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KETGATE

2nd KETGATE Newsletter

CE1188 Central European SME Gateway to key-enabling technology
infrastructures - sparking a new transnational KET Innovation Ecosystem

PROJECT AIM

enabling a Central Europe - wide access to highly competent KET technology
and infrastructure services for SMEs irrespective of their location



Stakeholder Workshops Successful implementation

In the context of the Interreg KETGATE project stakeholder workshops have been held in all the Project Partner regions, in order to discuss and define the main elements of a regional KET Innovation Ecosystem. The KETGATE project enhances SME competitiveness through improved access to Key Enabling Technologies in Central Europe. The workshops were attended by representatives from public authorities, research organisations, SMEs and business support organisations as well as clusters. [\(READ MORE\)](#)



First results SME survey

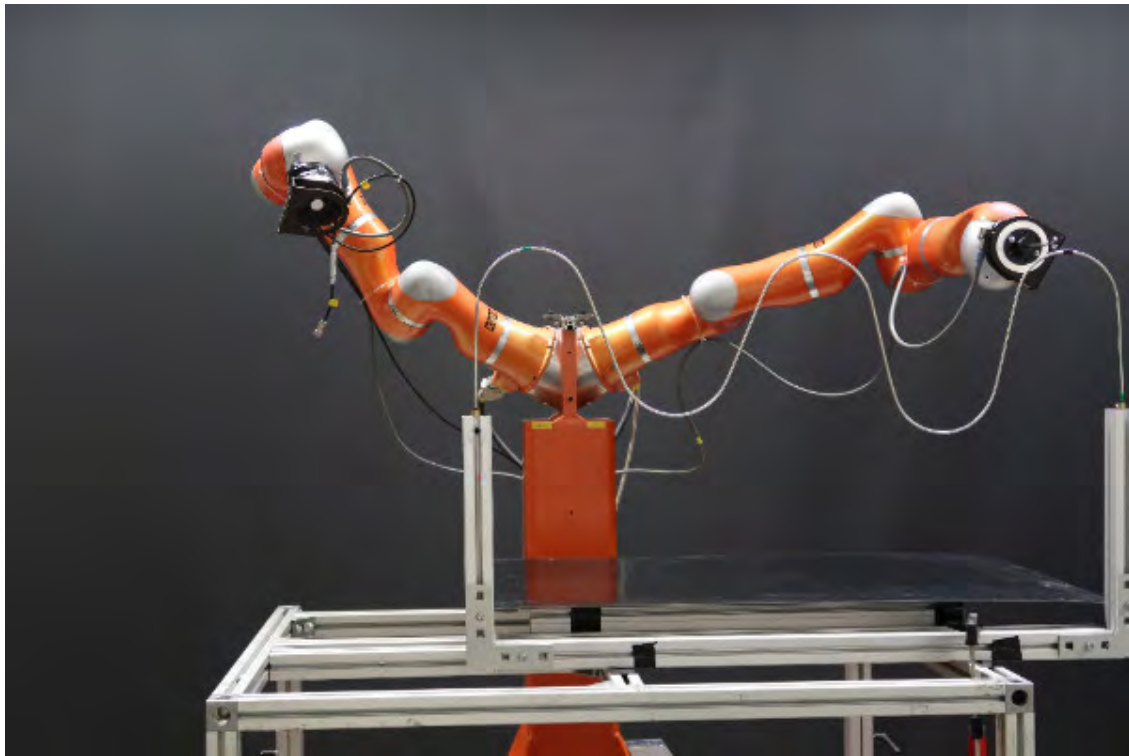
From November 2017 until January 2018, SMEs were asked to participate in an online survey. The survey was structured to assess the SME needs in regard to KETs at local level. The goal was to understand the status of KET's awareness and its usage in SMEs, the visibility of RTO acting as KET service providers, to get information on cooperation experiences and to understand barriers and needs of SMEs. The first results are evaluated. ([READ MORE](#))



1st STUDY VISIT Joanneum Research, Weiz

On January 30th 2018 the eight project and some associated partners of KETGATE met for the first STUDY VISIT at the Institute MATERIALS of JOANNEUM RESEARCH in Weiz. Dr. Paul Hartmann, the director of the institute gave an overview of the technologies and applications of MATERIALS and the vice director, Dr. Georg Jakopic, presented selected reference projects. Afterwards the participants of the study visit had the possibility to visit the laboratories of the institute and to see the excellent infrastructure of MATERIALS in live. [\(READ MORE\)](#)

[CHALLENGES AND NEEDS OF SMES and RTOS](#)



2nd STUDY VISIT Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana

The study visit at Jožef Stefan Institute on February 1st, was opened by director prof. Dr. Jadran Lenarčič. Tomaž Lutman from Center for Technology Transfer and Innovation at Jožef Stefan Institute presented the institute, key enabling technologies that are being developed and infrastructure that supports the research facilities. Afterwards the research departments (Complex Matter; Nanostructured Materials; and Automation, Biocybernetics and Robotics) and related infrastructure of the institute have been presented and visited by all the consortium representatives and guests from associated research centres. ([READ MORE](#))



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Workshops for regional associated partners and further RTOs

To explore their previous expertise, offer and related gaps, qualification and other needs. The workshops will be implemented by the project partners and will be held in May/early June.

3rd Study Visit, Bay Zoltán

The 3rd KETGATE Study Visit will be at Bay Zoltán in Budapest, Hungary. It will be held on 12 June 2018.

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