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 develop-ment support	Partnering, matchmaking	Co-location	Events	Promotion	Recruitment	Other	
Austin, TX, USA												Financing: matchmaking between entrepreneurs and funders. For CT-SI some financial awards seem available for competition winners. 'Other' here refers to technology vetting
Clean Technologies and Sustainable Industries	X		X	X	?	X		X	X		X	
CleanTX	X	X	X			X		X	X			
Austin Technology Incubator-Clean Energy Incubator	X	X		X	X	X	X	X				
Boston, MA, USA												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 England Clean Energy Council	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Massachusetts Clean Energy Center	X	X		X	X	X				X	X	
Greentown Labs	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X		
New York, NY, USA												Financing: matchmaking between entrepreneurs and funders. CTC Syracuse also has small grants programme Co-location: Membership for CTC Syracue can also be virtual, ACRE provides services to tenants only
Clean Tech Center Syracuse	X			X	X	X	X	X	X			
NYC ACRE	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
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												Financing: matchmaking between entrepreneurs and funders. CCC also provided direct funding to bridge financing gaps.
Copenhagen Cleantech Cluster, Denmark	X	X		X	X	X		X	X			
CLEAN	X			X	X	X		X	X			
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