Factories of the Future
Conclusions of the confrerence

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INDUSTRIAL NEEDS AND VISION

- Relevance of Manufacturing to European wealth: contribution to economy (30% of Eu value added), to jobs (35 + 70 million people): European societal challenges addressed

  → Manufacturing: the real economy

- Relevance of energy related targets and the manufacturing sector
- INNOVATION: make it happen, last mile is crucial

  → Efficiency of the innovaton system!

- Positive feedback about FoF PPP from industry

RTD CAPABILITIES

- Sustainability issues address all fields of FoF
- Suppot to SME participation and SME driven research
- International cooperation is crucial
- ETP/PPP: good way to link research to market
- Impact needs to be monitored and ensured in all projects
- Involvement of complete value and knowledge chains

WAY AHEAD AND LOOK AT THE FUTURE

- Cooperation is a must to successfully address the challenges of sustainability in manufacturing
- A huge change in the last 5-10 years in terms of cooperation between industry and academia, and further evolving!
- More attention should be given to the valorization stage of the innovation cycle. We need to ensure that the research results generate economic and social value and impact.
- Public authorities play a relevant role, they strongly influence the framework conditions that promote (or oppose) innovation.
- The eficiency and efectiveness of the european innovation system is crucial: This calls for a higher level of cooperation and alignment between policies, programmes and actions at european, national and regional levels.

FINAL CONCLUSIONS

- Successful implementation of first call
- Strong support to the Factories of the Future initiative, continuity requested beyond 2013
- On the basis of transparency and equal opportunities
- With clear impact indicators in relation to the EU 2020 strategy and societal challenges: smart, sustainable and inclusive growth based on knowledge and INNOVATION (SMEs), energy efficiency and industrial JOBS, societal WEALTH and QUALITY of LIFE
- With a clear support and commitment of diverse stakeholders: public administration, industry and research organizations