## EPP: European Network for Pilot Production Projects and Innovation Hubs



## WHY EPPN?

## From Lab to Industry to Market

There is a gap between technology and manufacturing. Demonstrators, competetive manufecturing and product development are urgently needed. To address this gap, an investment in Pilot line projects and facilities that enable demonstration in an industrial environment has been made.

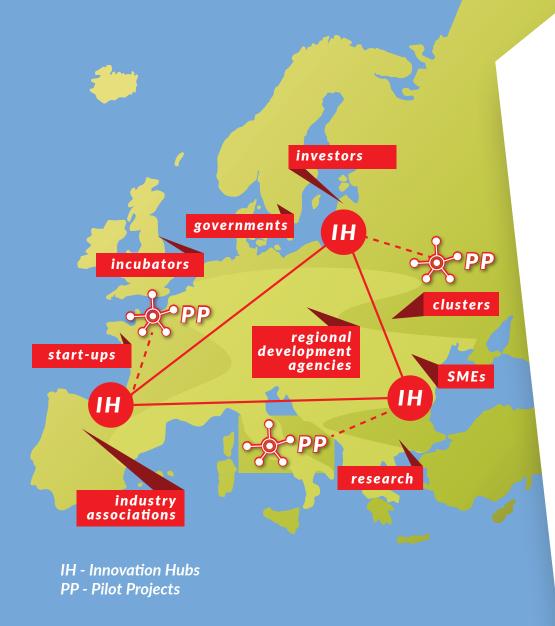
These pilot facilities respond rapidly to scaling-up needs which are essential for SMEs and start-ups. Moreover, they can upgrade European industry to stay competitive and generate business and potentially help create new business, jobs and growth across Europe.

#### **Pilot Production Facilities**, an important business potential to be fully exploited!

Europe must exploit this potential by bridging complementary capabilities, resources and demand avoiding duplicated, disconnected and fragmented actions.

Europe needs to have a global overview of the existing expertise and infrastructure available for pilot production tha will facilitate collaborations and business and to look at value chains accross borders.

EPPN to bridge the coordination gap among Pilot Production Facilities





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## WHAT IS EPPN?

A sustainable digital hub for bridging pilot lines facilities allowing technology providers to engage with users, technology up-takers, policy makers, investors and other actores in the ecosystem, along industrial value-chains.

**THE EPPN APPROACH IS NOT ONLY ABOUT NETWORKING. IT IS ABOUT GENERATING NEW ADDED VALUE** to start-ups, SME's and large corporations working on nanotechnologies and advanced materials by offering a dedicated infrastructure and service ecosystem.

#### **EPPN** activities include:

> Facilitating further development of pilot production capabilities in Europe.

> Facilitating the **development of business**, through the **access to new customers and potential investors across borders**.

> Providing advisory services and **facilitate access for SME's** and start-ups.

**>** Setting the scene for the establishment of innovation hubs across the member States and regions.Coordination on resources and actions.

> Mapping of the pilot line capabilities, existing ecosystems and relationships among the value chain.

> Organising and supporting networking and brokerage events at regional, national and European level.

#### Open innovation Digital Platform

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#### **Online Platform**

**Develop and Establish** 

Innovation Hubs

• Integrated pilot facilities

Connections with investors

Governace & business modeling

• Technical expertise

• Business acces

#### New products and services

#### **New companies**

High growth business activities along the nanotech fast changing value chain

Support shared facilities and transnational acces for rapid prototyping Increased number of succesful startups

**Enhanced innovation ecosystem** 

**Easier combined funding** 

Coordination and alignment of innovation policies

Pilot Production Community and Landscape Mapping

VC Classification

- Pilot's analysis & clustering
- Service's Portfolio
- Supporting services and mechanisms
- Other initiatives

## **HOW TO BE ENGAGED**

#### By joining our working groups:

**>** WG Technical collaboration: including the digital platform, the pilot facilities and the (SME) users.

> WG Market and Finance: providing information and guidance to the hub's operations and user cases.

➤ WG Training and Dissemination: facilitating and organising training activities by utilising resources available with the beneficiaries and other (FC) funded services.

> WG Policy and regions: focusing mainly on contacts to regional decision makers, regional authorities and innovation offices that can help formalising the regional hubs.

#### By participating in project events

- > Initial workshop with pilot coordinators.
- > Pilot production market workshops.
- > Interactive dissemination workshops.
- > Final pilot workshop.



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#### EPPN Development

- 3 innovation and Business training workshops
- Business model workshop
- EPPN Helpdesk
- Working groups

### MAIN OUTCOMES

# One coordination "node" in Europe supporting the development of pilot production business and the access to new customers and potential investors.

> One digital platform and a smart knowledge digital hub for bridging pilot lines facilities with SMEs, Startups, policy makers, investors and other possible actors in the ecosystem.

- > One EPPN app.
- > One Pilot Line's best practices guide.
- > One helpdesk service acting as main contact point supporting all the pilot ecosystem.
- > Support establishing innovation hubs.

## **KEEP IN TOUCH.**

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