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About EFFRA







The European Factories of the Future Research Association (EFFRA) is an industry-led research organisation driving pioneering advancements in manufacturing technology Europe. across Representing the private sector in the European Union's "Made in Europe" partnership, EFFRA serves as the collective voice of Europe's manufacturing community.





Europe as a Global Leader in Manufacturing



EFFRA aims to make Europe the top provider of machinery and equipment and the most attractive region for producing sustainable, high-value goods.

The organisation plays a key role in facilitating collaboration between industry and academia, helping shape future European Commission calls for research and innovation projects.







1000 + EVENTS

20 + COUNTRIES INVOLVED



2.3+ billion Eur

NVESTED IN MANUFACTURING

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(& ONGOING)





400+
PROJECTS
SUPPORTED

200+
MEMBERS & GROWING





10,000 + NETWORK



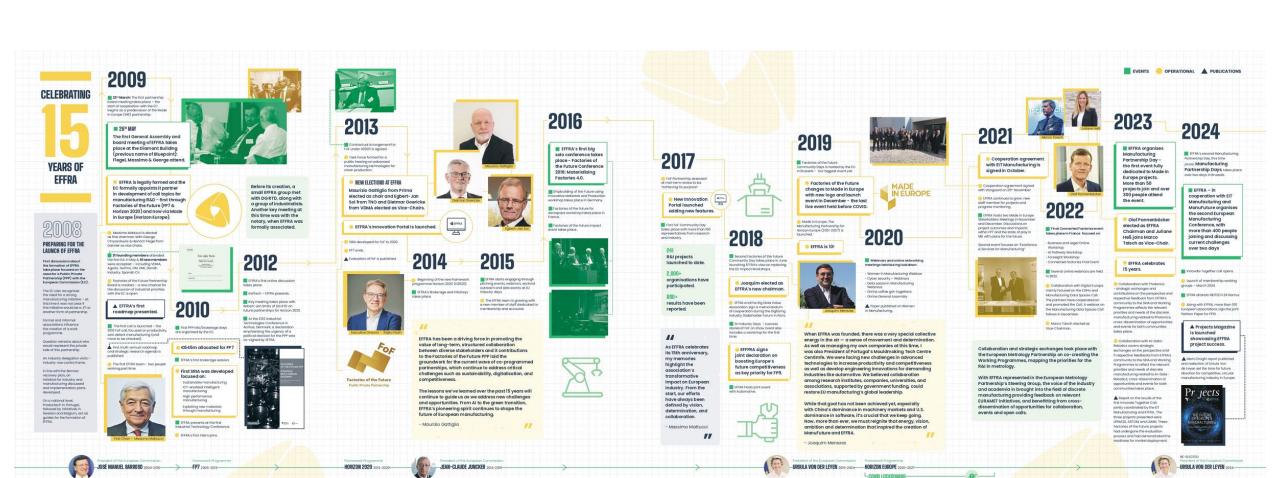


15+ YEARS
COLLABORATION WITH
INDUSTRY & THE EC

EFFRA

















An industry-led research organisation

The Private partner of the Made in Europe Partnership with the EC







Stakeholder Engagement



Input Collection



Dissemination



Community Building

Last 12 months in a nutshell







38.6k Emails sent 32 Campaigns



50+ EFFRA participation
7 Events organised by EFFRA



2 joint Papers 4 Papers on going



58,510 Impressions + 33 % Followers



14+ New members 10000 + Networks



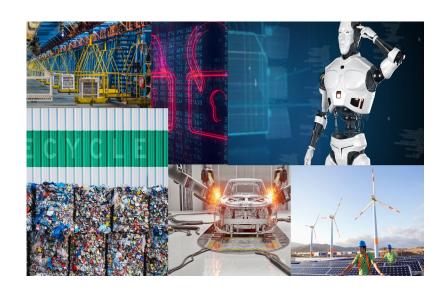
6 WGs 200 + Participants 20+ meetings

Working Groups





- WG1: Productive and flexible manufacturing
- WG2: Circularity; re-manufacturing; circular products
- WG3: Humans in the workplace. How jobs are changing
- WG4: Manufacturing needs of the energy sectors
- WG5: Manufacturing needs of the transport sectors
- WG6: Exploitation of research results



