

EU Priority 1: Thinking Growth: Supporting growth in North Sea Region Economies

NorthernConnections Strategic Transnational Cluster Cooperation - unlocking the potential for regional innovation

The joint challenge is to apply domestic innovation support measures transnationally and address their barriers. Today in- novation support is used within narrow geographies where calls to action are not visible transnationally and cities and clusters lack capacity to involve SMEs broadly.

Our objective is to get more enterprises to participate in trans-national innovation collaboration via strengthening the transna- tional cluster and city/region cooperation.

Our actions are open solutions pitch workshops that address city/region challenges based on SMEs solutions. This provides a bridge between the private and public sector by demand-led innovation support to SMEs.

We enable them to collaborate for concrete demonstrator projects and create new joint value-chains/markets.

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