



Structuring the maritime community in Flanders

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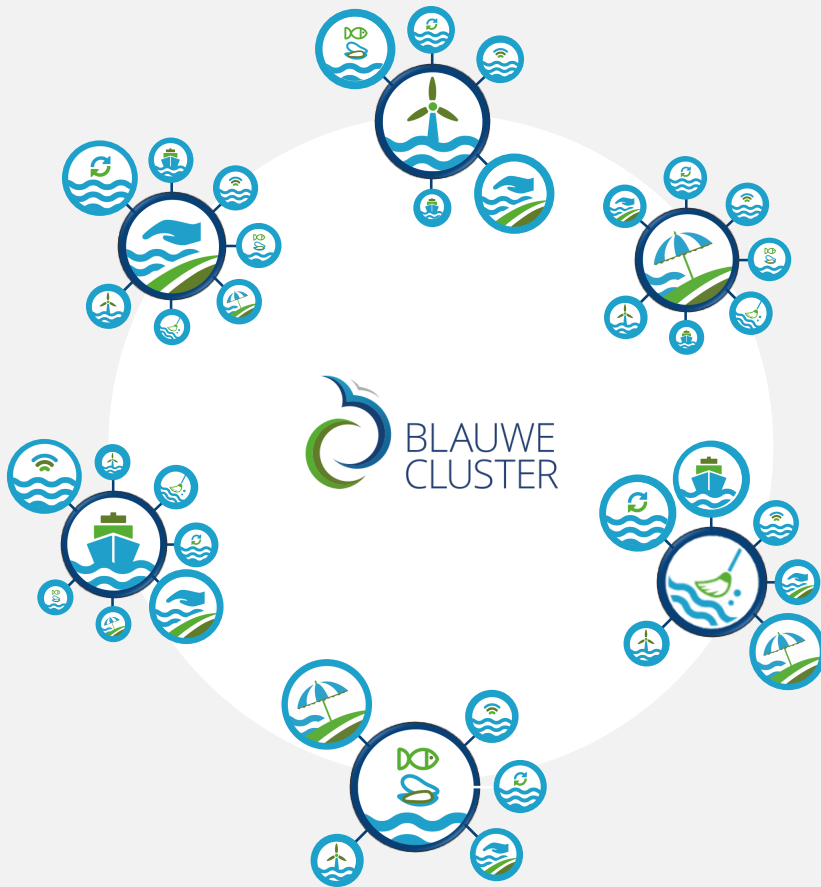
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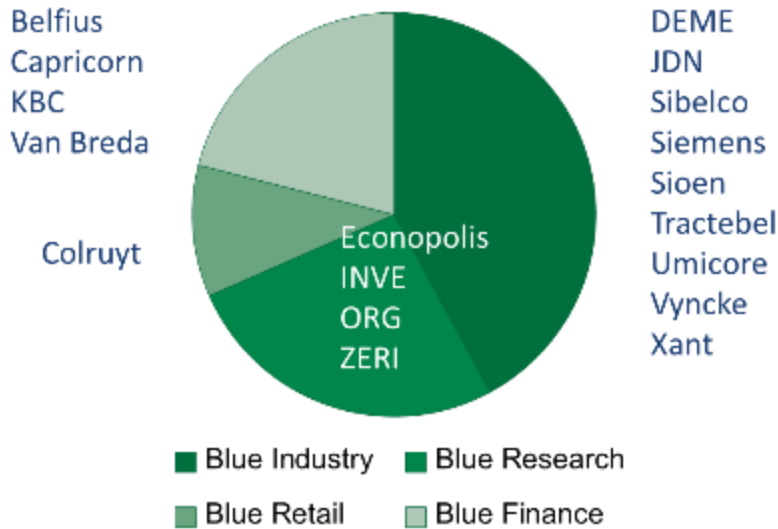
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BLUE CLUSTER – Mission



The Blue Cluster encourages companies, public institutions and centers of excellence to work together to develop and promote sustainable economic activities related to the sea.

BLUE CLUSTER - History

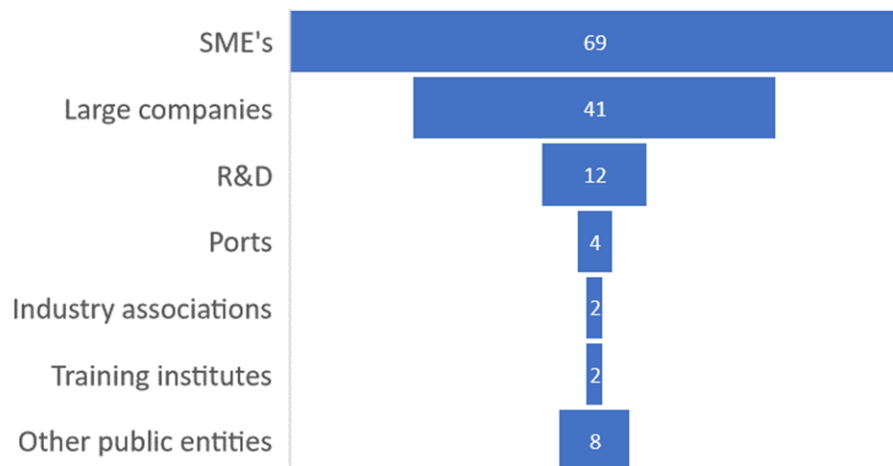


Initiated by 10 private companies (2017)



