

Atim Cluster April Newsletter

Welcome to April edition of our monthly newsletter. This features updates on our recent events and upcoming opportunities.



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Hello,
Welcome to atim cluster newsletter!

Committed to Net Zero Workshop

On 24th March we held our Committed to Net Zero workshop. We would sincerely like to thank our leaders from of Midland-based manufacturing companies who shared the measures they have taken to reduce their carbon emissions and the lessons they have learned.

Speakers included:

- Aoife Beirne, *Deputy CEO*, Mergon
- Padraic Condrón, *Quality Manager*, Grant Engineering
- Ashleigh Doyle, *Director*, CJ Sheeran
- Vincent Cleary, *Managing Director*, Glenisk
- Gary Nugent, *Sustainability/EHS Manager*, Decotek

We will also discussed grant-aid supports and facilitated collective opportunities to meet Government representatives to discuss targets proactively.

- Fergus Sharkey, SEAI
- Kathleen O'Regan, Enterprise Ireland

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Committed to Net Zero



“ Over the past 18 months to 2 years, there has been a significant increase in the national conversation and public awareness surrounding sustainability. This progress is a positive step towards promoting greater understanding and action on the urgent issues we face as a society. ”

Fergus Sharkey,
Head of Business Supports and
Transport
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland



“ While there is no silver bullet solution to achieving net-zero targets, it's clear that a holistic approach is essential. By taking a comprehensive approach that considers all relevant factors, we can make meaningful progress towards a more sustainable future. ”

Aoife Beirne,
Deputy CEO
Mergon



“ Sustainable manufacturing is an ongoing journey, and setting a target to reduce emissions by 2030 is just the beginning. To truly make a difference, we must delve deeper into the specific actions and strategies that will help us achieve that goal. ”

Gary Nugent,
Sustainability/EHS Manager
Decotek

Session Feedback



“ I now have a better understanding how other local companies are addressing the green agenda! ”

“ I was impressed with how well-organised the event was. The speakers shared valuable insights on achieving net zero, providing me with a deeper understanding of the current state of our journey towards committing to this goal. I feel grateful for the opportunity to learn from others and take actionable steps towards our own net zero targets. ”

“ The event came together very well and was a great success, with excellent speakers. ”

Thank you to our supporting partners



Upcoming Initiatives

TUS Engineering Open Day



Friday, 28th April
10am - 1pm

The inaugural TUS Engineering Open Day on April 28th will bring together students, industry and regional stakeholders to showcase engineering and manufacturing in the Midlands.

This event will give industry members the unique opportunity to highlight who they are and the innovative products they create, which are changing the lives of people in our community and worldwide every day.

Members will have the chance to meet final-year students, see their final-year projects and discuss job opportunities. We will also visit the state-of-the-art 'test before invest facilities' and supports available in TUS to support companies' progress in their innovation journey.

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EIT BoostUp Ireland!



The atim cluster is a network partner with EIT Manufacturing. We are delighted to bring their European Start-Up Competition to Ireland, BoostUp Ireland. Application for the competition is now open.

In addition to the competition, we want to provide the wider cluster membership with the opportunity to network with the directors and leadership team of EIT Manufacturing.

If you are interested in meeting with the team and learning more about how EIT Manufacturing can support you, please complete the expression of interest form below.

Apply by April 30th, 2023

Final: Irish Manufacturing Research Mullingar

June 20th, 2023

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Leading Change & Complexity Executive Coaching



The first iteration of our premium executive-led coaching programme, "Leading Change and Complexity in a Time of Digital Transition," designed to equip leaders with the necessary skills and competencies to engage and deliver effective change management strategies, will come to a close on April 18th.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the participants for their contribution. The feedback we have received from the participants has been invaluable in shaping the future of this programme.

We are now planning the next programme dates. So please express your interest if you want to be informed about upcoming dates.

Leading change and complexity in a time of digital transition

Nial O'Reilly – Executive Coach and Director HARTHILL

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International Cluster Collaboration



The atim cluster manager is in the process of signing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the following 3 European Clusters: CIMES, Polymeris, and Proplast.

The forging of these strategic partnerships is a significant step towards strengthening the relationships between the Atim Cluster and prominent organisations in the European cluster community.

The MOUs will support the clusters in increased collaboration, exchange visits, and opportunities to develop internationalisation activity to support our respective memberships



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Change2Twin - Digital Grant



Change2Twin, a European Union-funded project, is providing a Deployment Voucher of up to **€90,000** to up to 16 manufacturing small and medium sized organisations seeking to improve their competitiveness by implementing Digital Twinning Technology.

Companies with a digitisation level of 3, i.e., already using dashboards and data from important business processes, will be given preference.

However, the minimum level of digitisation for companies to apply is 2, where digital systems in the organisation are connected to exchange data to provide relevant information.

The call will close on **16th April 2023**.



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European Cluster Collaboration Platform



The Circular Economy is vital for EU industrial development, focusing on closing the loop and developing resource efficiency. This offers emerging business opportunities and requires industrial modernisation and digitalisation.

The European Cluster Collaboration Platform, on behalf of the European Commission is organising an event on 5 April 2023 to discuss sustainability, while a workshop and matchmaking event in Finland on 25-27 April will continue the conversation.

Speakers will include:

- David Fitzsimons, Director, Remanufacture Council;
- Emmanuel Katrakis, Secretary General, European Recycling Industries' Confederation (EuRIC);
- Sari Hämäläinen, Socialist, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment (Finland);
- Wolfgang Reimer, Managing Director, Geo Competence Centre Freiberg.

On the way to sustainability:
Raw Materials & Circular Economy

5 April 2023
08:30-09:45 CET

Online Session

"On the way to sustainability: Raw Materials & Circular Economy"

5th & 25-27th April

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We are so proud of our cluster members for featuring in the Financial Times 1000 Report: Europe's Fastest Growing Companies

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DataMinfo



A data driven solutions platform to empower manufacturers address production bottlenecks in real time

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