



TCI NETWORK
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Report of Activities

2023

OUR POOL ACTIVITIES IN 2023

We connect people and ideas through knowledge sharing, starting new connections and building long-standing alliances



ENGAGEMENT IN 2023 ACTIVITIES

+1000
Participants

530
Online

625
Face to face



GLOBAL CONFERENCE

TRENDS & GLOBAL CONNECTIONS



26th TCI GLOBAL CONFERENCE
NEW LANDSCAPES IN CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT
7-9. NOVEMBER, 2023, REYKJAVIK, ICELAND



**26th TCI Global
Conference**

*New Landscapes in
Cluster Development*

Reykjavik, Iceland
7-9 November 2023

GLOBAL CONFERENCE

TRENDS & GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

- ✓ **200 participants**
- ✓ **25 countries**
- ✓ **+45 speakers**
- ✓ **Invaluable takeaways**





James Wilson • 1er
Research Director at Orkestra-Basque Institute of Competitiveness and Facul...
1 semana • Editado •

Last week I was fortunate to be part of the fabulous **TCI Network** 26th Annual Global Conference, hosted by **Iceland Tourism Cluster**, **Iceland Renewable Energy Cluster** and **Iceland Ocean Cluster** in Reykjavik, Iceland.

It was a fascinating learning experience on how to do economic development in a very different context, with great practical examples of clusters and policies that are using collaboration to sustainably develop opportunities related to Iceland's natural resources and other unique strengths.

Highlights included a visit to Iceland's Fintech and gaming clusters, based at **University of Iceland (Háskóli Íslands)**'s science park, discussing inspiring examples of clusters and policies from around the world that are increasingly focusing their efforts on accelerating sustainability transition, and experiencing the Northern Lights in great company.

I participated in a very rich and dynamic plenary session, together with **Madeline Smith**, **Emily Wise**, **Alberto Pezzi**, **Mirjana Prica** and **David Fernández Terreros**.

dedicated to understanding the implications for cluster organisations and cluster policies of fast-changing policy landscapes that are becoming more mission-oriented, purposeful and transformative. With their roots in deep triple-helix collaboration, clusters can be key assets on which to build more transformative policy agendas that by definition require such collaboration to solve complex challenges.

Huge thanks to **Asta Kristin Sigurjonsdottir** and her team in Iceland, and to **Claudia Soncin**, **Natalia Gutiérrez Roa** and **Patricia Valdenebro** from the **TCI Network** secretariat for organising a very rich and engaging conference.



Dr Nicola Watts • 1er
Purpose, Passion, People, Place, Prosperity, Planet
1 semana • Editado •

What an amazing week in Iceland with amazing **#cluster** practitioners from all around the world - and with a couple of my **TCI Oceania** colleagues.

One of the many reasons I was keen to visit Iceland was to learn more about the **Iceland Ocean Cluster**, and the **#innovation** and **#valuecreation** that has been driven by their 100% utilisation of their fishing catch - such an inspirational entrepreneurial story...and I hope we can foster some **#connections** and **#collaboration** with Australia/Oceania.

Lots of great **#conversations** around how clusters are not just about industry and regional transformation - but how this also resonates within bigger positive movements for **#societalimpact** and **#sustainability**.

Many thanks to **TCI Network** for facilitating a great community of practice, congratulations to **Asta Kristin Sigurjonsdottir** and the entire team for a great get-together. It was a privilege to experience firsthand the initiatives in Iceland and the 'can-do' culture that makes it so special.



ON - Orka náttúrunnar / ON Power
2.759 seguidores
1 semana •

Starting this week off inspired after TCI Network's 26th Global Conference in Reykjavik last week, where **Hjálmar Helgi Rögnvaldsson**, Managing Director of Business Development & Power and **Helga Johansdottir**, Business Development Manager of the ON Geothermal Energy, engaged in the global cluster conversation!

This year's focus on climate change, renewable energy, and regenerative development resonated deeply with us at ON Power.

We immersed ourselves in the challenges and success stories of the Icelandic cluster ecosystem, and learned from the Icelandic Cluster Ecosystem across - Tech, Fintech, Blue Ocean, Energy and Tourism, as well as clusters globally. Thanks to our fantastic hosts in Iceland and TCI **Asta Kristin Sigurjonsdottir**, **Merete Daniel Nielsen** and **Tamás**.



Eoin Byrne • 1er
Cluster Manager at Cyber Ireland
2 semanas • Editado •

There were many takeaways for **Cyber Ireland** and our new strategy from the **TCI Network** 26th Clustering Conference in Iceland this week.

Learning from the Icelandic Cluster Ecosystem across - Tech, Fintech, Blue Ocean, Energy and Tourism, as well as clusters globally. Thanks to our fantastic hosts in Iceland and TCI **Asta Kristin Sigurjonsdottir**, **Merete Daniel Nielsen** and **Tamás**.

On the Tech Theme I had the opportunity to present the role of industry clusters in driving innovation and sustainable growth with **Lucia Seel** and **Tamás**.

contingent from Ireland & Northern Ireland across clusters and sectors, demonstrating the increasing importance in Ireland. **John O'Leary**, **Breannán Casey**, **Damien McConville**.