Events





- European Manufacturing Conference (September 27-28, 2022)
- Made in Europe Brokerage & Pitching 2022 (October 25, 2022)
- Webinar on Manufacturing Data Spaces Call (December 7, 2022)
- Workshops with the Made in Europe Projects (Nov. Dec. 2022)
- Made in Europe Brokerage & Pitching 2023 (June 27, 2023)
- ConnectedFactories Final Event (November 23, 2023)
- Collaboration with Science I Business articles on Collaborative Robotics, Connected Factories, MiE WP 2025-27 Public Consultations
- Webinars and Open Consultation on Made in Europe WP 2025-27 (May September 2023)
- Manufacturing Partnership Day (September 26, 2023)
- Manufacturing Partnership Days (May 6-7, 2024)
- 2nd European Manufacturing Conference (September 24-25, 2024)
- EFFRA General Assembly (March 25, 2025)
- Science I Business articles on Collaborative Robotics, Connected Factories, MiE WP 2025-27 Public Consultations
- Webinars and Open Consultation on Made in Europe WP 2025-27 (May September 2023)
- Manufacturing Partnership Day (September 26, 2023)
- Manufacturing Partnership Days (May 6-7, 2024)
- 2nd European Manufacturing Conference (September 24-25, 2024)
- EFFRA General Assembly (March 25, 2025)
- Made in Europe Partnership Days 20/21/22 October
- European Manufacturing Conference 16/September







Where Europe's manufacturing innovators meet to shape the future, turning research into real industrial impact.

- 3rd edition of the Manufacturing Partnership Days more than 250 registrants
- featuring 32 project booths, 6 panel discussions, and over 40 project presentations.
- Bringing together industry, research, and policy
- Focused on shaping the future of European manufacturing

Newsletter







Dear Giulia

In this edition, we spotlight the key developments driving the future of European manufacturing. From Impactful EFFRA Board meetings to important EU policy updates and the launch of Horizon Europe's 2025 Work Programme, there's much to explore.

The recent arouncement of a standalone Enamework Programme 10 has captured EFFRA's attention, aligning closely with our longstanding call to better integrate mesearch and innovation policy with industrial competitiveness. The focus on strategic value chains, advanced manufacturing, and innovation ecosystems directly supports the goals of the Made in Europe initiative.

As May comes to a close, EFFRA looks forward to kicking off June in Poland! Joining forces at IndTech and the EU Industry Days. We hope to see you there!

Looking ahead, don't miss your chance to register for the 2025 Manufacturing Partnership Days, discover new funding opportunities, and contribute to shaping Framework Programme 10.

Scroll down for the latest updates, exciting opportunities, and insights from across the EFFRA community.

EFFRA Highlights

EFFRA Board of Directors Meets in Finland: Strategic Focus and Inspiring Visits



The EFFRA Board of Directors gathered in Finland, warmly hosted by VTT, for an engaging and forward-looking meating. Discussions covered political impacts on markets and supply chains, dual-use technology needs, skills shortages, and future R&D&I priorities. We also set clear targets for EFFRA's influencing efforts and thematic working groups.

We were pleased to visit Konsoranes in Hyvinkää, where we learned about their impressive C70M Zero4 RAI programme, focused on seamless material flow and intralinations portingation.

The visit concluded with a tour of VTT's 50-qubit quantum computer, developed with IQM, a powerful example of cutting-edge European technology.

EFFRA General Assembly - Minutes of the meeting



With Horizon Europe ending in 2027, planning for Framework Programme 10 (FP10) is beginning. EFFRA is gathering feedback to refine its positions and engage with EU Institutions, national governments, and stakeholders.

We invite you to take 15 minutes to share your views on key topics like funding for manufacturing research, the partnership model, and thematic priorities. You can answer as many or as few of the 11 questions as you like.

Your input is crucial in securing strong EU support for manufacturing innovation. Thank you for contributing!

