Identification of disrupted supply/value chains in the European Union´s economy

Dear expert,

The outbreak of COVID-19 in Europe and the following public health crisis have led to a series of restrictive measures in many European countries to protect our citizens. Cities and regions were and are on lockdown, non-essential business productivity came to a halt, and companies were and are experiencing difficulties.

Now we are working on our way back to “normality” – to a new normality. The European Commission is proposing a major recovery plan for Europe which was announce on 27 May 2020 in the Communication COM(2020) 456: Europe’s moment: Repair and Prepare for the Next Generation. It states very clearly that **the supply chains and production lines have been disrupted and the trade in goods and services have been interrupted.** The crisis has broken up parts of our productive tissue and has affected crucial supply chains.

The cluster community needs to react promptly to strengthen our supply chains and addressing the issues that were exposed during the crises. The European Clusters Alliance, under a contract with the **European Commission** and reacting quickly after the publication of the Communication is identifying these disruptions. **Therefore, we ask you to share with us your knowledge of disrupted supply/value chains in or across industrial ecosystem(s) to find solutions and to strengthen our economy.**

Please fill out this EU Survey to report disruptions: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/DisruptionSurvey2020>

Furthermore, **you are invited to our daily video conferences** on a European level open to everyone to participate – **especially the ones which concern your ecosystem**. In these meetings, we collectively discuss disruptions in the supply and value chains, challenges the participants are facing, and gather ideas for solutions. You are most welcome to participate and share the experienced you have made. We publish the agenda and the link to the meetings on the ECCP COVID-19 Response Forum: [European Alliance Against Coronavirus](https://www.clustercollaboration.eu/forum/european-alliance-against-coronavirus-daily-meetings/european-alliance)

To go deeper into the analysis of the identified disruptions, the ECA plans to **establish expert groups and meetings in the respective ecosystems** for the next 13 weeks. The aim is to fully understand the disruptions and their scopes, and to find solutions – with public intervention if needed. These group need to be led by “**curators**” who keep an overview of all the disruptions in their ecosystem and organise the meetings with the important stakeholders. As supply and value chains may belong to more than one ecosystem, the curators should regularly exchange information with each other to find “co-evolving” challenges and solutions. We need you as an expert. If you are interested in taking up the role of a curator, please contact us.

Stay safe and kind regards.

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