VLAIO
25.572 seguidores
2 semanas • Editado •

Collega **Annie Renders** is op de **TCI Network** clusterconferentie in Reykjavik om er samen met **Blauwe Cluster (Blue Cluster)** vzw onze clusterwerking rond blauwe economie toe te lichten.

#ONPower #ONGeothermalPark #TCINetwork #SustainableFuture



AgriTech Ireland
691 seguidores
2 semanas •

Inspiring stuff at the **TCI Network** global conference today. Great to see how clusters are bringing ecosystems together to shape a sustainable future.
#TCI2023



Kristian Schrey • 2º
CEO at Viexpo | HHJ PJ | Growth through export and international trade
2 semanas •

Flying home to Finland again after a fantastic conference in Reykjavik. This year's TCI Global Conference was New landscapes in cluster development. I'm happy to see a lot of discussions on how we can involve SME's in accelerating cluster success.

Another big take away is how important these conferences and networks are, when the world is changing in such a rapid pace. No matter where you are in your cluster journey, you can find people that can give you insights on how to go forward. Met a lot of new great people - these connections are invaluable!

Thanks to **Merete Daniel Nielsen** and **TCI Network** for a great conference and thanks to **Asta Kristin Sigurjonsdottir** for hosting us and showing us Iceland - well done!

#viexpo #nordichub #tci #tci2023 #Reykjavik #iceland #clusters



Lucia Seel • 1er
Member of the European Cluster Expert Group of the European Commission
2 semanas •

TCI Network Global Conference is about to end, and as usual with a big 'wow', bringing together on a stage the most of the super experts in cluster policy (and evaluation)! A great reminder of why we come to this conference: to learn, exchange new ideas with peers in a free environment, challenge and be challenged with new ideas!

A short summary of the outcomes of this special panel is in production! Thank you **James Wilson**, **Madeline Smith**, **Emily Wise**, **David Fernández Terreros**, **陆大卫**, **Alberto Pezzi**, **Mirjana Prica** for this special experience!
#tci2023



Verona Thibault (She/Her) • 2º
Systems convener, partnership broker.
2 semanas • Editado •

As someone who has long been an advocate for cluster development (a big thank you to **Ifor Ffowcs-Williams**), I am thrilled to be attending **TCI Network's** international cluster conference in **#iceland** this week. It's clear that industry clusters can have a significant economic impact, and Iceland is a great example of this. With robust ocean, tourism, energy, regenerative development, fintech, and health clusters (and possibly more that I'm not aware of), this progressive country is truly leading the way.

During industry tours this week, we saw firsthand how these clusters intersect and leverage their collective power. For example, Iceland's geo-thermal assets power not only the energy sector but also the tourism and agriculture sectors. It's truly inspiring to see how these different industries can work together to create something greater than the sum of their parts.

One highlight of the conference was hearing from Canadian colleagues. **Barbara Gibbon** with **Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada** spoke about Canada's global innovation clusters, while **Bridget Bohan** of **NGen Canada** shared cluster success in advanced manufacturing profiling Saskatchewan's own SIMSA **Eric Anderson** and IMCN **Nick Crighton**.

Overall, this conference has been an incredible learning experience, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to be here. I can't wait to connect with **#saskatchewan** networks and move this core **#economicdevelopment** strategy forward.

Prairies Economic Development Canada | Développement économique Canada pour les Prairies Doug Zolinsky Jason Heit Saskatchewan Trade & Invest Albert Derocher James Leier David Yee

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LATIN AMERICA

CLAC 2023

*Nuevos clusters para Latinoamérica.
Impulsando una economía más
verde, tecnológica y justa.*

*"New Clusters for Latin America:
Driving a Greener, Technological, and
Fairer Economy,"*

Cordoba, Argentina
August 24-25, 2023



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Mariela Bercovich
DIRECTORA EJECUTIVA
CÓRDOBA ACELERA
- ARGENTINA -

**CÓRDOBA .
HACIA EL CLAC**
PENSAR GLOBALMENTE Y ACTUAR I

26 MIÉRCOLES
JULIO
2023

11:00 AM HF
8:00 AM HR. CE
16:00 I

Andrés Michel
DIRECTOR EJECUTIVO
CÓRDOBA ACELERA
- ARGENTINA -

MODERADOR: LUIS OLIVER TORRES, COORDI

WEBINAR
VÍA ZOOM

TCI LATAM WEBINAR
Online
July 2023

INNOVA
2023 *Latam*

8 CONGRESO NACIONAL DE
INICIATIVAS
CLUSTER

ORGANIZADORES

PATROCINADORES

Logos of various organizations including: CÁMARA COMERCIO CARTAGENA, IXL CENTER, CIMA Institute, Colombia Productiva, Confecámaras, RED CLUSTER, and many others.

