

**Request for Information (RFI) –
Establishment of an Information Center
on the
India–Middle East–Europe Economic
Corridor
(IMEC)**



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1. Background

The India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) is shaping up to be one of the most significant infrastructure and connectivity projects on the global stage in the coming decade, and is expected to have a significant impact on trade patterns, investments, and industrial deployment between Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. Alongside its political and logistical importance, the corridor creates broad economic potential in the areas of infrastructure, energy, digital, logistics and innovation, and positions its edge areas as strategic areas of activity and investment.

Hamifrats Municipal Authorities Cluster Association (“Eshkol Rashuyot Hamifrats”), as a regional entity encompassing 18 local authorities in the Haifa area of Israel, works to create economies of scale by pooling resources, needs, and regional demands. As part of its activities and the Center for Regional Research and Development it has established, the Cluster seeks to establish a dedicated information center for IMEC, which will systematically consolidate planning, regulatory, economic, and infrastructure knowledge, and present an integrated, up-to-date regional overview. The information center is intended to serve as a decision-support infrastructure for policymakers, researchers, and public entities, but also as a practical platform for business entities operating or seeking to operate along the corridor.

The information center seeks to enable availability and accessibility of information for countries, corporations, large companies, and financial entities that wish to establish themselves in IMEC's trade zones. By concentrating information on regulatory frameworks, planning processes, existing and planned infrastructure, as well as mapping local supply: suppliers, industrial capabilities, human capital, and technological solutions, the center aims to reduce uncertainty, enable a better understanding of the operating environment, and support the identification of investment and collaboration opportunities. In this way, the information center serves as a tool to help reduce regulatory barriers, connect global demand with local supply, and strengthen the economic attractiveness of the Haifa Bay area as an area of activity along the IMEC corridor.

2. Strategic Review of the IMEC Project

- 2.1. The IMEC is a global infrastructure initiative first announced at the G20 Summit in New Delhi (September 2023). Its goal is to create a multimodal trade and connectivity route (sea, land, and digital) that will connect the growing economies of South Asia to Europe via the Middle East.
- 2.2. **Project Goals:**
 - 2.2.1. **Shortening transportation times** – A reduction of approximately 40% in transportation time between India and Europe.
 - 2.2.2. **Economic efficiency** – Reducing logistics costs by approximately 30%.
 - 2.2.3. **Energy and digital security** – Establishing green hydrogen transmission networks and high-speed submarine communication cables.
 - 2.2.4. **Strategic alternative** – Creating a bypass route to the Suez Canal and the Bab el-Mandab Strait.
- 2.3. **Corridor and path structure** – The project is divided into two main sections that integrate with each other:
 - 2.3.1. **Eastern Corridor** – A maritime connection from Indian ports to the ports of the United Arab Emirates.
 - 2.3.2. **Northern Corridor** – A land connection (railways) from the United Arab Emirates, through Saudi Arabia and Jordan, to the Port of Haifa in Israel. From there, the goods continue by sea to European ports in Greece, Italy, or France.
- 2.4. **The pillars of the infrastructure** – The IMEC is not just a "road" for goods, but a multi-layered network:
 - 2.4.1. **Transportation** – High-speed freight trains and port automation.
 - 2.4.2. **Energy** – Pipelines for the transportation of **green hydrogen** produced in the Middle East for industrial use in Europe.

2.4.3. **Digital** – The world's most advanced optical cables for data connection.

2.5. **Current Status – December 2025** – Despite the challenges of regional stability over the past two years, the project has maintained high momentum:

2.5.1. **Political continuity** – After the change of administration in the US in early 2025, the new administration adopted the project as a central policy component.

2.5.2. **Trade agreements** – In 2025, trade and strategic partnership agreements were signed between India, Oman, and Jordan, which constitute critical pillars on the path.

2.5.3. **Leaders' Forum** – During the year, a permanent "IMEC Secretariat" was established for regulatory and customs coordination between countries.

