

Second Platform Event of the RIM Plus 2015-2016 (Brussels, 8th July 2015)

Wales House, 11 Rond-Point Schuman, B1040 Brussels

Hosted by Welsh Higher Education Brussels at Wales House, the second platform event of the 2015-16 Regional Innovation Monitor (RIM Plus) projects will seek to further focus the thematic discussions on various fields of advanced manufacturing that were initiated at the project's launch event on 29th April. At the same time, it will broaden the discussion to consider the issues of opportunities to address new skills needs for advanced manufacturing and the challenges of leveraging the benefits of advanced manufacturing in the EU-13.

The workshop will bring together practitioners from various regions and will provide an opportunity to exchange views and liaise with potential co-operation partners while at the same time developing a broader perspective on the opportunities and challenges provided by advanced manufacturing initiatives. For policy makers and representatives of European regions, it will provide interesting specific insights as well as a good opportunity to gain a better overview of current trends and challenges in advanced manufacturing.

This time, our Workshop will aim to address the following questions:

- What are the main global trends in advanced manufacturing that will have a significant impact on entire value chains including their regionalisation/relocation?
- What are the main challenges for Europe's regions industries in relation to advanced manufacturing? How can they be leveraged? What role could pilot and demonstration projects play in this field?
- What are the major projects on which stakeholders in European regions are working and / or which they are planning to launch in the nearest future?
- What is the current position of Eastern Europe's manufacturing firms in international value chains, and how could it improve based on the adoption of new technologies?
- What role could an enhanced cooperation across European regions play in this? How can the huge gap between different Member States be productively bridged? What should be in your opinion the main focus of such cooperation?
- Is the regional availability of knowledge and skills for new tasks related to new technologies a relevant issue?
- Are there any good practice projects in the field of building a skills base for advanced manufacturing at the regional level?
- Which (technological) areas of advanced manufacturing will be most relevant for specific regions and what type of additional support may be needed for those?

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10:30 Registration

11:00 Welcome (Wales House, European Commission, Fraunhofer ISI)

11:15 Plenary Session 1: Skills for Advanced Manufacturing (moderator t.b.c.)

Pays de la Loire, Initiative Compétences 2020 (speaker: René-Paul Arlandis)

High-Value Manufacturing CATAPULT (speaker: t.b.c.)

12:00 Plenary Session 2: Leveraging the potential of ADMA in the EU-13 (moderator: H. Kroll)

NETME Centre, Brno University of Technology (speaker: Pavel Krečmer)

Vojvodina Metal Cluster (speaker: Angela Fajsi)

12:45 Lunch Break

13:30 Parallel Groups

Advanced materials and Industry 4.0 (moderator: T. Stahlecker)

Puglia Aerospace District (speaker: Dr. Joseph Acierno, President)

Bioeconomy (with a focus on advanced manufacturing) (moderator: A. Zenker)

Värmland Region (speaker: Isabel Poli, Brussels Representative)

De- and Re-manufacturing (moderator: H. Kroll)

Pilot Plant for De-Manufacturing of Mechatronics (speaker: Giacomo Copani, Project Co-ordinator)

14:45 Coffee Break

15:15 Panel Discussion; Relevant themes of Advanced Manufacturing and need for Support (Moderated by J. Walendowski)

Mr Željko Pazin, Head of EFFRA office

Dr. Manfred Kircher, Chairs of Advisory Boards of CLIB2021 and KADIB

Ms Marta Marin Sánchez, Director of the Basque Office to the EU, Brussels

16:30 End of workshop and closing remarks (Fraunhofer ISI)

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