153 members (2019)

BLUE CLUSTER MEMBERS



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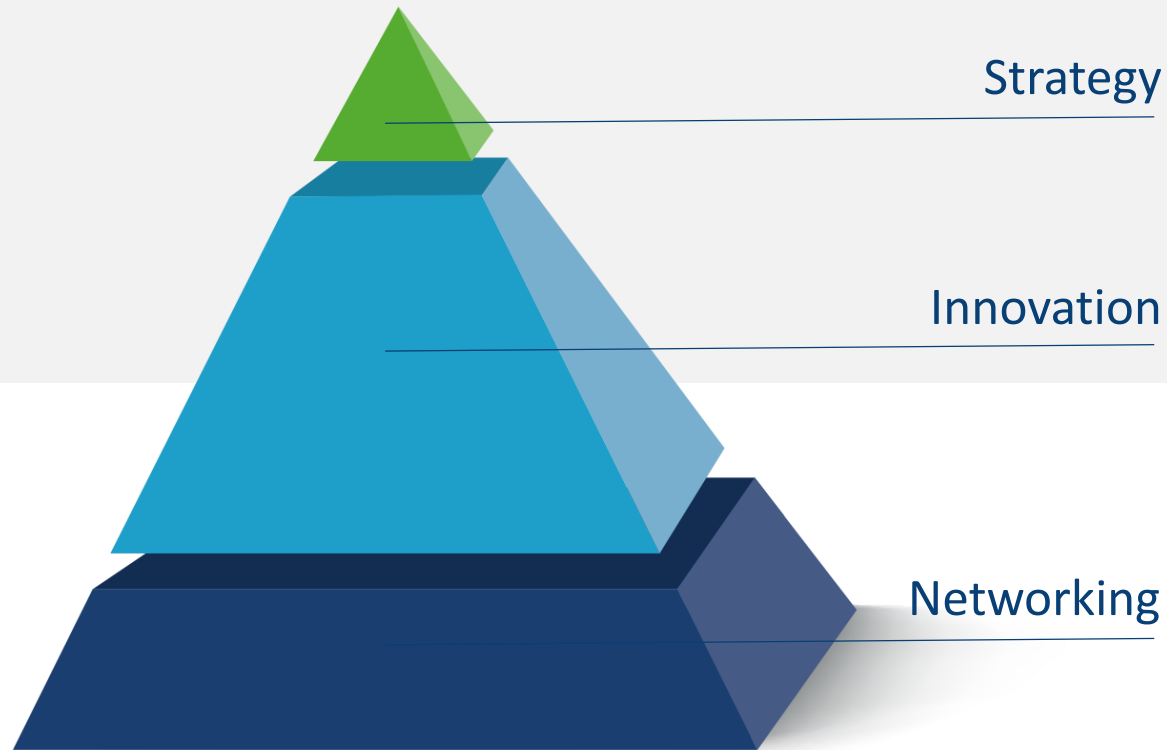


Recognised by the Flemish government as a spearhead cluster (February 2019)