8th National Cluster Congress
Cartagena, Colombia
November, 2023

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OCEANIA

New Secretariat

With the new Secretariat in place, the Oceania Chapter has been in an important 'listening phase' with its current members as well as others in the regional ecosystem. It is focused on supporting current members, recruiting new members, and providing valuable opportunities for connections that lead to sustained development and growth.



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OCEANIA

TCI Oceania Strategy 2023-2025

A new 2023-2025 Strategy has been developed for the region based around the three global pillars of global connections, inspiring clusters, and policy learnings. The Oceania Secretariat is looking forward to continued connections and profile raising to the extensive global TCI Network.

HOW WILL WE GET THERE?



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OCEANIA

Activities



**Collaborative Ecosystems,
*An Australian Landscape in 2030***
March 1-2, 2023



**TCI Oceania Webinar,
*The most powerful question, by
Phil Preston***
October 27, 2023



**Pacific Agrifoods Cluster Tour on
the Sunshine Coast**
November 6-9, 2023

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ASIA

TCI/MOC ASIAN CHAPTER SUMMER CONFERENCE 2023

*Enhancing Competitiveness
of Clusters in the age of AI*

Hybrid Conference,
Taipei (Taiwan) & Online
July 2023



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AFRICA



TCI African Chapter meeting
Online
May 17, 2023



UNIDO International Cluster Conference
Accra, Ghana
August 22, 2023



TCI African Chapter meeting
TCI 2023, Iceland
November, 2023

CLUSTER POLICY WORKSHOP

DEVELOP NEW FRAMEWORKS

CLUSTER POLICY WORKSHOP

Barcelona

June 7-8, 2023

Hosted by Acció, we had more than 20 international participants representing cluster organizations, regional public administrations, international development agencies and the University.

We explored the dynamics of the global policy landscape and delved into how policy frameworks shifted as they helped develop clusters to an advanced level.



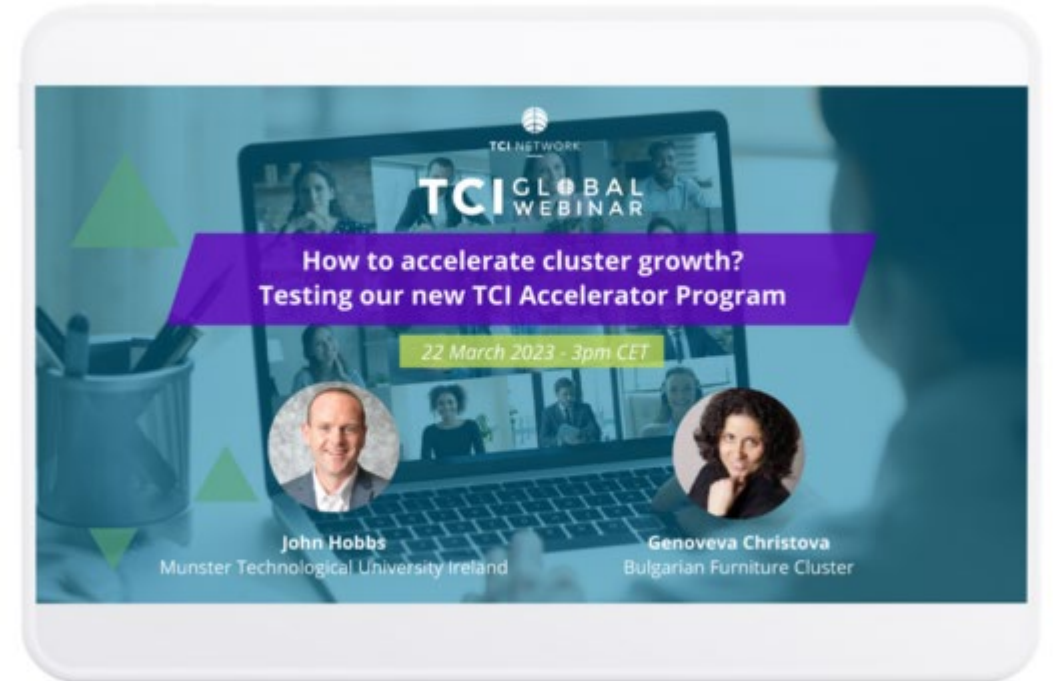
GLOBAL WEBINARS

INSPIRATION & LEARNING



FLYING CHALLENGES. WHAT WILL LEAD THE CLUSTER AGENDA OF THE FUTURE?

February 2023



HOW TO ACCELERATE CLUSTER GROWTH? TESTING OUR NEW TCI CLUSTER ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

March 2023

CLUSTER ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

ACCELERATE & LEAD



TCI CLUSTER ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

New for 2023, the TCI Cluster Accelerator Program is a 12-week networking accelerator for cluster leaders which offers interaction and mentoring with peers and experts from the TCI Network through group discussions designed to help accelerate their cluster performance and build new relationships.

