

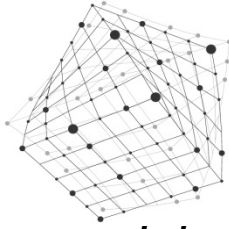


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## ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

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***Industrializing “additive manufacturing” for a competitive  
and sustainable economy***

Brussels, 15 June 2015 – CECIMO, the European Association of the Machine Tool industries, is organizing the first **“Additive Manufacturing European Conference” at the European Parliament in Brussels (Belgium) on 23 June 2015**, where representatives from additive manufacturing (AM) companies, EU institutions, think tanks and the machine tools sector will discuss how the full-scale industrialisation of AM could be achieved in a rapid and cost-effective manner, and how this disruptive technology could help create the highest value for the economy and society. The event is hosted by Reinhard Bütikofer, Member of the European Parliament (Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance).

The speakers’ session will tackle AM from the perspective of technology, markets, economic development and sustainability. Among the confirmed speakers are, **Jean-Camille Uring, Executive board member - FIVES Group and CECIMO President, Bernhard Langefeld, Principal - Roland Berger Strategy Consultants (Germany), Ezio Basso, Managing Director - Prima Industrie (Italy), Peter Sanders, Emerging Technologies & Concepts – Airbus (Germany), Benjamin Denayer, Senior Business Developer Additive Manufacturing, SIRRIS - Research Institute (Belgium) and Pat Picariello, Director, Developmental Operations - ASTM International (USA).**

During the session that follows, panellists will look into business and regulatory framework conditions in Europe and their impact on the development of AM. The discussion will focus on the role government, industry, academia and the research community in AM development and opportunities provided by pan-European initiatives. **Clara de la Torre, Director responsible for “Key Enabling Technologies” - Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, European Commission, will set the scene. Jose Lorenzo Valles, Head of Unit, Key Enabling Technologies Directorate – DG RTD/D, European Commission, Stefan Ritt, Head of Global Marketing and Communications – SLM Solutions, Andy Middleton, President – Stratasys EMEA, Thierry Rayna, Professor - Novancia Business School (France), Clare Marett, Head of Manufacturing and Business Investment – Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (UK) and Martin Schäfer, Project Manager Research & Technology Center, Siemens AG (Germany) will participate in the panel discussion moderated by Onno Ponfoort, Senior Managing Consultant – Berenschot (Netherlands).**

Sponsorships include Prima Power as Platinum Sponsor of the conference, and ASTM International, SLM Solutions and Stratasys as Gold Sponsor. 3D Printing Industry, with 3dpi.tv as well as the magazine 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing, published by Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. Publishers have joined as Media Partners.

Filip Geerts, CECIMO Director General, comments: “Additive manufacturing, or 3D printing, is identified as one of the major disrupting technologies of the 21st century. It offers a great potential to enable design freedom and the development of complex free-form structures, the efficient and accelerated production of customized products, and the minimisation of material waste. As application fields rapidly expand from prototyping towards direct parts production, its transformative impact is being revealed in all areas of manufacturing: product design, production, supply chain organization, services and skills. CECIMO is the point of reference in the area of metallic based additive manufacturing for EU policy-makers. It aims at ensuring that EU policies and regulations create the right framework conditions for the development of AM and contribute to boosting the competitiveness of the European industry as a whole.”



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## About CECIMO

CECIMO is the European Association of the Machine Tool Industries. We bring together 15 national Associations of machine tool builders, which represent approximately 1500 industrial enterprises in Europe\*, over 80% of which are SMEs. CECIMO covers 98% of the total machine tool production in Europe and about one third worldwide. It accounts for almost 150,000 employees and a turnover of nearly €23 billion in 2014. About 80% of CECIMO production is shipped abroad, whereas two thirds of it is exported outside Europe\*. For more information visit [www.cecimo.eu](http://www.cecimo.eu)

\*Europe = EU + EFTA + Turkey

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