

e-Power
A European Network of RTCs for RTCs
5th Special Interest Group Meeting

Thursday, 22nd May 2003
Bilbao, Spain

Futures in Manufacturing

Who Should Attend :

Regional support organisations, Regional Technology Centres, manufacturers and other technology providers that are looking for ways to improve the services they offer to local SMEs, and wish to act as catalysts for developing business relationships between SMEs.

Purpose :

Over the last two year's e-Power SIGs have investigated the State of the Art of Inter Organisational Relationships, in the areas of Clustering/Partnering in Engineering & Manufacturing, eBusiness and Engaging the Customer. Experience has shown that to support SMEs a whole network of relationships are now needed, of which Regional Technology Centres are a critical part.

This workshop, then, considers the impact of networking, together with concepts of knowledge-based manufacturing as drivers in today's competitive environment. Finally, in the last session we try to set the priorities for future co-operative projects and networking.

RTCs with e-power need to play a key role in FP6.

<http://www.e-power.info>

The Workshop language is English.

Agenda

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| 10.00am | Introduction and Welcome | Fundación Labein |
| 10.10 | e-Power today
Technical history to position today. | Colin Piddington,
e-Power Co-ordinator |
| 10.20 | Support Structures for Manufacturing
A discussion of the methodology, organisations, networks and set up of support to Manufacturing SMEs in the Basque Country. | Regional
Representative |
| 10.50 | Case Study - User Groups
User Groups and clusters for sectors or technologies have been important initiatives. Here, Labein/Ikerlan describe their organisations, operations and future directions facing them. | Dr Mikel Sorli
Fundación Labein |
| 11.20 | Case Study - e-Business for the Micro-SME
What are the expectations of small companies and do they get the systems they deserve?
A critique of Regional Support Delivery. | User |
| 11.40 | Break | |
| 11.50 | Is ICT out of Touch?
The Proliferation of digital Marketplaces, commercial marketing sites, networks has passed SMEs by. What do Manufacturing SMEs want, what is useful and brings new business. Is it value for Money? | Round Table
Fundación Tekniker |
| 12.35pm | Lunch - networking and tour/presentation of Labein's facilities | |
| 2.00 | Knowledge based Manufacturing
What is knowledge based manufacturing?
Where can you buy some? | Richard Bobrowski
BAE SYSTEMS PLC. |
| 2.30 | Will Manufacturing survive? Where would you put your money?
What are the priorities for engineering and manufacturing sector? | Round Table
Fundación Ikerlan |
| 3.15 | New Networks for Manufacturing
The mPower proposal and future plans for regional networks in call 2.
The e-Power way ahead. | Colin Piddington,
CSC Computer
Sciences Ltd |
| 4.00 | Close | |