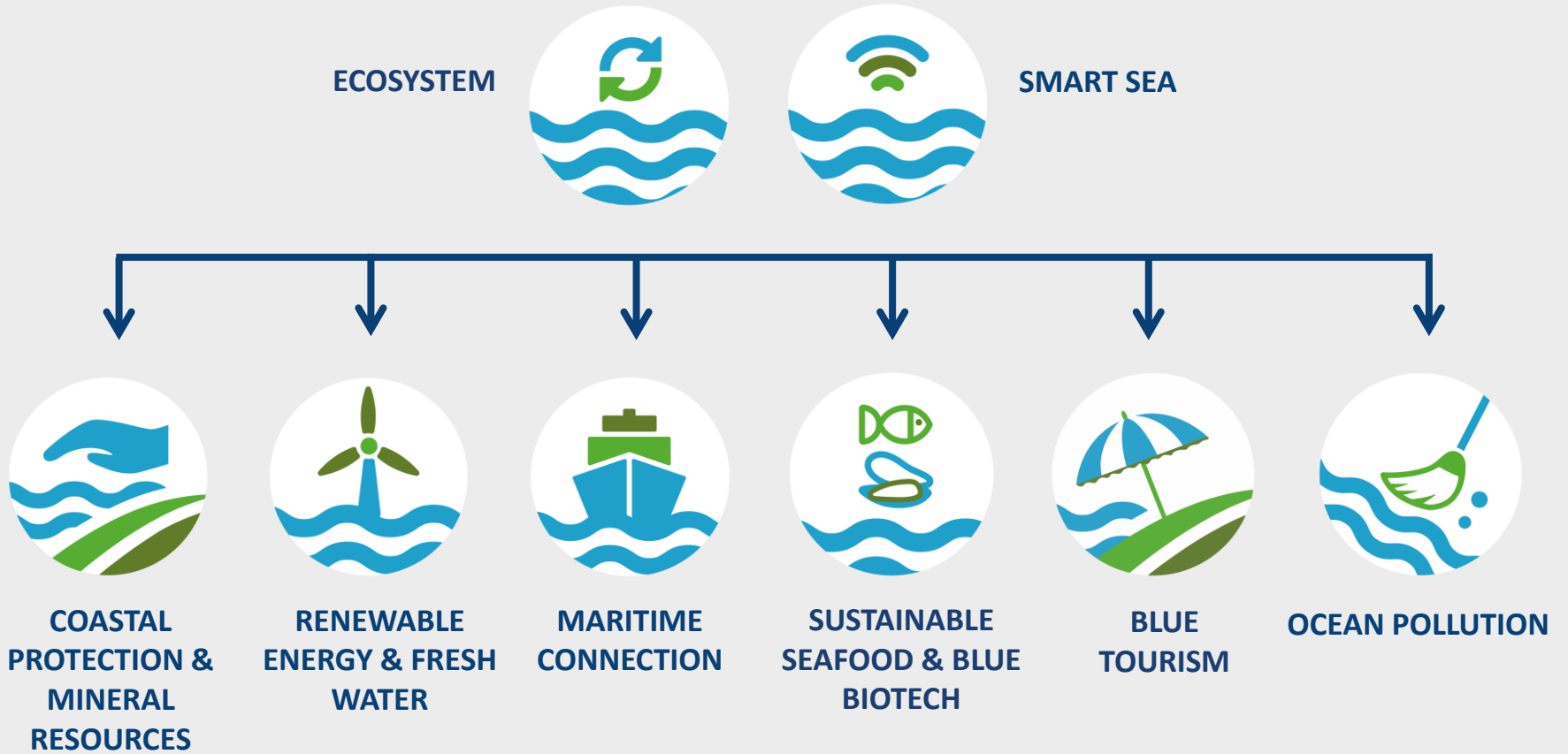


‘Triple helix’ concept

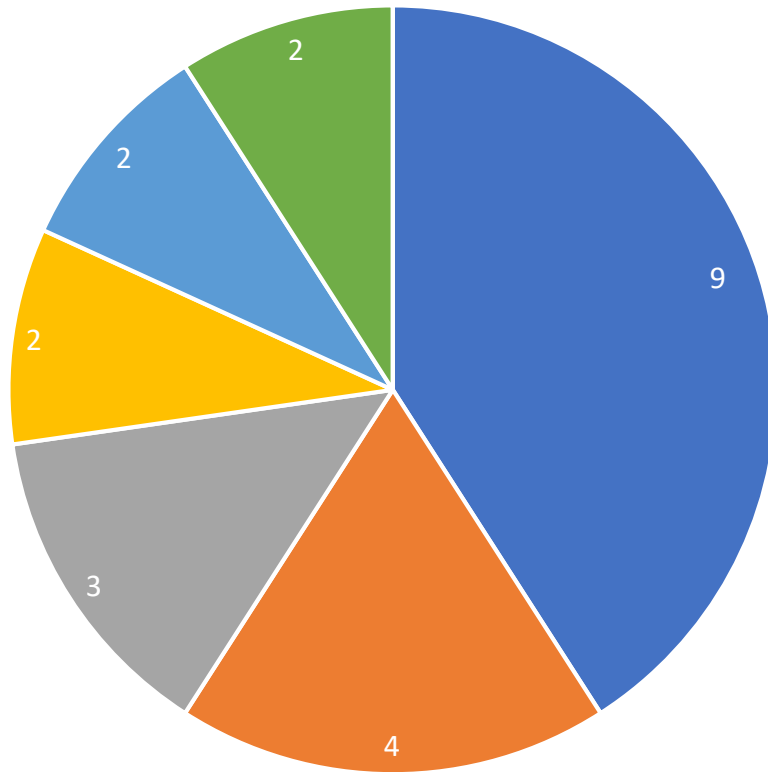
BLUE CLUSTER - Strategy



DOMAINS



INNOVATION – 1st year output



■ Renewable Energy ■ Seafood ■ Shipping
■ Ecosystem/Smart ■ Coastal protection ■ Ocean health
■ Blue tourism

- 24 innovation projects
- 43 companies
- € 30 mio total budget
- € 11 mio subsidy for companies
- € 9 mio subsidy for research institutes

INTEGRATION & MULTI-USE



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