CLUSTER ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

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PARTICIPANTS

- ✓ 23 participants
- ✓ 12 countries
- ✓ 6 online sessions



Ann Overmeire
COO
Blue Cluster
Flanders, BE
Offshore, blue economy
210 members



David Romeral
Cluster manager
Aragon Automotive and Mobility Cluster (CAAR)
Aragón, ES
Automotive and mobility
120 members



Carolina Garcés
Project manager
Mobile Heights
Skåne, SWE
ICT
126 members



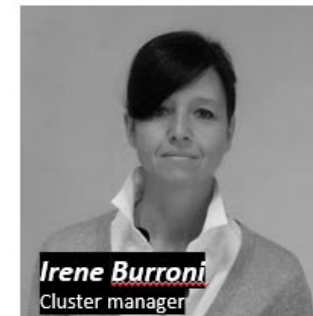
Daniel Hernandez
Cluster manager
Queretaro Automotive Cluster
Queretaro, MEX
Automotive
131 members



Rósbjörg Jónsdóttir
Managing director
Iceland Renewable Energy Cluster
Iceland
Energy
50 members



Eoin Byrne
Cluster manager
Cyber Ireland Cluster
Ireland
Cyber security
150 members



Irene Burroni
Cluster manager
Interiors & design cluster (dID)
Toscana, IT
Design
500 members



Olga Trofymova
Cluster manager
Ukrainian Automotive and Mobility Cluster
Ukraine
Automotive
17 members



Idoia Muñoz
General manager
Basque Health Cluster
Basque Country, ES
Health
115 members

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Prairie Food Link

Saskatchewan, CA
Agrifood
113 members



Bogotá Construction Cluster

Bogotá, CO
Construction
200 members



Flux50

Flanders, BE
Energy
258 members



Aerospace Cluster Querétaro

Querétaro, MEX
Aerospace
60 members



IDEAM Cluster

Ireland
Engineering
130 members



AgreenTech Valley

France
Agriculture & tech
90 members



Basque Maritime Forum

Basque Country, ES
Maritime
167 members



Georgian Marine Fishing Cluster

Samegrelo-Zemo Svaneti, GE
Marine fishing
9 members

CLUSTER ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

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The TCI Cluster Accelerator Program is open to cluster leaders who are seeking growth, navigating change and pursuing transitions for their clusters.



Galician Health Cluster
Galicia, ES
Health
100 members



Flanders' FOOD
Flanders, BE
Agrifood
320 members



Georgian Biopharmaceutical Cluster
Tbilisi, GE
Biopharma
8 members



Food Park, Hamriyah Free Zone
Sharjah, UAE
Food
75 members



Tourism Cluster of Bogota and Cundinamarca
Bogotá, CO
Tourism
500 members



Nuevo Leon Energy Cluster
Nuevo León, MEX
Energy
85 members

CLUSTER PROJECTS

DEVELOP & TEST NEW IDEAS

ACCELERATE GDT PROJECT



MEETINGS:

- Kick of meeting and Workshop. 27-28 April 2023. Cork, Ireland
- Steering Committee and Workshop. 20-21 July 2023. Duisburg, Germany
- Steering Committee and Workshop. 14-15 November 2023. Vienna, Austria



SERVICES

WE PROMOTE ACTIVE LEARNING AND MATCHMAKING WITHIN AND BETWEEN OUR MEMBERS



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TCI-VLAIO Peer Review in Flanders región

June-December 2023



WHAT IS NEXT?

