



Good Practices and Experiences on Transatlantic Cluster Collaboration

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Since January 2016, Frederik Thure is the Head of Secretariat of the International Cleantech Network (ICN) that represents 13 of the worlds' leading cleantech clusters from North America, South Africa and Europe. The network strides towards improving cluster collaboration within project development, internationalization and knowledge-sharing. In 2018-2019 Frederik is also the manager of a matchmaking consortium of European clusters aiming to export European innovation and technology to China and the United States.

Prior to his current position in ICN, Frederik worked many years in the European gas sector including three years in Brussels developing common European rules for gas transport. Frederik holds master degrees in political science (University of Copenhagen) and in finance and strategy (Institut d'Etudes Politiques Paris).

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- Susan Sanford / *Research Triangle Cleantech Cluster (USA)*

Susan Sanford is Executive Director of the Research Triangle Cleantech Cluster (RTCC), an industry-led, not-for-profit organization that brings together industry, academia, and government partners to accelerate the cleantech economy in the Research Triangle region. RTCC focuses on economic development issues best addressed through collaboration—talent attraction, marketing and branding, and ecosystem engagement. Susan and her team at RTCC represent an industry that has grown by 24% in the past five years and employs at least 27,000 people across the region. Susan holds a Masters in Public Administration and a bachelor's degree in Journalism from UNC-Chapel Hill.

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- **Christiane Egger / *Cleantech-Cluster Energy (Austria)***

Christiane Egger is Deputy Manager of the OÖ Energiesparverband, the energy agency of Upper Austria, and the manager of the Cleantech-Cluster Energy, a network of over 140 companies active in renewable energy and energy efficiency. She has led the development of this successful network since its beginning over 15 years ago.

Christiane is also the Vice-President of FEDARENE, the European network of regional energy and environment agencies. She is the conference director of the World Sustainable Energy Days, one of the largest annual sustainable energy conferences in Europe.

Christiane is an expert in energy efficiency and in renewable energy sources with a focus in policy and market development. She has developed and successfully implemented numerous European collaboration projects and is a frequent speaker at international events. She holds degrees in law and in environmental engineering.

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- *Richard Amato / Austin Technology Incubator / IC2 Institute (USA)*

Bringing together his background and expertise in clean energy and business development, Richard Amato heads up the IC2 Institute's energy initiatives, including the World Bank Climate Innovation Center Program and the Energy Incubator at ATI. Prior to joining IC2, he founded and served as President and CEO of Venti Energy, a renewable development company dedicated to increasing the supply of clean and reliable energy.

Previously, Richard Amato founded the Clean Energy Incubator (CEI) at The University of Texas at Austin in 2001. Being the first incubator of its kind, Richard Amato established a successful program for clean energy ventures to accelerate their time to market. At the national level, Richard Amato was involved with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in the creation of the Clean Energy Alliance (CEA), a group of leading U.S. business incubators dedicated to providing business and financial services tailored to the needs of the clean energy community.

Guiding questions

- How have you succeeded to establish collaboration with counterparts (from the EU / from the US respectively)?
- What are major outcomes and impacts you could observe thanks to this cooperation?
- What are your lessons learnt – what would you recommend to others?



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