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## Manufacturing: newest EIT community hosted by CEA in the heart of the Paris-Saclay Campus

**19 December 2018** – The Paris-Saclay Campus can add to its already vibrant and dynamic science and technology ecosystem the newest European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), a knowledge and innovation community called “EIT Manufacturing”.

On 6 December 2018, the “Made by Europe” consortium, which includes key players<sup>1</sup> in European manufacturing innovation, was selected to set up EIT Manufacturing, an innovation community to be headquartered on the premises of CEA LIST, and share space with the Paris region’s Digital Innovation Hub. Surrounded by Paris-Saclay’s scientific excellence and economic vitality, EIT Manufacturing will benefit from CEA LIST’s expertise in building strong and successful innovative ecosystems. **The presence of a local dynamic AI community, empowered by the French AI plan launched this year, contributed to the attractiveness of Paris-Saclay Campus.**

### Empowering innovators and entrepreneurs

Consistent with EIT’s mission of developing world-class solutions to create growth and jobs, the new EIT Manufacturing community will provide momentum for building a thriving ecosystem bringing together key players in European manufacturing. EIT Manufacturing will build on European strengths to overcome the international limitations to competition currently facing the Continent’s manufacturing community.

With five European innovation hubs, EIT Manufacturing will have a strong impact on education, innovation and the economy across Europe through its network of core partners and clusters, industry associations, digital innovation hubs, regional authorities and financial institutions.

To further manufacturing innovation in products, processes and services, EIT Manufacturing’s has six strategic objectives:

1. Excellent manufacturing skills and talents
2. Efficient manufacturing innovation ecosystems
3. Full digitalization of manufacturing
4. Customer-driven manufacturing
5. Socially sustainable manufacturing
6. Environmentally sustainable manufacturing.

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### An unprecedented opportunity for the future of manufacturing in Europe

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<sup>1</sup>Its fifty partners, who come from 17 countries, include Volvo, Tecnalia, Technical University of Vienna, CEA (French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission), Siemens, the Slovak University of Technology and Whirlpool Europe.



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EIT Manufacturing will unite European talents and strengths around innovation efforts, supporting European start-ups to scale up by boosting their growth with privileged access to the European market and transforming existing SMEs in manufacturing by adopting new technologies and business concepts to strengthen manufacturing value chains in Europe.

EIT Manufacturing is also about education and training for the coming generation of entrepreneurs and manufacturers with privileged access to a European network of excellence, and educational solutions adapted to a wide public ranging from schoolchildren to factory workers.

Digital platforms will be used to facilitate innovation efforts and product launches as well as to train and spread knowledge in the European community and beyond.

CEA made a strong contribution to this tremendous success in favor of the European manufacturing community with its expertise in building effective innovation ecosystems. Combined with the unique conditions in Paris-Saclay, this expertise has been acknowledged by setting up the Innovation community's headquarters on CEA LIST's premises and delivering to CEA the leadership of the Innovation pillar in its setup phase.

**CEA List Deputy Director Gregorio Ameyugo** will act as Innovation Director of EIT Manufacturing during its construction phase. "We will build an innovation program with unprecedented agility, robustness and extended impact, building new value chains across Europe and delivering positive social and environmental changes from day one," explains Ameyugo.



**CEA List Director Jean-Noël Patillon** adds: "We welcome the arrival of EIT headquarters at Paris-Saclay. In today's world of competition between ecosystems, it is more important than ever to act together at the European level. EIT Manufacturing will create unprecedented opportunities for CEA, its industry partners, its start-ups and its laboratories, by accelerating and scaling-up their impact on industry and society."

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### EIT and the KICs

Created in 2008, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) aims to link three sectors that are still too compartmentalized: research, innovation and education. To this end, the EIT relies on the creation of knowledge and innovation communities (KICs), each focused on a social issue: digital technology, food, energy, climate, raw materials



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and healthcare. KICs are partly funded by the EIT and help to strengthen links between the various stakeholders (universities, research organisations, companies, financial institutions, local authorities, etc.) in order to promote innovation, the creation of start-ups and technology transfer.

### About CEA

*The French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) is a public research organization working in four main areas: defense and security, low-carbon energies (nuclear and renewables), technological research for industry and fundamental research. Drawing on its widely-acknowledged expertise, the CEA plays an active role in setting up collaborative projects with a wide range of academic and industrial partners. Backed by its 16,000 researchers and employees, it is a leading player in the European Research Area and is constantly expanding its international outreach. In 2017, the CEA was ranked by Thomson-Reuters/Clarivate Analytics as the most innovative public research institution in Europe.*

*The CEA is a main partner in five KICs: digital technology, energy, climate, raw materials and healthcare.*

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