27th TCI Global Conference

Chihuahua, Mexico

October 2024



TCI CLUSTER POLICY WORKSHOP

LINZ, AUSTRIA

June 2024

ACCELERATE GDT PROJECT MEETINGS

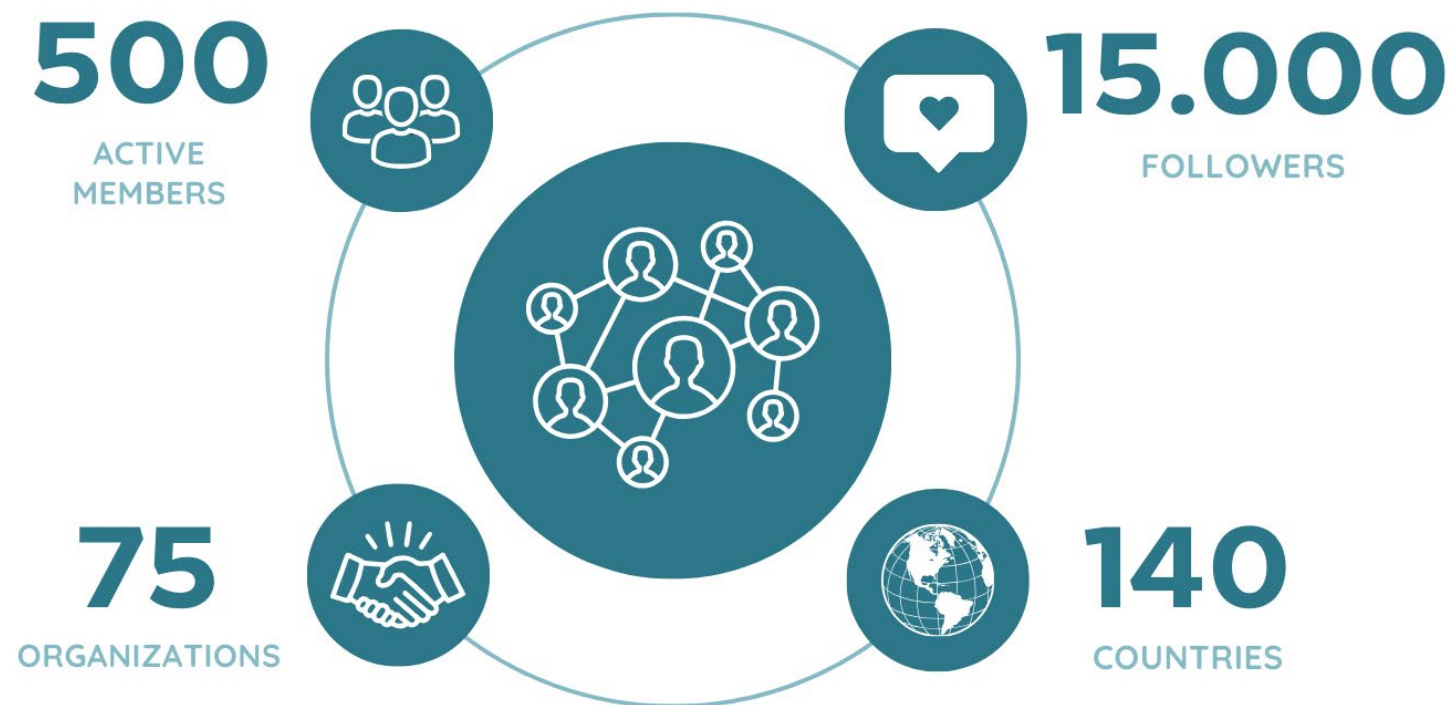
Next:

