WORKSHOP NANOTECHNOLOGIES AND ADVANCED MATERIALS PILOT PROJECTS TEST-BEDS FOR INDUSTRY AND PRIVATE INVESTMENTS

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H2020 NMBP PILOT PROJECT

- > Project: CO-PILOT
- > Topic: Open Access Pilot Line for Cost-Effective Nanocomposites
- > Project Start: 01. January 2015 (- 01. January 2018)
- Duration: 36 Month
- > 13 Partners (6 SME, 4 RTO, 2 LE and 1 University)
- Coordinator: TNO (The Netherlands)
- > Total Budget: 5.5 Mio.€ (546 Person Month)

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Europe's first pilot network for nanoparticle synthesis upscaling

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AIMS OF THE PROJECT

CO-PILOT aims to develop an open access infrastructure for SMEs and others interested in the pilot scale production of nanoparticles for high quality nanocomposites and coatings with programmable functionality





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Nanocomposites - materials with novel chemical, physical and mechanical properties due to structure.

- > flame and smoke inhibiting cables (layered double hydroxides)
- heat isolating plastics (hollow/porous silica)
- light-weight flame inhibiting composites (layered hydroxides and hollow/porous silica)
- **UV-protective** coatings (zinc oxide, titanium dioxide)
- > high refractive index coatings (titanium dioxide)
- > low-refractive index coatings (hollow/porous silica)
- > anti-glare coatings (hollow/porous silica)
- > Catalyst carriers (magnetite)



Nanoparticles in our daily life





L'Oréal's Revitalift with nanosomes of Pro-retinal A



Nano-Care[™] stainrepellent and wrinkleresistant fabric



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- Co-Pilot Objectives (focused on SMEs)
 - > Pilot plant reactor development (20 to 100 kg).
 - > Open access reactor should allow making custom-tailored particles.
 - > Infrastructure that provides analytical expertise.
 - Infrastructure that provides analytical instruments





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CO-PILOTs identified regions: Physical locations and smart specialisation plan



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- SMEs will be invited for innovation power and own development. We hope to accommodate them through dedicated finance instrument ('user compensation scheme')



BRIGHTLANDS MATERIALS CENTER

- Public-private partnership initiative founded March 19, 2015 by TNO and the Province of Limburg
- > LEs are invited to become paying partner
- > Focusing on sustainable innovations in **polymeric materials**
- Programmatic R&D along the chain of knowledge driven by application challenges
- R&D programs supported by basic academic knowledge
- Collaboration of industrial partners in shared R&D leading to shorter time-totechnology







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REACHING OUT

- Identification of other regions with adjacent or overlapping specialisations for direct collaborations
- > Teaming up to learn from other regions' approaches / best practice
- Jointly act as Innovation hubs
- Personal shortlist / established contact
 - Eindhoven Brainport
 - Bergen op Zoom / Antwerpen
 - Oresund region
 - Lyon/Grenoble area
 - Basque country



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