metzloff**, Executive Director, EPSO (European Plant Science Association)
- Rapporteur: **Lutz Walter** (FTC ETP)

4. Questions to address

- What was the main reason to join forces?
- Are only ETPs involved or also other actors?
- What has been the outcome or deliverable so far?
- What was the role of the Commission, if any?
- What are the key requirements of a successful cooperation?
- If you were doing this again, what would you do differently?
- What are the three most important bits of advice you would give to someone planning a cross-ETP collaboration?

5. Useful links

- BECOTEPS (Bio-Economy Technology Platforms): www.becoteps.org
- European Consumer Goods Research Initiative:
http://euratex.org/system/files/attached-files/Consumer+Goods+R-I+Roadmap_draft_0.pdf
- NANO futures: www.nanofutures2010.eu
- SusChem-WssTP Cooperation Framework:
<http://suschem.blogspot.com/2010/03/rethinking-water-suschem-wsstp.html>