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Clusters: Driving the Green and Digital Twin Transitions

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1. Catalonia Smart Drones

- Catalonia Smart Drones is a community of companies and institutions of the drone sector
- Policy challenges:
 - Promoting market uptake, competitiveness, collaboration, networking
 - Fostering innovation, environment, testing
 - Raising public demand for drone solutions, legal framework, social acceptance



128 members

99 companies29 institutions



2. Cluster activities



Sectoral revitalization

Promoting the creation of business opportunities for technological companies.

Which are the objectives of the sectoral revitalization service?

- Identify business opportunities and link them with the members of the communities
 Disseminate advanced digital technologies within the
- aggregating agents of the technological demand (clusters, business associations, agencies, etc.)
 Establish synercies between companies that offer
- Establish synergies between companies that offer technological products and services and agents that need them.
- Accompany companies in the exploration and exploitation of new business opportunities.

Visibility and events

Promote participation in relevant events such as conferences and trade fairs. Which are the objectives of the visibility and events service?

- Offer support in the participation and visibility of DCA members in different multitechnology events.
- Establish a point of contact between DCA members and sectors carrying out digitization processes.
 Communicate success cases by DCA members in technolocial dissemination events.



Synergies and multitechnology

Stimulate cooperation between members of DCA communities through specific workspaces and communication channels.

Which are the objectives of the synergies and multitechnology service?

- Promote cooperation between members of the different DCA communities to find synergies
 Direct collaboration opportunities among different
- members. • Keep the members informed about DCA activities: announcements, newsletters, social networks, website, etc.
- Publish an annual report about the yearly activities of the DCA and its communities.



Access to knowledge, technology and infrastructure

Facilitar la col·laboració dels membres de la DCA amb centres de recerca i laboratoris.

Which are the objectives of the access to knowledge, technology and infrastructure service?

- Open doors to laboratories, such as SmartCatalonia, The Thinx, BCN Drone Center, etc.
 Identify new laboratories across the territory to test
- technology at a local scale. • Publicise DCA members activities, as well as the needs
- of the different companies and sectors. • Write, disseminate and offer access to specialized reports about advanced digital technologies.



Access to funding sources

Offer support in the funding needs of DCA members.

Which are the objectives of the access to funding sources service?

- Publicise funding opportunities among DCA members.
 Ease the access of companies to funding sources and competitive projects.
- Reinforce and create new relationships with incubators and accelerators to boost DCA startups.
- Identify partners and sponsors to fund projects arising from brokerage events.
 - Disseminate funding opportunities through internal
 - communication channels.



Strategic relationships

Connect the existing innovative ecosystem and reinforce the relationship among different agents.

Which are the objectives of the strategic relationships service?

- Represent DCA members in front of the administration, clusters and other organizations.
- Promote relationships with other clusters and European hubs to detect opportunities and synergies.



2021 Activities

2. Cluster activities



MOBILE

MARKET UPTAKE



VISIBILITY, EVENTS, NETWORKING

PARTICIPATION AT THE MOBILE WORLD CONGRESS (2017, 2018 & 2019) • Participation of 33 companies and institutions in the 3 years • High impact in the media



RAISING PUBLIC DEMAND

PROMOTION OF DRONE TECHNOLOGY WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT

 We are working in collaboration with different departments of the Government to explore the possible applications of drone technology in their scope of competences.



DRONE TECHNOLOGY COURSES (6 EDITIONS)

- A total of 179 attendants of different areas of the Government in the 6 editions.
- 2021 edition will be held on December 14th, 15th & 16th



COMMUNICATION

257 news published6.305 tweets1.303 followers









3. Recommendations



Recommendations for regional policymakers:

- 1. Identify key players, map ecosystem, capabilities
- 2. Organize activities that generate value
- 3. Effective communication
- 4. Think beyond the sector