# **MARCHING TOGETHER**

MAI Carbon is about to deepen cooperation with South Korean cluster region Carbon Valley and its US counterpart IACMI

Over the years MAI Carbon evolved into an internationally visible lighthouse for the fibre composite technology. The Leading-Edge Cluster achieved substantial successes, resulting in huge innovation leaps and increase in knowledge on part of the MAI Carbon partners. Nevertheless in a bottom-up process for strategic orientation topics occured, that would sensibly be solved within international collaborations.

There are two cluster regions – South Korean Carbon Valley and US IACMI – that MAI Carbon and other departments of Carbon Composites e.V. will cooperate with in future, in order to initiate international inter-cluster collaborations. A sustainable concept with defined contents and framework conditions is to be developed for this in 2017–2018. Here are the profiles of the new partners:

## Korea Institute of Carbon Convergence Technology (KCTECH)

KCTECH is the only carbon-specialized R&D Institute in Korea for key fundamental technology development and commercialization application of carbon composites. KCTECH is managing the Carbon Valley and coordinates the collaborative projects among the partners. Recently, KCTECH has established Carbon Composite Manufacturing Technology Center in line with the aim of fostering the growth of carbon composite through academy-industry-collaboration, thus providing comprehensive educational training to meet the demands of global markets.

### www.kctech.re.kr

## Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Innovation (IACMI)

Within IACMI, managed by the Collaborative Composite Solutions Corporation (CCS), industry, universities, national laboratories, and federal, state and local governments are working together to benefit the United States' energy and economic security by sharing existing resources and co-investing to accelerate development and commercial deployment of advanced composites. The IACMI consortium has over 165 members, of which over 135 are industrial small and large companies spanning the entire supply chain. IACMI provides significant opportunities for networking and creating business opportunities for its members. www.iacmi.org

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