Start the Survey

Events

EUIndTech2025 – Save the date: 2-4 June 2025 Kraków



EUIndTech2025 will take place from 2 to 4 June 2025 in Krików, Poland. Organisad under the Polici presidency of the EU, this gathering will continue the legacy of its predecessors—the Conference on industrial Technologies (IndTech) and the Euro Nano Forum.

Read More

The Manufacturing Performance Days (MPD) 2025: 4-5 June, Tampere



Manufacturing Performance Days 2025 returns to Tampera, Firland, asploring how I is transforming manufacturing. John industry leaders, researchers, and innovators for keynoties, workshaps, and networking. Don't miss Northern Europe's top tech summit; more info coming soon!

Read More

- EFFRA Update Monthly
- Made in Europe Community Newsletter

EFFRA Magazine







fifteen Vears

of manufacturing innovation

A Journey of progress, resilience,

Fitners years mark a significant milestores, and it is with great pride that we present this special publication celebrating the journey of the European Factories of the Universe Research Association (EFFRA). Over the past decauded and a half, EFFRA has been instrumental in shaping the turopean manufacturing innovation landscape, ensuring that manufacturing remains firmly on the policy and minovation agenda.

From one Framework Programme to the next, our possion for advancing manufacturing innovation has only deepened. We have tirelessly advocated for the sector, emphasising its critical role in economic resilience and societal well-being.

Over the years, EFFA has established diself as a trusted facilitator, bringing together perspectives from industry and research to faster collaboration, accelerate innovation and address the pressing challenges of our time.

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EFFR/s impact goes beyond policy and research advocacy. Over the years, we have organised countless events that have brought ingesther howards of people - floating with the properties of the

As you explore this publication, you will find a rich timeline of achievements, insights into our shared history, and, most importantly, forward-looking perspectives that highlight the constitutive about

Above all, this is a celebration of the power of partnership and collaboration. It is through working together that we can ensure fluopean manufacturing carthiuse to thrive and evolve, meeting the challenges of today and shaping a suntainable future.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we hanour 15 years of progress and look forward to an even brighter to the progress of the properties.

> EFFRA Executive Director Željko Pazin

Embrace AI and European manufacturing will thrive on the global stage

Professor Riikka Virkkunen discusses how AI, data-driven collaboration, and innovation are key to building a resilient and competitive European manufacturing sector, with EFFRA leading the way in closing the gap.

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Reclaiming Europe's industrial future: Strategic reindustrialisation and autonomy

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"We're seeing that industries are increasingly sensitive to geopolitical risks, leading to heightered awarewes of the need for neolitenar," Old says. Larger composities on buildering their risk analyses, but arraider firms often lacthe resources to do so. This imbalance leaves parts of Europe's industrial ecosystem vulnerable to supply charfungers' industrial ecosystem vulnerable to supply char

To manage these risks effectively, Old highlights the importance of digitalisation. Tunger must have a tool of solutions off the ready," he insists. Digital tools provid a means to mitigate disruption impacts, but Europe's

Old points to the factors that slow down Europe's funding process, particularly when companing it to China and the USA. "Europeacy, for one, is a major factor in the US" he states. "Securing funding for new projects in Europe con be painfully slow by the time while secured the funds, the project might deleasly be outdefined."

As Europe navigates an evolving industrial landscape, the issue of reindustrialisation emerges as a critical point of discussion. For leaders like old Pennenböcker, Continental's former VP of Operations, who also serves as Chairman of EFFRA, this conversation is both pressing and complex. In this exclusive interview, he offers an insightful look into why Europe must rethink its approach to manufacturing and the importance of securing the continent's industrial future.

The Made in Europe Partnership







Succeeds the Factories of the Future Partnership, created under Horizon 2020.

Under Horizon Europe, with a budget of around €1 billion, the Partnership was established in 2021 upon the signing of the MoU by EFFRA with the European Commission, aiming to steer the development of manufacturing in Europe towards a future industry base that is more resilient, sustainable, and digital.