Turin, May 2024

Budapest, October 2024

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

MAIN FIGURES



NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

NEW MEMBERS

Autoklastr Czech Republic | Czech Republic

Bulgarian Furniture Cluster | Bulgaria

Clusters of Sweden | Sweden

Construction Cluster Ireland | Ireland

Enterprise Ireland | Ireland

Flanders' FOOD vzw | Belgium

Health Tech Lab Serbia | Serbia

Iceland Renewable Energy Cluster | Iceland

IDEAM Cluster Ireland | Ireland

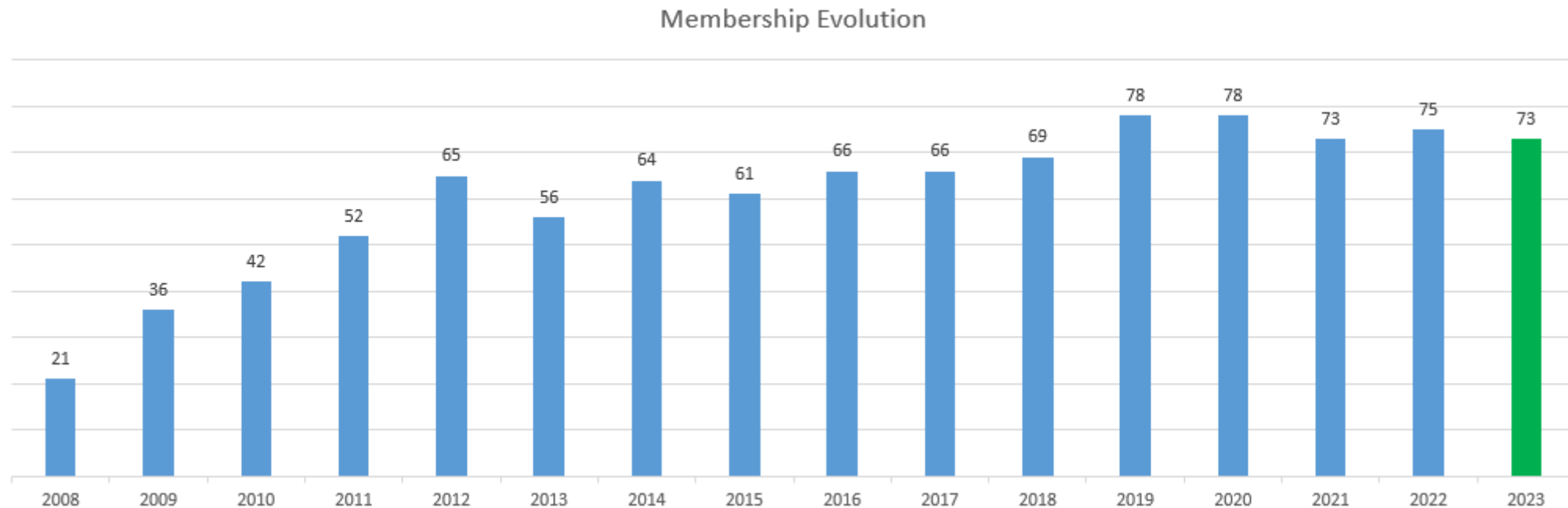
ROVEST Cluster Romania | Romania

The Pacific Community | Fiji

Wine Industry Productivity & Profitability Cluster Australia | Australia

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MEMBERSHIP



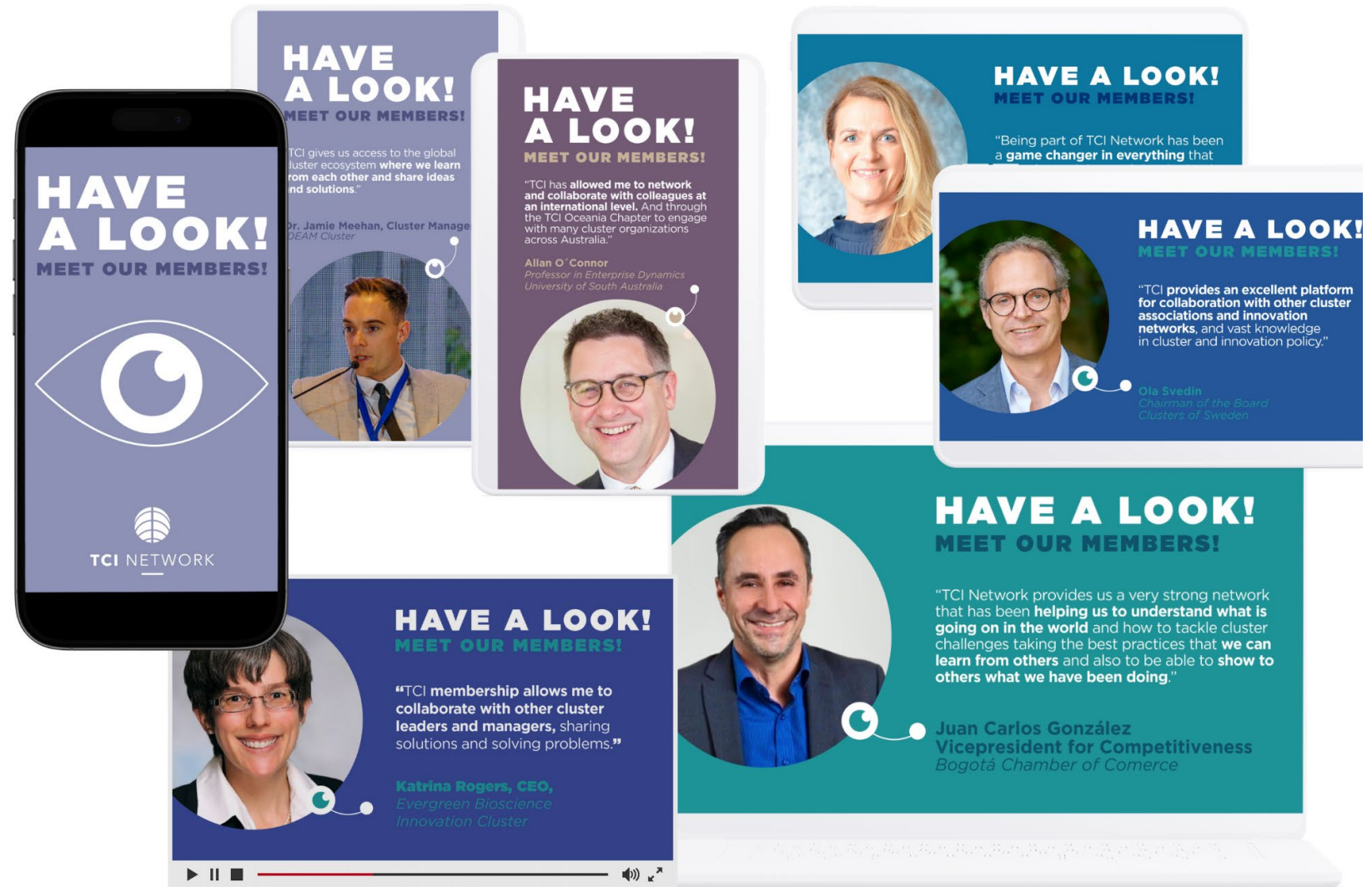
73 organizations - 30 individuals - 12 new organizational members - 14 cancellations

MEET THE MEMBERS

NEW CAMPAIGN

A 2023 New Campaign to Increase the visibility of our Members within our network.

