

EIT Manufacturing CLC South & MADE Competence Center I4.0: A New Network Partnership

Milan, Italy, 28 July 2021 – MADE Competence Center I4.0 has joined the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Manufacturing Co-Location Center South as their network partner, confirming the mutual interest in supporting the Italian ecosystem's transformation toward Industry 4.0. EIT Manufacturing is an innovation community supported by the [European Institute of Innovation and Technology \(EIT\)](#), a body of the European Union.

*"We welcome MADE Competence Center I4.0 as our Network Partner." says Managing Director of EIT Manufacturing Co-Location Center South, **Gian Mario Maggio**. "Our mission, as the regional arm of EIT Manufacturing, is aligned with the MADE one. Therefore, we are pleased to join forces to accelerate the green and digital transition of the manufacturing sector."*

The collaboration agreement was signed in the premises of MADE CC I4.0, in presence of **Klaus Beetz**, CEO of EIT Manufacturing that welcomed this partnership: *"It is thrilling to see the pace with which our Co-Location Centers are paving the way for manufacturing innovation to happen. MADE CC I.40 is without any doubt a key partner for EIT Manufacturing and we look forward to seeing the impact our joint actions will have."*

MADE Competence Center I4.0 with its Milan premises, spanning over 2,500 sqm was born from a synergy of 46 partners and with the investment of 22 million of EUR. Its modus operandi ranges from providing knowledge, methodologies and digital tools encompassing the entire product lifecycle: from the design to the engineering, from the production management to the delivery to the customer, and the end of the product life cycle.

Marco Taisch, President of MADE Competence Center Industry 4.0 commented: *"European initiatives are an integral part of our mission: the competitiveness of companies, both manufacturing and non, is measured on an international scale. This is why we believe that the agreement with EIT Manufacturing CLC South can improve the effectiveness of our actions towards small and medium-sized enterprises and enable a virtuous exchange of skills for the digital transformation in light of Industry 4.0. "*

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.



[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).

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 and Israel.

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, 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 MADE Competence Center I.40

MADE's Digital and Sustainable Factory supports the enterprises in their digital transformation path towards Industry 4.0. It is part of the Industry 4.0 Italian ecosystem created by the Competence Centers and the Digital Innovation Hubs.

MADE provides a wide range of knowledge, methodologies, and digital tools that encompass the entire product lifecycle: from the design to the engineering, from the production management to the delivery to the customer, and the end of the product lifecycle.

The one-of-a-kind large demo center spans 2,500 sqm, hosting 20 use cases, training classrooms, co-working, and meeting spaces. The unique growth path towards digital transformation relies on different



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stages: to inform and show Industry 4.0 technologies, to **explain** them with specific training sessions, to **transfer** and **implement** the outcomes through dedicated projects.

MADE – Competence Center Industry 4.0 is the technical partner for businesses willing to manage innovation activities, technological transfer, applied research, and direct assistance to implement 4.0 tools. It also helps them to reshape their organizational, business, and strategical models to keep a high competitiveness level.

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