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## InPro | An introduction of the InPro Cluster

*This document is intended as an introduction for organisations interested in becoming members of the InPro Cluster. Further questions can be answered by any partner of by the Project Management Team ([info@inpro-project.eu](mailto:info@inpro-project.eu)). More information can be found at the project web site ([www.inpro-project.eu](http://www.inpro-project.eu)).*

### WHAT IS THE INPRO CLUSTER

The InPro Consortium consists of a small and efficient group of partners, to achieve breakthrough results without too extensive administration. At the same time, InPro's ambition is to be the engine for starting a transformation of the European construction sector.

With the InPro Cluster we want to involve our cooperation partners in the project. We would like clients, consultants, and contractors to see the benefits of changing our industry's way of working, and ICT providers to develop products that support our results.

The InPro Cluster is mainly a virtual forum for communication and interaction, based around a portal and activities.

The Cluster will give room for approximately 75 members, distributed into the following categories:



Categories	Expected total No of members
Clients and users	15
Construction sector, incl SMEs	20
Suppliers	10
Research organisations	15
ICT providers	10
Other industries	5
Sum	75

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## VALUE FOR INPRO

- Support in our work from the European construction and ICT industries
- Feedback on results/deliverables and reviews.
- Take up of results (within the limits of agreed property rights)
- More R&D for the same spending, by allowing Cluster members to join the work
- To coordinate activities with related programs, projects and initiatives all over Europe.

## VALUE FOR THE CLUSTER MEMBERS

- To increase the network of contacts in the related field
- Access to project results - to be decided on a case-by-case basis
- To be an active part of the modernisation of the European construction industry in terms of use of 3D/BIM
- The possibility to coordinate own initiatives with European priorities
- Goodwill – all members are presented on the InPro website

## WHO CAN JOIN

Members of the Cluster are individually selected for their competence or activities of relevance to InPro. They must also commit to being an active member.

## HOW TO JOIN THE CLUSTER

Interested organisations are recommended to the InPro Management Team by any partner, or by direct application to the Management Team.

They are asked to write a summary of their organisation and activities, and how their participation would benefit InPro. The summary should be written on a special form that can be provided by any partner or by the Project Management Team.

The Management Team makes a first screening of each applicant. Summaries for applying companies are then distributed to the InPro Consortium.

If no partner presents a reasonable objection within two weeks, the applicant becomes a Cluster member. If any partner presents a reasonable objection, the Management Team will investigate the possibility of the applicant to become a member giving respect to the objection.

The membership can be withdrawn at any time if the member should show a too low level of activity, or in other ways not make valuable contributions to the project work.

## HOW TO INVOLVE IN INPRO

***The InPro Cluster is just starting up and it will take some time before we reach full activity. It is very important that a new Cluster member takes initiatives and gets involved in InPro's activities and work! Use your recommending partner as a starting point.***

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Our intention is that Cluster members will have the possibility to involve in the following:

Internet portal	Dedicated pages will be set up as part of the InPro website. Access will be restricted to the InPro Consortium and to the Cluster members. The pages will contain the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Access to selected reports, deliverables, news updates, and other written information.</li><li>- Possibility for discussion on matters relating to InPro or to other related initiatives and activities, especially at national level.</li><li>- Possibility to participate in open tasks of interest to InPro, e.g. to establish a common definition of "Early Design", or to identify good examples of economic incentives for BIM-take up by site managers.</li></ul>
Open workshops	Cluster members will be welcome to participate in some of the project's workshops, to be decided on a case-by-case basis.
Deliverable reviews	To ensure high quality in project results, all deliverables will be reviewed by 4-5 reviewers, out of which 2-3 should be selected from among the Cluster members.
Development work	Selected Cluster members will be invited to participate in specified tasks of InPro (without InPro funding). This provided that no task participant objects.

## **COSTS AND FUNDING**

There is no membership fee to join the InPro cluster.

Cluster members are to carry their own costs for participation, and are not entitled to any funding from the InPro budget.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUSTER**

A Cluster member's involvement in specific Tasks will be handled by the Task leader in cooperation with the Project Management Team.

The Cluster will be administrated by the Project Coordinator. This includes approval of new members, communication, administration of membership lists, etc.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

There is no confidentiality clause to communicate in the Cluster, but to involve in more direct project work the member will have to sign a confidentiality agreement. This document can be provided by any partner or by the Project Management Team.

The rights of a Cluster member to use project results are to be decided by the owner(s) of that result on a case-by-case basis. The Cluster member will always have the right to use and disseminate results that the Cluster member has directly contributed to generate, and on the same terms as for InPro partners.