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GCE Collaboration Project

ORGINIZED BY: GCE SUBSEA - GCE BLUE MARITIME - GCE NODE

Business Sustainability Project

The performance of small- and medium sized enterprises (SME) is of great importance. The three GCE's in Norway have set focus on:

1. How to capitalize on the possibilities of the digital transformation

2. How to stimulate to increased innovation, profitability and employment

At this Summit you will learn about the findings in the project, you will visit the most modern and advanced robotic test-lab in Europe (Mechatronic Innovation Lab) and be inspired by the German Industry 4.0 M.A.I. Carbon Cluster.

There will be many opportunities for mingling and indepth discussions. See you in October!

Date & time October 19th 12:00 -

October 20th 14:00

NOK 450,- + VAT, incl. all meals GCE's & MAI Carbon Cluster

members. NOK 1 500,- + VAT for

other participants

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Registration within:

n September 30th, 2017

Program Thursday October 19 th	
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch & mingling
13:00 - 13:15	Welcome & Introduction of the program
13:15 - 14:00	How the Norwegian GCE's will enable SME business sustainability
14:00 - 14:30	Presentation of M.A.I. Carbon Cluster; how to drive and facilitate for results?
14:30 - 15:00	Break & mingling
15:00 - 16:00	Project findings; how to improve the competitiveness and employment of the SME's?
16:00 - 16:30	Break & mingling
16:30 - 17:30	Practical and inspiring company and project presentations
17:30 - 17:45	Short break; ready for speed dating
17:45 - 19:00	Speed dating; you decide who you want to talk with!
19:30 - 22:00	Informal dinner

Program Friday October 20 th	
07:30 - 08:30	Breakfast
08:30 - 09:00	Welcome and findings from yesterday
09:00 - 09:30	Key note speech from «high profile» person; Succeeding as a SME company
09:30 - 11:00	Visit to the new Mechatronic Innovation Lab (MIL)
11:00 - 11:30	Break & mingling
11:30 - 12:45	Future collaboration and projects
12:45 - 13:00	Summary & conclusion of the summit
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch and mingling

About the project:

GCE Subsea, GCE Blue Maritime and GCE NODE were in 2016 awarded 1,96 million Norwegian kroner for a joint project from Hordaland County Council. The main objective of the project is to contribute to increased competitiveness in the GCE's partner and member companies' main markets nationally and internationally. This includes new business models and new technologies for lowering costs. The project focus has been on four strategic areas, closely linked to Industry 4.0. All areas have the potential for significant cost reductions; framework conditions, innovations along the supply chain, new production technologies, and new maintenance and operating systems. Series of industry focus group meetings and workshops have been conducted in 2017.

Registration https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gce-collaboration-project-tickets-36710932387

Relevant links:

 $\underline{\text{https://carbon-composites.eu/en/network/departments/mai-carbon/leading-edge-cluster/lea$

https://www.uia.no/en/about-uia/faculties/faculty-of-engineering-and-science/department-of-engineering-sciences/mechatronics-innovation-lab-mil

http://www.bluemaritimecluster.no/gce

http://gcenode.no/

http://www.gcesubsea.no/