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Background

EU directives and regulations require enterprises to comply with environmental standards and ensure **eco-efficient production processes**.

As a response, Central European countries have substantially increased their capacity in the field of environmental technologies and management systems in recent years.

Still the problem prevails that this capacity is not sufficiently applied throughout the area.

On one side, many SMEs still struggle or even fail to respond to EU requirements, as they don't have **access to the existing technological or managerial solutions** developed in other parts of the region. On the other side, those SMEs that offer eco-efficient technologies and management tools often have no **access to the markets** where demand for their products exists.

To overcome this mismatch, Act Clean creates the first **Central Europe-wide network for cleaner production**. Act Clean connects outstanding national institutions in the field of cleaner production from all over the region.

Activities

- > **Exchange of experience** among cleaner production experts and institutions across Central Europe and development of joint working procedures.
- > Identification of **most apparent needs** of SMEs in each country to enhance cleaner production.
- > Identification of **cleaner production highlights** throughout the region.
- > **Matchmaking** of supply and demand for environmentally friendly technologies and activities between SMEs in Central Europe.
- > Development and promotion of a **transnational toolbox** bringing together best available tools to support SMEs in their cleaner production efforts.

Outputs

- > Transnational **Act Clean network** with permanent national contact points, connecting 200 outstanding institutions in the field of cleaner production.
- > **Good practice database** with over 1000 good practice examples of environmentally friendly technologies and activities.
- > Minimum **2500 SMEs reached** via the Act Clean Network
- > **Cleaner production toolbox** providing SMEs with selected tools for eco-efficiency.
- > **Policy recommendations** on incentives for the introduction of eco-innovations in SMEs.



***Boost eco-efficient production processes
in SMEs by promoting their access to
environmentally friendly technologies and
management tools across Central Europe***

