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Closing Remarks

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MANUFUTURE ETP IS A CONSISTENT AND CREDIBLE EUROPEAN THINK TANK (I)

- In 2004, we called for the combination of “hard” manufacturing technologies with digital technologies – anticipating the paradigm of INDUSTRY 4.0
- In 2008, we asked President Barroso for a cross-cutting initiative to support European manufacturing industry, targeting an autonomous European R&D&I programme for advanced production technologies – leading to the creation of PPP Factories of the Future.
- We also highlighted the need to combine research and Innovation with education and training – resulting in the EIT MANUFACTURING Initiative.
- Since the beginning, the capability to act at national and regional level was a priority – many initiatives and complementary funding programmes were created, inspired or strongly supported by MANUFUTURE members and their work.



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- Our Vision 2030 document, released in 2018, introduced “Resilience” as a priority for European manufacturing and highlighted the growing importance of materials (raw and advanced) – this was before COVID and geo-political turbulence and led to our active participation in IAM-I.
- In 2019, we presented to DG RTD the “MANUFACTURING EUROPE” concept, introducing an integrated and coordinated approach across Pillars and linking the European, national and regional levels – anticipating several of the proposals currently under discussion for FP10.

This shows our capacity to do mid-long term and strategic thinking, but also to implement, bringing the ideas and strategies to the real world.



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Manufacturing is the backbone of Europe's economy and social model. Is at the center of circularity. Europe needs to link invention to making to benefiting.
- Manufacturing depends on key enabling technologies, such as materials, digital and production technologies. And skilled people. Europe needs to lead the development and commercialization of these key technologies.
- Key enabling technologies should be developed in transversal programmes, in close articulation with manufacturing sectors, complemented by cross fertilization practices.
- Manufacturing and its technologies and methodologies are critical to boost Europe's defence efforts and investments.
- These efforts also call for the mobilization of complementary actions and funding at national and regional level.
- To realize the full potential of manufacturing and its eco-system, we need a global, overarching vision and strategy, plus a coordination layer, across pillars and between European, national and regional levels.



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