

Table 1 Summary of supporting activities carried out by the cluster organisations in the various case studies

| Cluster/cluster organisation | Activities | | | | | | | | | | Comments | |
|---|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|--|
| | Information sharing, networking | Analysis, R&D | Influencing policy | Realise financing | Business development support | Partnering, matchmaking | Co-location | Events | Promotion | Recruitment | | Other |
| Austin, TX, USA Clean Technologies and Sustainable Industries CleanTX Austin Technology Incubator-Clean Energy Incubator | X X X | X X | X X | X X | ? X | X X X | X X | X X X | X X | | X | Financing: matchmaking between entrepreneurs and funders. For CT-SI some financial awards seem available for competition winners. 'Other' here refers to technology vetting |
| Boston, MA, USA New England Clean Energy Council Massachusetts Clean Energy Center Greentown Labs | X X X | X X | X X | X X | X X | X X X | X X | X X | X X | X X | X | Financing: for MassCEC though financial support of incubators and providing grants, others through matchmaking with investors. 'Other' here refers to stimulating end-user uptake of clean technologies |
| New York, NY, USA Clean Tech Center Syracuse NYC ACRE | X X | | | X X | X X | X X X | X X | X X | X X | X X | | Financing: matchmaking between entrepreneurs and funders. CTC Syracuse also has small grants programme Co-location: Membership for CTC Syracuse can also be virtual, ACRE provides services to tenants only |
| Research Triangle Cleantech Cluster, North Carolina, US | X | X | | X | | X | | X | X | X | | |
| Cleantech San Diego, CA, USA | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | | X | X | Financing: matchmaking between companies and capital providers. 'Other' here refers to managing city programmes |
| Écotech Québec, Montreal, Canada | X | X | X | | | X | | X | | | X | 'Other' here refers to stimulating end-user uptake of clean technologies |
| Copenhagen/Denmark Copenhagen Cleantech Cluster, Denmark CLEAN | X X | X | | X X | X X | X X | | X X | X X | | | Financing: matchmaking between entrepreneurs and funders. CCC also provided direct funding to bridge financing gaps. |
| Finnish Cleantech, Finland | X | X | | X | X | | | X | | | | |
| swisscleantech, Switzerland | X | | X | | | X | | X | X | X | | |
| Lombardy Energy Cleantech Cluster, Italy | X | | | X | X | X | | X | | | | Financing: provides advisory to members on access to regional & European funding opportunities, pre-screening of project ideas and review of project proposals for members |