2.6. **The Israeli angle – Haifa Port as a land bridge** – Israel constitutes the "end link" of the land corridor before exiting to Europe.

2.6.1. **Haifa Port** – Is owned by the Indian Adani Group, which ensures direct interest and full synchronization with Indian ports.

2.6.2. **Railway** - Projects to expand the Valley Railway and its future connection to Jordan and Saudi Arabia are at the heart of the Ministry of Transportation's national planning.

2.6.3. **The land crossing in the Beit Shean area** – A strategic transportation and logistics axis that connects the road and rail network in Israel with the border crossing to Jordan (the Jordan River Crossing), and constitutes a potential for a land connection for the movement of goods along the IMEC corridor between the Mediterranean ports and the Middle Eastern countries.

3. **Purpose of the RFI**

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3.1. The IMEC project is complex and spans continents, languages, and countries. The information about it is scattered among political statements, economic articles, and technical reports.

- 3.2. The Cluster seeks to create a single information center that will allow easy access to all existing information, without the need for additional searching, and will provide a holistic and accurate picture in one place.
- 3.3. The information center will allow policymakers, researchers, business people, journalists, and students access to available information.
- 3.4. Concentration of economic information that will assist in understanding investment options in the IMEC path and adapting local supply.
- 3.5. Gathering information regarding the infrastructure that will pass through the economic corridor.
- 3.6. Establishing a database that will be made available to governments, international corporations, government corporations, financial corporations, academic institutions, and others who will use it for decision-making on IMEC issues.

4. **Mapping Organizations and the Connection to IMEC**

- 4.1. Many different factors are involved in the establishment of IMEC, in diverse fields that can influence the nature of the corridor and its activities.
- 4.2. Therefore, the Cluster seeks first and foremost to map the entities and organizations that are involved in the IMEC project, or are directly or indirectly related to it, and their areas of activity.
- 4.3. Therefore, the Cluster requests information from organizations that have knowledge, information, or interest in the corridor, according to the following sections:

4.4. **Organization Details:**

- 4.4.1. Name of the organization.
- 4.4.2. Organization representative details – full name, position, email, mobile phone

4.4.3. Type of organization – Government company / government ministry / academic institution / research institute / business corporation / financial entity / international organization / other (please specify).

4.4.4. The organization's country of origin, geographic area of operation, and primary address.

4.4.5. Areas of activity and relevance to IMEC

4.4.6. The organization's main areas of activity (for example: transportation infrastructure, logistics, port/railway, energy, green hydrogen, optical cables, cyber, spatial planning, regional economic development, finance, research, strategic consulting).

4.4.7. A brief description of how the organization is related to the IMEC corridor:

Involvement in relevant infrastructure projects (ports, railways, pipelines, cables).

Involvement in policy, regulation or trade agreements related to IMEC.

Research activity / risk analysis / strategic consulting on the subject.

4.5. **Relevant Projects or Initiatives**

4.5.1. List of projects and initiatives that the organization leads or participates in, related to IMEC (existing, in planning or in progress): project name, partners, geographical location, status (planning/implementation/completed).

4.5.2. Indicate whether a supporting data infrastructure/information system exists (e.g.: GIS systems, logistics operations systems, energy monitoring systems).

4.6. **Types of Information and Expertise Possessed by the Organization**

4.6.1. Types of knowledge and expertise:

Planning knowledge (plans, master plans for transportation/ports/energy).

Research knowledge (articles, policy reports, position papers).

Economic knowledge (business case models, trade forecasts, demand estimates).

4.6.2. Main data types (if any):

Spatial data (maps, GIS layers, coordinates).

Performance/operational data (cargo volumes, commodity flows, network usage).

Regulatory/legal data.

It is not necessary to list all data sets, but an index/catalog list can be attached, if available.

4.7. **Collaborations and Organizational Ties**

4.7.1. Details of existing collaborations with other entities along the IMEC corridor (countries, authorities, companies, international institutions).