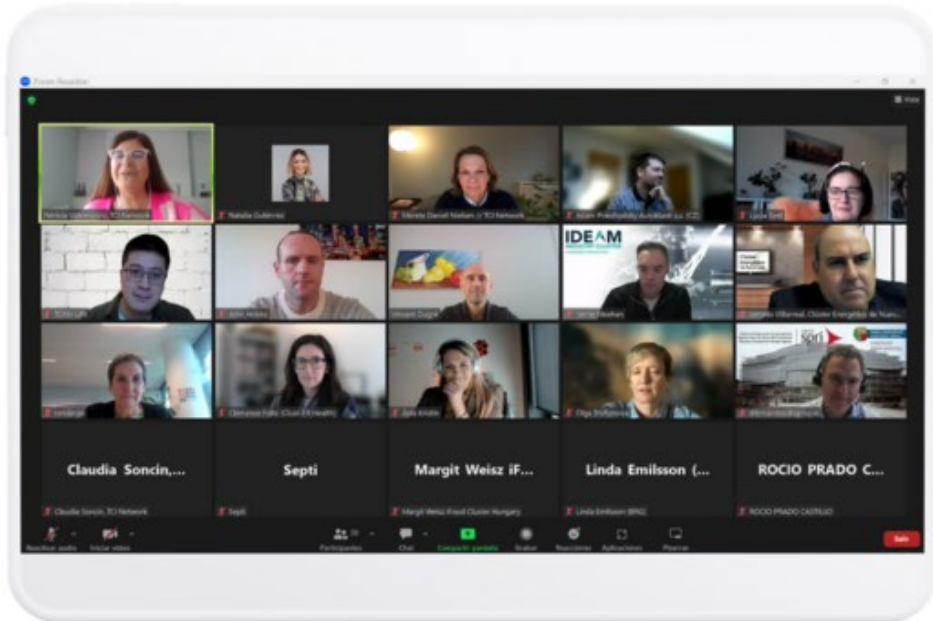
Through a brief video interview on our YouTube channel, each month, we have spotlighted one of our members to showcase their activities, main challenges, and how TCI Network supports them in their cluster strategy.



MEMBERS CONNECT

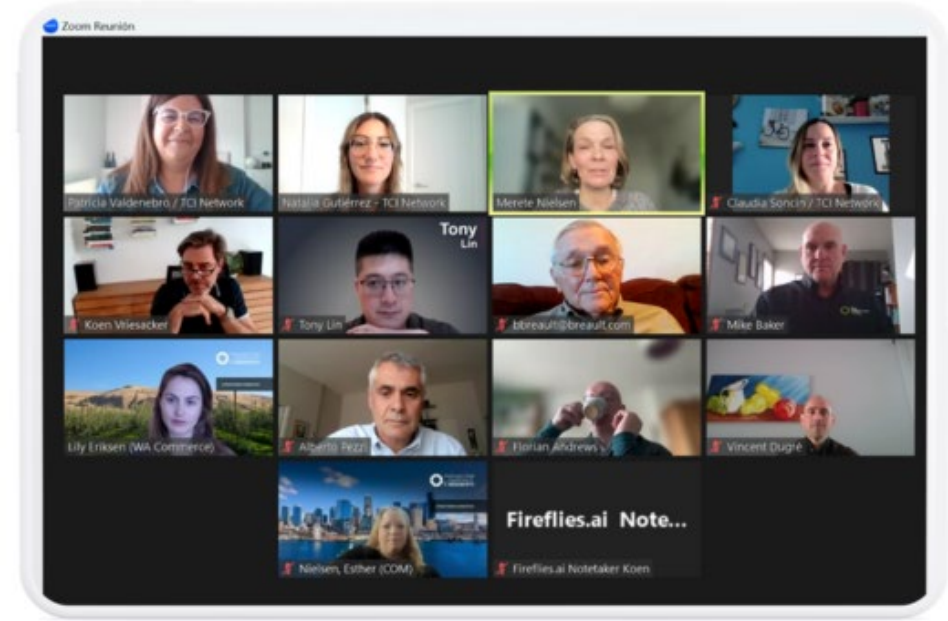
INTERACT & CONNECT

These organised online gatherings bring together TCI members to discuss their latest work and engage and interact with other members working on clusters and innovation ecosystems.



