

VANGUARD INITIATIVE
New growth through smart specialisation

Cross-regional collaboration for new industrial value chains: lessons from experience and needs for the future



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Welcome

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Vanguard Initiative

- 30 regions in Europe
- Striving for a stronger competitiveness and internationalization of Europe's industry
- Strong political engagement: Milan declaration
- Speed up the market uptake of new innovative technologies
- Smart Specialisation Strategies



Vanguard Initiative focus areas

- 3D Printing
- New nano-enabled products
- Bioeconomy
- Efficient and sustainable manufacturing
- Energy related manufacturing applications in harsh environments



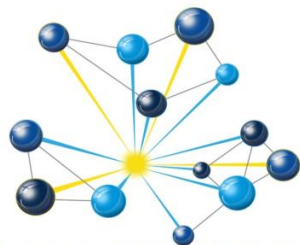
Vanguard Initiative

- Action oriented network
- Leading by example

Two types of activities:

1. Development of demonstration cases
2. Creation of EU network of demonstration facilities

- Collaboration with partners
- First results



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