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Smarter Cluster Policies at the forefront of South East Europe

Having a common vision for South East Europe's future development and according to EU's growth strategy "Europe 2020", 24 organisations from 11 SEE countries met in Athens on the 22nd of April to exchange knowledge and opinions for the identification of policy gaps and existing capacity for further development and/or improvement of cluster support policies on both regional and national level. In the framework of "Smarter Cluster Policies for South East Europe - [ClusterPoliSEE](#) project", funded by South-East Europe programme, the meeting was organised and actively supported by [Corallia](#), one of the project partners, and took place at [Athens InnoCenter](#), (Marousi district) where Corallia's headquarters are located.

Driven by the identified existing needs and opportunities, the meeting's main topic of discussion was the identification of world-class good practices in order to analyse them and thus unfold the success factors of past and current policies for the effective development and support of clusters in South East Europe.

During the meeting, *Dr. Jorge-A. Sanchez-P.*, Chief Strategy and Financial Officer and Project Coordinator on behalf of Corallia, said: *"Corallia, in this project, will build upon its strong experience in cluster development & management in Greece and its participation in relevant European fora, in order to support and co-develop along with all partners one of the project's main outcomes: the design and implementation of pilot cluster development & support policies such as the empowerment of clusters' collaboration in SEE, the support of clusters in funding issues, the clusters' exploitation for the promotion of outstanding industries in the area, and also a very important issue the creation of new job positions in SEE area.*

The aforementioned action, during the upcoming months and under Corallia's coordination, is expected to conclude in a set of recommended initiatives/measures that will be **piloted** in selected regions that participate in ClusterPoliSEE project.

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