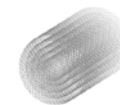




EPPN structure: Working Groups (WGs) activities and opportunities to participate

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WG1 Technical collaboration

This WG will cover all the technical issues including the pilot facilities, the (SMEs) facility users and EPPN user access for digital platform. One of the aims of this WG will also be to establish links with other EC project cluster in order to help addressing joint pilot facilities development issues such as safety, modelling, characterisation, standards etc. The main activities of this WG would be to mapping needs and developing collaboration related to:

- Sharing of facilities.
- Characterisation equipment.
- Safety.
- Standards.
- Modelling

Possible members of the WG could be: pilot facilities, digital platform and pilot facilities end users, RTOs.



WG2 Market and finance intelligence

The goal of this WG is collecting and providing commercial and market information and guidance to the pilot production operations and user cases. In order to address the market and financial needs, this WG will be established with the aim to:

- Improve understanding of different financing options.
- Improve access to finance through interaction with:
 - European, national and regional programmes and finance institutions
 - Private financing such as Business Angels and VCs.
- Interact with key players in the supply chain in order to understand relevant market needs and entry obstacles.
- Support business planning, development and sustainability.
- Support to define most appropriate business model, including open access opportunities.
- Profile customer and market sector.
- Increase cooperation with and among SMEs.
- Development of an activate market place(s) and facilitation of brokerage opportunities.

Possible members of the WG could be: LE and SMEs, users of pilot lines services, investors, European, national and regional government and finance institutions.



WG3 Training and dissemination

The aim of this WG is in facilitating and organising training activities by using resources available within the beneficiaries and other (EC) funded services in order to promote pilot lines' products and services, with the following activities:

- Identification of the training requirements (including business models and product management).
- Facilitation of the relevant training workshops and activities.
- Dissemination of pilot facilities, including organising joint trade show exhibitions.
- Case studies.
- Working with other relevant organisations to promote pilot line facilities.
- Working with activities and regional networks to promote pilot line facilities.
- Taking account of Open Access facilities.

Possible members of the WG could be: pilot lines, marketing agencies, training suppliers, networks, clusters.



WG4 Policy and regions

This WG will be focusing mainly on contacts to regional decision makers and innovation offices that can help formalising the regional innovation needs and activities. The EPPN will identify pilot production policy needs through direct interaction with all stakeholders and provide recommendations. The activities will include:

- Identify future research and innovation needs that will emerge.
- Coordinate input to future research policy and innovation directions.
- Identify and recommend strategy development at European, national and regional level, with particular focus on innovation barriers and the exploitation of pilot production facilities.
- Explore Synergies with national, regional initiatives including RTD&I Programming (Smart specialisation)
- Establish national and regional contacts that have expressed interest to work with the EPPN
- Establish contacts and monitor best international practices related to the pilot production facility development.
- Identify Value Chain and Ecosystem development needs related to pilot plants and support further integration.

Possible members of the WG could be: pilot lines and end users, national and regional authorities and agencies, scientific and regulatory services.



Survey with 5 questions has been prepared.

- 29 EPPN proposal supporters have been contacted – **12** answers to the survey obtained
- 45 pilots coordinators approached – **16** answers collected
- **2** additional surveys from pilot projects partners received

In which WGs would you like to participate



Number of responses:

- WG1 Technical collaboration - 11
- WG2 Market and finance intelligence - 5
- WG3 Training and dissemination - 7
- WG4 Policy and regions - 3



- Ontologies
- SUB workgroups could be identified acc. to the needs of participants
- The WG for 'Technical collaboration' could include topics on i) design and performance, ii) equipment and machinery and iii) technical issues regarding the development of complementary/joint products and services.
- EPPN as an active partner in the standardisation

Which type of activities and input will you be willing to provide for the WGs



- Participation at meetings and input regarding the services provided to SMEs
- Gathering information and dissemination at regional level
- Liaising with EMCC and EMMC in particular regarding standards and needs regarding digitalisation.
- Surveys
- Organisation of Workshops
- Training on risks and good practices

What do you expect from the EPPN WGs



- To provide one central source of information about pilot facilities and test beds initiatives in Europe and worldwide for any industry and society
- To provide a reliable source of information regarding the pilot plants actions
- Increase the awareness on the SME/industrial community on the availability of pilot plant services and the benefits that they can derive.
- To establish a common space for all the stakeholders, to provide a communication channel between pilot plants and end-user
- To be a platform for discussion with industrial end-users
- To increase the visibility of the pilot plants facilities
- To create stakeholder driven roadmaps and attractive business environment
- To promote complementary actions and joint pilot initiatives
- To develop clear problem based collaboration opportunities
- more specific events which could grab the attention of potential customers

How could EPPN WGs help your organisation



- To establish more links with industries and get to know their activities and needs.
- It would be helpful if EPPN help to get the innovation offices more involved in facilitating connections and to channel information across.
- Technology watching
- Link with stakeholders
- Information and brokerage related to regional/national/EU funding
- Sharing pilot plants and characterisation facilities
- Common projects
- Learning from other initiatives



For further information about WG and how to become a member, please do not hesitate to contact us:

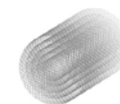
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