

EACP ABROAD (Activities and Business from Real Opportunities for Aerospace Developments) is an ambitious project aiming at supporting the first implementation, testing and further development of the EACP joint internationalisation strategy, as proposed by the Call for proposals "Cluster Go International" STRAND 2. ABROAD therefore proposes a programme that will deepen existing links between EACP and foreign regions with the determination of inserting European SMEs in international value chains by supporting the fostering of new international businesses or the emergence of international R&T cooperations.



Through a pragmatic operational approach, the key objectives of the ABROAD project within a 24-month frame are:

- 1) To develop a cluster-level frame of collaborations with 6 international target regions, these regions being either already targeted by the joint EACP internationalization strategy.
- 2) To take benefit from these cluster-to-cluster collaborations in order to put in place SME-level tangible actions such as trade missions, business to business meetings and participation to road-shows.
- 3) To maximize the impact of these actions on European SMEs by sharing key international opportunities with EACP clusters members and by inviting the international partners to participate to European events and to meet EACP SMEs.
- 4) To take benefit from this international dynamics in order to open on complementary horizons and to build cross partnerships collaborations, at cluster level and for clusters members.

The ambition of ABROAD project is also to maximize its impact by federating a wider audience and by creating synergies with additional sources of funding for internationalisation activities. The consortium will therefore strongly promote the project activities to the regional and cross-regional authorities, in order to bring together more important and synchronized internationalisation efforts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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| Call | COSME-GA - COS-CLUSTER-2014-3-03 - Cluster Go International | | | | |
| Budget | 450 k€ | EU contribution | 75% | Duration | 24 months: 01/01/16-31/12/17 |
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