

## 11th October 2013, Brussels, Belgium - PATHFINDER delegates attend Advisory Board meeting I4MS-Gate

Hosted by coordinator Innovalia, the Advisory Board members met for the first time to discuss the further development of I4MS-Gate. I4MS-Gate aims to be the reference European portal on ICT Innovation for Manufacturing SMEs.



*Dr. Max Lemke, Deputy Head of Unit for "Complex Systems and Advanced Computing" in Directorate General CONNECT of the European Commission*

In July 2013 the European Commission launched the Innovation Initiative I4MS. Within this initiative, 7 projects and 2 roadmaps were launched to profit from the newest and future advances in ICT to benefit manufacturing SMEs in Europe. To multiply the innovation impact from these 7 projects, another project called I4MS-Gate ([www.i4ms.eu](http://www.i4ms.eu)) has been defined to ensure access to the best innovation practices, new ICT solutions assessment and success stories of the European manufacturing industry. The I4MS-Gate initiative includes 2 roadmap activities called Road4Fame and PATHFINDER, hence the presence of PATHFINDER delegates on the Advisory Board of I4MS-Gate. I4MS-Gate will endeavour to amplify the findings of these 2 roadmaps by creating two-way communication with the European manufacturing industry.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Max Lemke, Acting Head of Unit CNECT A3 who explained in more detail the links between the I4MS initiative, the I4MS-Gate and the I4MS related projects and roadmaps. He stated his expectations to all involved with an emphasis on the Open Calls which will be launched by the participating projects during the course of their lifetime. These Open Calls create a unique possibility for manufacturing SMEs to benefit from the newest advances in ICT.

Silvia de la Maza, Project Coordinator of I4MS-Gate, continued the meeting by facilitating constructive discussions on how the I4MS-Gate could support the participating projects in their efforts in launching the Open Calls, creating Networks and informing the manufacturing industry via various media. In parallel the project representatives presented their expectations with respect to the I4MS-Gate including the expectations of the PATHFINDER consortium.

Representatives of the 7 projects (CloudSME, FORTISSIMO, CloudFlow, LASHARE, APPOLO, EuRoC and INTEFIX) and the 2 roadmaps (PATHFINDER and Road4Fame) received a clear list of actions in order to provide the I4MS-Gate with relevant data and information to make it the reference European portal on ICT Innovation for Manufacturing SMEs.

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*For further information please visit:*

*[http://ec.europa.eu/research/industrial\\_technologies/factories-of-the-future\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/research/industrial_technologies/factories-of-the-future_en.html)*

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