

Cefriel joins EIT Manufacturing's partner network for manufacturing innovation in Europe

Milan, Italy, 12 May 2021 – Cefriel, the digital innovation partner of international companies in their growth path towards a new digital future, has officially entered the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Manufacturing Co-Location Center South partner network, aiming to focus on digital innovation in the context of smart manufacturing.

INNOVATE. GROW. REPEAT. - It is under this claim that Cefriel has joined EIT Manufacturing's Co-Location Center (CLC) South. Relying on the perfect match between knowledge transfer and technology, this partnership will set a new milestone on the topics of the manufacturing industry 4.0 and it will complement the vast network of EIT's projects and initiatives. EIT Manufacturing is an innovation community supported by the [European Institute of Innovation and Technology](#) (EIT), a body of the European Union.

Alfonso Fuggetta, CEO and Scientific Director of Cefriel, comments: *"We are really pleased to be officially part of EIT Manufacturing, a partnership we believe in for a stronger digital future in Europe through manufacturing innovation. Cefriel has always leveraged networking and innovation activities as key assets that, together, can boost – and start up again - the economic growth of companies and countries, both from a national and international perspective."*

The Director of EIT Manufacturing Co-Location Center South, Gian Mario Maggio, adds: *"EIT Manufacturing, with its international network of partners, aims at accelerating the innovation and digitalisation processes of the manufacturing sector which, without any doubt, represents a strategic sector for Italy and Europe. The collaboration with Cefriel is of great importance for advancing activities focused on the digital transformation in companies and manufacturing plants."*

With more than 30 years of experience in digital innovation and over 3,000 projects in the fields of research, innovation, and education, Cefriel has been promoting collaboration and the sharing of knowledge between universities, companies, and the whole society.

Background information

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.

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[EIT Manufacturing](#) is supported by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a body of the European Union. It is one of eight 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 more than 65 organisations (universities, research institutes and business) including for example: Atos, Avio Aero, CEA – Atomic Energy and Alternative Energies Commission, Chalmers University of Technology, Comau, Czech Technical University in Prague, ESI Group, Festo, Fives Group, Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, INESC TEC, Jozef Stefan Institute, Magna, MONDRAGON, Politecnico di Milano, PRIMA, P&G, Sandvik Machining Solutions, TU Darmstadt, voestalpine High Performance Metals, Volkswagen, Volvo Group, VTT, Whirlpool.

EIT Manufacturing's Co-Location Center South (CLC South), with its headquarters in Milan, Italy is one of the five Co-Location Centres whose mission is fully aligned with the EIT Manufacturing one, that is to bring together leading manufacturing across Europe to integrate innovation and education for an entrepreneurial and sustainable Europe and to fulfil its vision: 'Global Manufacturing Innovation is led by Europe'. CLC South currently covers the Southern-Europe region comprising Italy, Malta, Switzerland, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro.

CLC South accomplishes the fulfilment of its mission through close cooperation with the EIT Manufacturing headquarters in Paris, France and in collaboration with its local partners from industry, academia and research, namely: Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna, ART-ER, Avio Aero, Bonfiglioli, Brembo, Cefriel, COMAU, DANA, GVS, HIT (Hub Innovazione Trentino), Marposs, Polytechnic University of Milan, Polytechnic University of Turin, Prima Industrie, Reply, SUPSI and Whirlpool.

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About Cefriel

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Cefriel was founded in 1988 by universities, companies, and local administrations to promote collaboration and the sharing of knowledge between research, economic worlds, and society. We are the partner of Research, Innovation and Education that for over 30 years has accompanied national and international companies in their growth path towards a new digital future. Our mission pursues three goals: enable, support, and accelerate the digital innovation processes of companies, and public administrations; promote the growth of companies and of their human capital through the sharing and transfer of our knowledge; make innovation a concrete, sustainable, and repeatable process that produces a valuable and continuous impact over time. We support the strategic choices of companies by operating along the entire innovation cycle. Through a scientific approach that integrates research results, the best know-how and technologies, and the state-of-the-art industrial processes, we enable our clients to get a distinctive competitive advantage.

The original consortium spirit is preserved in the non-profit corporate form. Profits are all reinvested in the R&D activities. Cefriel has headquarter in Milan and presence in New York and London, and its shareholders include four Universities (Politecnico di Milano, Università degli Studi di Milano, Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca, Università degli Studi dell'Insubria), Lombardy Region and 17 leading multinational companies in multiple sectors. Cefriel is part of a European scientific networking and contributes to strategic projects at international level.

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