



EIT Manufacturing East and AM-Austria join forces for production innovation in Europe

Vienna, Austria, 21st January 2021 – **The European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Manufacturing Co-Location Centre East and the Austrian Technology Platform for Additive Manufacturing (AM-Austria) signed a cooperation agreement to jointly advance Europe's ability to innovate.**

As part of its internationalisation initiative, the Austrian technology platform [AM-Austria](#) will cooperate with the Vienna-based Co-Location Centre East of the renowned innovation community [EIT Manufacturing](#). EIT Manufacturing is part of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), an integral part of Horizon Europe, the EU framework program for research and innovation. The EIT supports the development of dynamic Europe-wide partnerships between leading companies, research institutes and universities. The partnership with AM-Austria will enable future work on global challenges and strengthen the production industry through collaborative activities and initiatives. In the future, AM-Austria will complement the extensive network of EIT Manufacturing with the Austrian 3-D printing industry.

"The cooperation agreement represents a further important step in the internationalisation of the technology platform AM-Austria. With EIT Manufacturing, we now have a strong and competent partner on our side, with whom we not only share our values, but also pursue a common agenda," says **Dr. Johannes Homa, President of AM-Austria.**

"EIT Manufacturing aims to create dynamic partnerships to realize our vision and mission along the knowledge triangle – Innovation, Business Creation, and Education – in an even better way. The cooperation with AM-Austria strengthens and enriches our extensive network by the expertise in 3D printing and helps us serve the Austrian ecosystem, as well as the other countries of the CLC East region even better and additionally create joint synergies," says **Hannes Hunschofsky, Managing Director EIT Manufacturing East.**

The technology platform AM Austria has more than seventy members from industry, research and trade and pursues the goal of developing Austria into an innovative pioneer in the additive manufacturing field and expanding its international network further. The agreement with EIT Manufacturing opens up many valuable opportunities for cooperation and innovation with Eastern European companies and institutions.

About EIT

The [European Institute of Innovation and Technology](#) (EIT) strengthens Europe's ability to innovate by powering solutions to pressing global challenges and by nurturing entrepreneurial talent to create sustainable growth and skilled jobs in Europe. The EIT is an EU body which is an integral part of Horizon Europe, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The Institute supports the



development of dynamic pan-European partnerships – EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities – among leading companies, research labs and universities.

[EIT Manufacturing](#) is one of the innovation communities within EIT. The others are EIT Climate-KIC, EIT Digital, EIT Food, EIT Health, EIT InnoEnergy, EIT Raw Materials, and EIT Urban Mobility. EIT Manufacturing's main goal is to bring European stakeholders focused on manufacturing together in innovation ecosystems that add unique value to European products, processes and services and inspire the creation of globally competitive and sustainable manufacturing. EIT Manufacturing brings together close to 60 organizations (universities, research institutes and business) including for example: Volkswagen, Volvo, Darmstadt University of Technology, the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), RISE, Siemens, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Phillips, Procter & Gamble, Whirlpool Europe, Fraunhofer, INESC TEC and LMS-Laboratory for Manufacturing Systems & Automation.

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About AM-Austria

The technology platform AM Austria is a non-profit association that has been committed to promoting and supporting the Austrian additive manufacturing industry since 2018. The platform is supported by the Federal Ministry of the Republic of Austria for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK), and it pursues the goal of developing Austria into an innovative pioneer in the additive manufacturing field to raise this technology's enormous potential for this location. With more than seventy members from industry, research and trade, the young initiative is one of Austria's most active and largest technology platforms.

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