

Learning through manufacturing challenges

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- Pillar: EIT Regional Innovation Scheme
- Leading organization: University of Patras Laboratory for Manufacturing Systems and Automation

- Flagship: Platforms for Digitalized Value Networks.



Main Goals

The main goal of the project is to enhance the innovation capacity of the participating EIT RIS countries by improving their educational framework and by boosting their digital capabilities in order to face the future manufacturing challenges. According to the Digital Economy and Society Index (DESI) 2018, all the EIT RIS countries addressed by the project show a lower performance than the EU average regarding advanced digital skills and development and lower integration of digital technology in companies than the best performance countries.

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stories). Each challenge along with the knowledge generated will be shared with the complete network, creating value across all participating EIT RIS countries. Over and above, the consortium envisions to implement outreach activities and be open in other EIT RIS countries, further extending the expected impact.

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