

Abbreviations

ACS	Automotive Cluster of Slovenia
AMZ Saxony	Verbundinitiative Automobilzulieferer Sachsen (Germany)
ANEVAR	The National Association of Romanian Valuers
APAPS	Authority for Privatization and Management of State Ownership (Romania)
ARP	Business Development Agency (CZ)
ATEROM	The Romanian Textile Association (Romania)
AV	Audio Visual
AVAS	Authority for State Assets Recovery (Romania)
AWM	Advantage West Midlands (UK)
BICs	Business Information Centres
BNL	Banca Nazionale del Lavoro (Italy)
CCIS	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia
CEECs	Central and Eastern European Countries
CECCAR	The Association of Expert and Licensed Accountants (Romania)
CEFTA	Central European Agreement
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CIN	Czech Invest
COGs	Cluster Opportunity Groups (UK)
CMZRB	Czech Moravian Guarantee and Development Bank (CZ)
CNIPMMR	The National Council of Small and Medium Sized Private Enterprises (Romania)
CRD	Centre for Regional Development (CZ)
DETR	Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (UK)
DfEE	Department for Education and Employment (UK)
DG	Directorate General of the European Commission
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry (UK)
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EDA	Economic Development Agency (Romania)
ESF	European Social Fund
EA	European Agreements
EU	European Union
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment

FEA	Federal Employment Agency (Germany)
FEPAIUS	The Employees Federation of Light Industry (Romania)
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GDR	German Democratic Republic
GM	General Motors
HEI	Higher Education Institutions
ICTs	Information and Communication Technologies
ID	Industrial Districts
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IRS	Internal Returns to Scale
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
JAPTI	Agency for Entrepreneurship and Foreign Investments (Slovenia)
JIT	Just-in-Time (production method)
LSE	Large-Size Enterprises
LPS	Local Production Systems
MEAL	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Labour (North Rhine Westphalia, Germany)
MIT	Ministry of Industry and Trade (Czech Republic)
MNE	Multi-National Enterprises
MLG	Multi-Level Governance
MOPI	Medium-Term Operational Programme Industry (Czech Republic)
MPA	Ministry of Productive Assets (Italy)
MRD	Ministry for Regional Development (Czech Republic)
NACE	Nomenclature statistique des Activités économiques dans la Communauté Européenne
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NBRD	National Board for Regional Development (Romania)
NBS	National Business Systems
NCCN	The National Centre for Clusters and Technology Networks (Slovenia)
NDP	National Development Plan (Romania)
NIE	New Institutional Economics
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
NRW	North Rhine Westphalia
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturers
OWL	OstWestfalen-Lippe (Germany)
RAI	Italian national broadcasting corporation (Italy)
RC	Regional Conference (North Rhine Westphalia, Germany)
R&D	Research and Development
RDA	Regional Development Agency (UK)
RDC	Regional Development Concept (Germany)

RLMC	Regional Labour Market Conference (North Rhine Westphalia, Germany)
ROP	Regional Operation Programme (CZ)
RPICs	Regional Business and Information centres (CZ)
SBDC	Small Business Development Centre (Slovenia)
SDC	Slovenian Development Corporation
SMEs	Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
SOF	State Ownership Fund (Romania)
TCS	Toolmaking Cluster of Slovenia
TIPO	Agency for Economic Promotion and Foreign Investment (Slovenia)
TLC	Transport and Logistics Cluster (Slovenia)
TPSA	Toyota-Peugeot-Citroen automotive joint venture plant (CZ)
US	United States of America
VAT	Value Added Tax
VW	Volks Wagen
WEID	Western and Eastern European Industrial Districts
WIDI	Wood Industry Development Institute (Slovenia)
WTO	World Trade Organisation
WWII	The Second World War
ZIM	Zukunftsinitiative Montanregionen (Germany)
ZiMit	Zukunftsinitiative Möbelindustrie Nordrheings-Westfalen (Germany)
ZIN1	Zukunftsinitiative für dieRegionen Nordrhein-Westfalens (Germany)