The Made in Europe Partnership







The Made in Europe Partnership Storyline







The Made in Europe Partnership







The Made in Europe Partnership





Year	Total cost M€	EU contribution M€
2021	214.9	179.6
2022	170.8	158.8
2023	141.0	132.8
2024	73.5	73.1
TOTAL	600.2	544.3

EU funding: 900 mln E

95 Projects launched under calls 2021-24.

EU funding per project increased steadily starting with "Factories of the Future" and reached €6.8 mln

29 Projects under completion in 2025

The Made in Europe OUTCOMES





- 23 demonstrators on the reduction of scrap rate through zero defect & zero downtime manufacturing
- 23 demonstrators on the reduction of time needed for defect identification & finishing
- 19 demonstrators on uptake of de-manufacturing, re-manufacturing, and recycling technologies for more efficient manufacturing
- 23 demonstrators on reducing the supply chain response time
- 54 demonstrators on AI and data analytics tools' uptake
- 26 demonstrators on virtual end-to-end life-cycle engineering and manufacturing
- 42 demonstrators showcasing an increased uptake of green manufacturing

*complying with at least one of the following criteria:

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10-25% less material use;
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10-25% less energy use;

15-30% less water;

20-30% less industrial waste;

35% of renewable energy

- 23 demonstrators targeting supply chain innovations
- 28 demonstrators on smart products' and complex products' production

The Made in Europe IMPACTS





- 32 demonstrators showcasing the realisation of new resilient value chains
 *including interoperability, platforms, reshoring success stories, diversification cases etc.
- 24 demonstrators showcasing the realisation of new innovative circular value chains
- 31 demonstrators showcasing the human and technology complementarity
- 15 demonstrators targeting the training of the workforce in new technologies
- 31 demonstrators showcasing digital platforms and engineering tools supporting creativity and productivity of R&D processes
- Impact KPIs on Reduction of CO2 Emissions and of Industrial Waste

The Made in Europe 2025 overview of the competition





TOPIC ID	TOPIC TITLE		n.	
HORIZON-CL4- INDUSTRY-2025-01- TWIN-TRANSITION-01	Integrated approaches for remanufacturing (Made in Europe Partnership) (IA) 6 projects will be funded 5.00 - 7.00 million; total 35.00 million		80	
HORIZON-CL4- INDUSTRY-2025-01- TWIN-TRANSITION-02	Physical and cognitive augmentation in advanced manufacturing (Made in Europe Partnership) (RIA) 7 project will be funded with 4.00-6.00 millions; total 35.00		94	
Advanced manufacturing technologies for leadership of EU manufacturers in products for the net-zero industry (Made in Europe Partnership) (IA) 6 will be funded (6 projects will be funded with 5.00-7.00; total 42million);		IA	64	-
HORIZON-CL4- INDUSTRY-2025-01- TWIN-TRANSITION-31 From heat-driven processes to the use of mechanical and electric forces (Processes4Planet Partnership) (IA)		IA	13	
HORIZON-CL4- INDUSTRY-2025-01- TWIN-TRANSITION-32	Green and resilient flexible production processes (Processes4Planet Partnership) (IA)	IA	19	
HORIZON-CL4- INDUSTRY-2025-01- TWIN-TRANSITION-33	JSTRY-2025-01- Integrated use of renewable energy carriers in industrial sites (Processes4Planet Partnership) (RIA)		35	
HORIZON-CL4- INDUSTRY-2025-01- TWIN-TRANSITION-34	Smart integration of net zero technologies into Energy Intensive industries (Processes4Planet and Made in Europe Partnerships) (IA) (3 projects with 5.00-9.00 million; total 25.00 million)	IA	12	
TWIN-TRANSITION-36	N-TRANSITION-36 Safe and clean processing technologies and products (Processes4Planet Partnership) (RIA)		25	
HORIZON-CL4- INDUSTRY-2025-01- TWIN-TRANSITION-37	Solving issues in carbon-neutral iron and steel making processes with diverse input materials of varying quality (Clean Steel Partnership) (RIA)		22	
HORIZON-CL4- INDUSTRY-2025-01- TWIN-TRANSITION-38	JSTRY-2025-01- initiatives in Europe on Industrial decarbonisation		1	