SESSION 1

February 2023



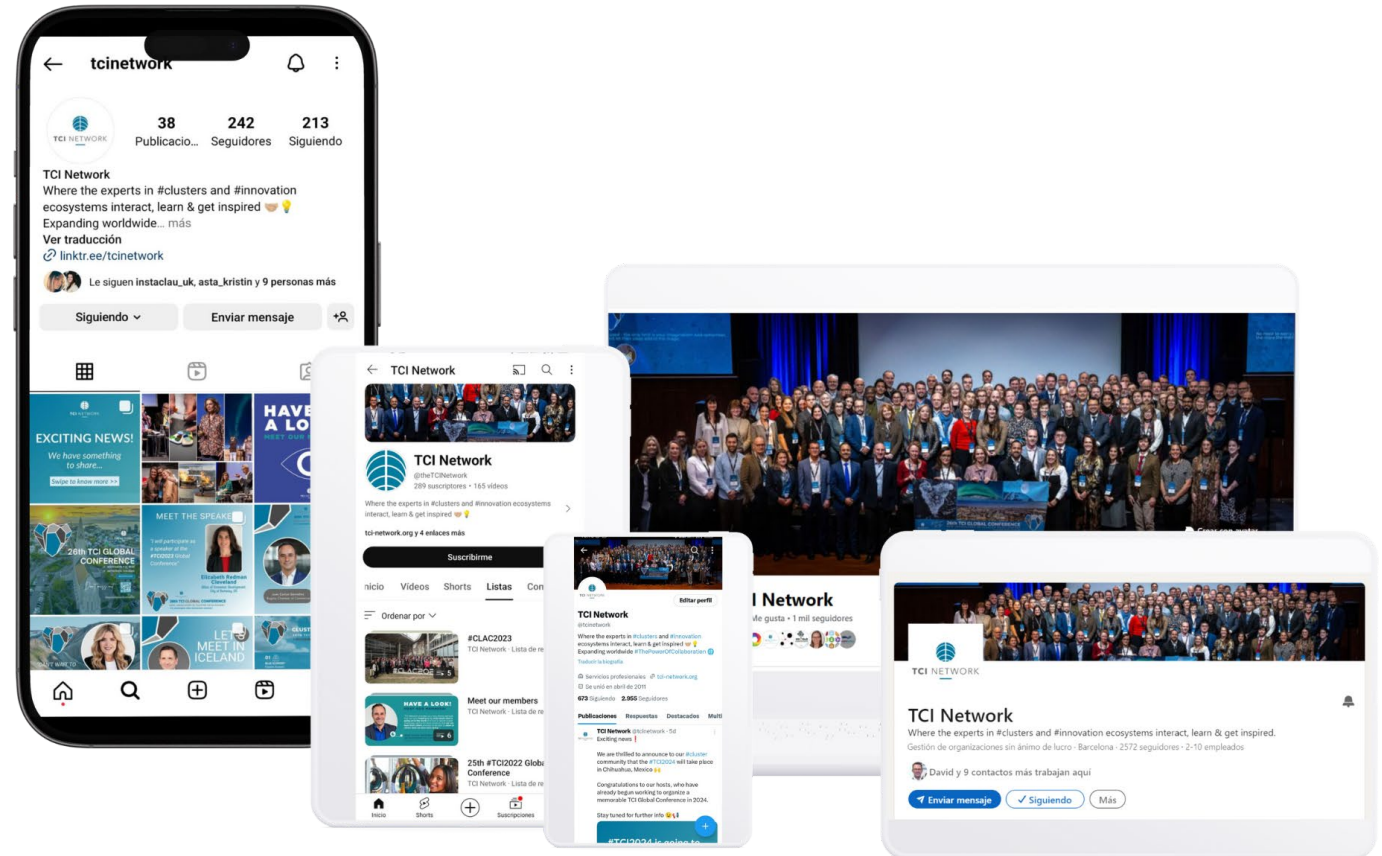
SESSION 2

April 2023

SOCIAL MEDIA

SOCIAL MEDIA


An active
community with
+7000
followers




NEWSLETTER

+ 8700
subscribers

NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM THE TCI NETWORK



CLUSTER ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

New intensive program for cluster managers


New TCI Cluster Accelerator Program!

- ✓ Do you want to lead transformation and accelerate your cluster success?
- ✓ Are you looking for new actions to improve your cluster performance?
- ✓ Would you like to develop key competences to help your cluster grow?
- ✓ And how about joining a new group of cluster peers with similar challenges?

[Apply by 15 May >>](#)

Our activity

Submit your proposal and make part of the Global Conference!




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CALL FOR PROPOSALS OPEN

Until May 12



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CLAC 2023

14th Congreso Latinoamericano de Clusters
14-20 Agosto 2023, Córdoba (Argentina)


Nuevos clusters para Latinoamérica
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Join CLAC 2023 in Cordoba! Check out the program

Join CLAC 2023 in Cordoba (Argentina) and be part of the Latin American cluster community!

This year's program includes a variety of up-to-date and inspiring experiences to demonstrate how clusters are driving a greener, more technological and fairer economy for Latin America.

[Check out the full program and register now >>](#)



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CHECK OUT THE FULL PROGRAM

Early bird until August 1

Check out the full program! Last day for early bird registration

Discover the TCI 2023 Global Conference's full program with more than 40 confirmed speakers. Together in Iceland, we will explore new landscapes in cluster development!

Check out the 3-day agenda and take advantage of the **early bird fee until August 1!**



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FINAL COUNTDOWN TO ICELAND



CLUSTER IMMERSIONS

Discover the Power of Icelandic Clusters

01 **BLUE ECONOMY**

Explore Oceanic Innovations, network with industry leaders, and experience the 100% fish Project.

02 **THE TECH WORLD**

Unlock the Tech Ecosystem in Reykjavik's Innovation Business Park!

03 **FEEL THE ENERGY**

Embark on a cluster tour exploring the future of renewable energy!

04 **REGENERATIVE DEVELOPMENT**

Explore sustainable practices that nurture both the land and your spirit.



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ALLIANCES & COLLABORATIONS

OUR DIALOGUE PARTNERS



PARTICIPATION IN OTHER EVENTS

- Intercluster Ecuador by Acció, Barcelona (Spain), April.
- Food & Bio Global Summit 2023, Aarhus (Denmark), September.
- Cluster Day by Acció, Barcelona (Spain), October.
- Smart Specialisation (S3) Forum 20223, Barcelona (Spain), November.



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