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Regional “competence centres” and European knowledge and innovation networks: an international comparison of innovation cluster policies

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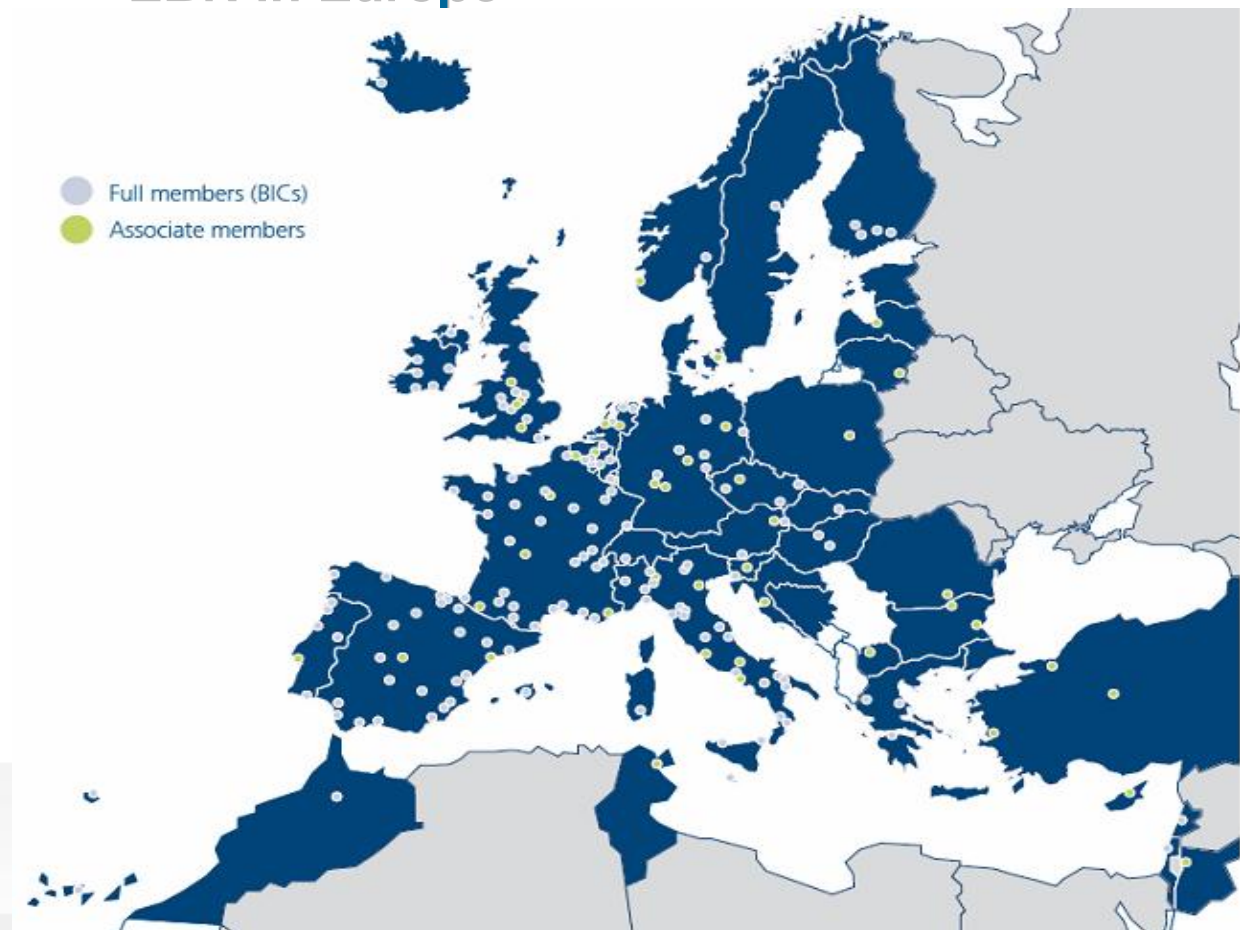
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EBN in Europe

An organised Network of 200+ Business Support Centers covering most regions of EU 25 +

An initiative taken 21 years ago by the EC and european industry leaders

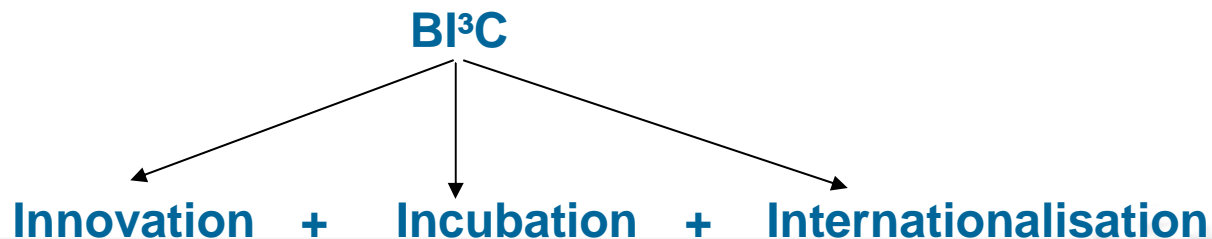
A dynamic cluster of clusters with 25.000+ entrepreneurs inside the active portfolio





An EC-BIC

- è A **tool** for regional/local economic development
- è A creator of **new innovative enterprises**
- è A developer of **innovative projects** in existing SMEs
- è An operating agent of public-policy related entrepreneurship & innovation **programmes** financed by EU, Region, State
- è An EC-labeled specialised business support player (ref. B2Europe)



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EU Projects and thematic networks

EC-BICs have knowledge on project development and implementation, both nationally and internationally.

Within the EBN network, **6000 SMEs** were involved in innovative programmes

EBN plays and **active role as a project-factory** for the members.

Examples:

- è DETECT-it
- è NAVOBS +
- è INVESAT
- è ESINET



Results achieved

- Launching start ups in specific fields
- Building synergies through linkages
- SMEs access to funds
- Reinforcement existing communities
- Knowledge exchange



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