

## PROBLEM/ISSUE ADDRESSED

The COVID-19 pandemic led to a spike in demand for essential goods such as medical PPE. This 21-member consortium joined forces to innovate and deploy concepts for repurposing and scaling up sustainable production methods and supply chain solutions to rapidly address Europe's demand for essential medical equipment and supplies.

## SOLUTION

Sustainable production methods and supply chain solutions to scale-up manufacturing.

**Digital Technopole** – A commercial marketplace that provides manufacturers democratic access to services, technologies and expertise from other European manufacturers.

## WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR SOCIETY

In times of crisis, high demand would strain the production lines. Services from the 'Digital Technopole' would help European manufacturers to handle this demand and provide rapid responses to future disruptions.

“ *EIT-M plays an active and crucial role in the dissemination and networking activities of our CO-VERSATILE project towards the stakeholders including (among others) the European manufacturing sector, the decision makers and the digital innovation hubs.* ”



Dr. Robert Lovas, Vice Director of SZTAKI  
Project Coordinator of CO-VERSATILE

## MAIN RESULTS & INSIGHTS



- Know-how of optimised processes to save product development time and money, thereby helping SMEs to build resilience



- Development of medical PPE within an accelerated timeline



- **Digital Technopole:** One-stop-shop for services and experts relevant to EU Manufacturing



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