4.7.2. Membership in relevant networks, forums or coalitions (e.g. port organizations, regional infrastructure forums).

4.8 **Organizational Needs and Demands**

In this section, we seek to understand what your organization needs to operate along the IMEC corridor:

4.8.1 Business and operational needs:

- Logistics and warehousing services
- Physical infrastructure (land, electricity, water, communications)
- Regulatory services (authorization, licensing, legal advice)
- Local business partners/suppliers
- Skilled human capital (please specify areas)
- Specific technological solutions
- What is the scope of your planned activity and where?

4.8.2 Expected Challenges:

What barriers might hinder your activities?

(Regulation / Infrastructure / Skills of CA)

4.9. Willingness to Share Information and Continue the Cooperation

Level of willingness to share information with the information center
(public information only / information under use restrictions /
information for internal use).

4.10 Willingness to Participate In:

Regional roundtables/conferences on IMEC.

Pilots, feasibility studies or joint studies.

Regular updating of information about the organization and relevant
data as necessary.

Other: _____

4.11 Adding Existing Information

4.11.1. In addition to completing the sections above, entities are invited
to attach:

4.11.2. Policy documents, presentations, reports, articles, maps, data
catalogs or any other material that will help understand the
organization's activities and its relationship to IMEC.

4.11.3. Links to the organization's information/data portals/official
publications.

5. General Conditions for Participation in the Process:

5.1. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby clarified that the request is
intended for information purposes only, and does not constitute an
invitation or offer for any contractual engagement, nor does it constitute
a tender or other binding procedure, nor does it create an engagement or
other legal relationship between the Cluster and any of the participants.
The Cluster will integrate the information into a comprehensive mapping
of stakeholders along the IMEC corridor, as part of the establishment of a
dedicated information center. The information may be used to build player
maps, flow charts, and an up-to-date regional picture.

- 5.2. This request does not obligate the Cluster in any matter whatsoever, including, among other things, to engage in the use of the information, or to continue or act in any way, including with regard to work orders.
- 5.3. Participation in this procedure will not constitute any advantage or preference in any tender or other procedure conducted by the Cluster. This request is not an invitation to submit proposals and is not part of any contracting process, therefore it does not create any obligation towards any of the respondents. The reference is intended to obtain information only for the purposes stated in this request for information.
- 5.4. The Cluster will not be charged or bear any financial expenses associated with the collection, preparation, submission of the requested information, or any other action related to this procedure, which will apply only to the participant, who will in no case be entitled to a refund or financial compensation for his expenses as aforesaid.
- 5.5. The Cluster will examine the information it receives and, for this purpose, will be entitled to contact the participants, all or some, with a request to receive clarifications, to present presentations and demonstrations, and any additional information in writing or orally as required.
- 5.6. The Cluster may use the information received free of charge, for any purpose it may desire at its sole discretion, and transmit the information to its advisors and any other person entitled to receive it by law.
- 5.7. In particular, the Cluster may transfer the information to any other third party at the Cluster's sole discretion.
- 5.8. For the avoidance of doubt, this procedure does not create any status or expectation in connection with the provision of such information or requirements document or any contracting documents.

- 5.9. An entity that chooses to respond to this request declares that it waives in advance any claim, including regarding intellectual property and/or claim and/or demand from the Cluster and/or from anyone on its behalf for information, in whole or in part, that the entity provided as part of a response to this request or as part of requests for clarification or as a result thereof, whatever they may be.
- 5.10. The Cluster will be entitled to use the information provided in response to this request, and the participant in this request will not have any claim regarding copyright.

6. How to Submit Information

- 6.2. Please submit all the relevant information at <https://imec-haifabay.com/#>
- 6.3. Relevant appendices such as catalogs, technical data sheets, studies, presentations, and project reports can be attached.
- 6.4. For clarification inquiries or a direct response to this RFI, please send to: moranb@hamifrats.org.il
- 6.5. The deadline for submitting information is: 15.5.2026