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_	HORIZON-CL4- INDUSTRY-2025-01- TWIN-TRANSITION-05	Advanced manufacturing technologies for leadership of EU manufacturers in products for the net-zero industry (Made in Europe Partnership) (IA) 6 will be funded (6 projects will be funded with 5.00-7.00; total 42million);	IA	64

HORIZON-CL4-INDUSTRY-2025-01-TWIN-TRANSITION-34 Smart integration of net zero technologies into Energy Intensive industries (Processes4Planet and Made in Europe Partnerships) (IA) (3 projects with 5.00-9.00 million; total 25.00 million)

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The Made in Europe topic 2026 - 2027





2026 CALLS

Destination: Leadership in materials and production for Europe - One-stage calls

Opening: 06 Jan 2026 Deadline: 21 Apr 2026

HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-M-P-01: Advanced manufacturing for key products (IA) (**Made in Europe partnership**) - Innovation Action 37.50 million - 6 projects with 6.00 to 8.00 million

HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-M-P-05: Circular innovative advanced materials: facilitating the transition from design to markets (RIA) (Innovative Advanced Materials for the EU and **Made in Europe partnerships**)

37.50 million - 7 projects with 5.00 to 6.50 million

HORIZON-CL4-2026-01-M-P-48: 'Proof of market' to improve valorisation and commercialisation of Horizon-generated R&I results (IA)
5.00 million - 20 projects with around 200.000 Euros

Destination: Achieving open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging enabling technologies - Two-stage calls

Opening: 16 Dec 2025

Deadline(s): 17 Mar 2026 (First Stage), 13 Oct 2026 (Second Stage)

HORIZON-CL4-2026-02-DIGITAL-EMERGING-51: Al improved advanced manufacturing and production processes in factories (RIA) (Made in Europe and Al, Data, and Robotics partnerships)

30 Million - 5 projects with 4.00 to 6.00 million

2027 Calls:

Destination: Leadership in materials and production for Europe - One-stage

Opening: 22 Sep 2026 Deadline(s): 02 Feb 2027

HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-M-P-02: Advanced manufacturing for key products (IA) (**Made in Europe partnership**) 36.00 million - 6 projects with 6.00 to 8.00 million

HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-M- P-03: Factory processes and automation for de- and re-manufacturing (RIA) (Made in Europe partnership)
36.00 million - 6 projects with 5.00 to 6.50 million

HORIZON-CL4-2027-01-M-P-06: Circular innovative advanced materials: facilitating the transition from design to markets (RIA) (Innovative Advanced Materials for the EU and **Made in Europe partnerships**) 36.00 million - 7 projects with 5.00 to 6.50 million

Destination: Achieving open strategic autonomy in digital and emerging enabling technologies - Two-stage

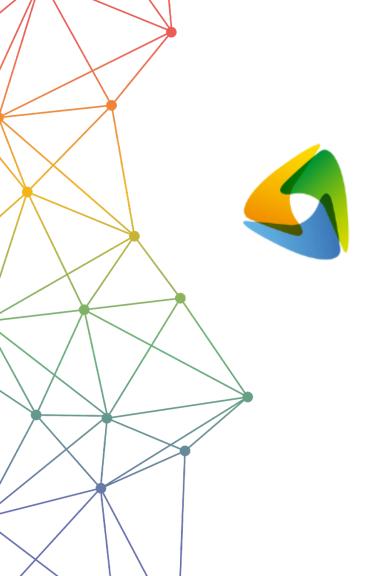
Opening: 22 Sep 2026

Deadline(s): 02 Feb 2027 (First Stage)

02 Sep 2027 (Second Stage)

HORIZON-CL4-2027-02-DIGITAL- EMERGING-52: New approaches for Human/AI collaboration for the workforce of the future (RIA) (**Made in Europe** and AI, Data and Robotics partnerships)

30.00 million - 5 projects with 4.00 to 6.00 million









THANK YOU!Giulia Artibani

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