

# **COUNTRY MISSION**

February 2023



California - USA



# Advanced Manufacturing and Advanced Textile Materials going international to strengthen resilience and to empower industrial recovery.

**ADMANTEX2i** main objective is to lead international cluster cooperation in advanced manufacturing and advanced textile materials as an enabler for globally competitive sustainable products functional in a broad range of high-end applications. The key specific objectives are:

- To develop a joint internationalization strategy and a roadmap for going international based on the strategic cross sectoral cooperation between clusters in advanced manufacturing and advanced textile materials which EU is strong leader.
- To implement the strategy organizing 3 international business missions.
- To foster the cross-sectoral cooperation.
- And to strengthen the sectoral resilience and boost growth based on internationalization.

**ADMANTEX2i** strategic cooperation vision is that digitalization is key enabler for both sectors to boost circular economy business solutions to strengthen resilience and to drive the recovery growth the economic opportunities of European SMEs.



# **Consortium Partners**

**Admantex2i** project is composed by three advanced textile materials clusters and three advanced manufacturing clusters from 6 EU regions and 4 EU member states in the southern Europe.

AEI TÈXTILS, Spain



ATEVAL, Spain

- ATEVAL
- CITEVE |
  The Portuguese Textile Cluster, Portugal



PRODUTECH, Portugal



AFIL, Italy



EMC2, France

**PEMC2** 



#### **California Mission**

# The mission was essentially exploratory / inspirational but also with business contacts.

The official mission comprises the following activities:

- Explore Digitalization & Sustainability in the following sectors:
  - Advanced manufacturing
  - Advanced textiles
  - Aerospace
  - Automotive
- Identify partnerships and business opportunities between Californian and European companies, around technological challenges such digitalisation and sustainability.
- Informal networking events to boost matchmaking opportunities between companies.
- Meetings with relevant networks and stakeholders to discuss further cooperation between industry associations.

Some of the expected results of **Admantex2i** business mission to California are:

- Collaboration activities with American partners
- Cooperation agreements between partnership members and American partners.
- Business agreements to develop innovative solutions in strategic thematic areas
- Creation of innovative global value chains by enabling EU SMEs access to international markets

### **Participating SMEs**

The delegation that travelled to California was composed mainly by SMEs from France, Italy, Portugal and Spain. In total, 21 participants travelled, including 14 companies (13 SMEs and 1 LE), 2 RTOs and 5 cluster representatives from the **ADMANTEX2i** partnership.

#### <u>AEI TÈXTILS</u> Delegates:

FINSA - Job Group (SME)



C.P. ALUART (SME)



#### **ATEVAL Delegates:**

**INTERFABRICS** (SME)



**CERDAFABRICS** (SME)



**CASA MEDITERRANEA** (SME)



#### **CITEVE Delegates:**

ADALBERTO (LE)



**UNIFARDAS** (SME)



NEIVACOR (SME)



# **Participating SMEs**

**CORDEIRO CAMPOS** (SME)



**PRODUTECH Delegates:** 

**DESAFIOS** (SME)



CCG (RTO)



**FAVORITANSWER** (SME)



**AFIL Delegates:** 

**SECURITY PATTERN** (SME)



FONDAZIONE ERGO-MTM ITALIA (RTO)





**EMC2** Delegates:

PRODUCTYS (SME)



BYSCO (SME)





### February 6th 2023





During the first day of the mission the European delegation, has had the opportunity to discover several insights about digitalisation and sustainability through the visit to Balanced Body and Tri Tool Technologies and thanks to the networking organized by California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA). The partnership is preparing a draft of MoU to sign with CMTA in the following months.



# February 7th 2023





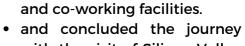


The second day started with a networking activity with the European members of the fruitful mission with really discussions and ideas. Then they visited:



• Autodesk - leader in CAD software.

• Circuit Launch accelerator



with the visit of Silicon Valley Robotics.





# February 8th 2023

On the third day they were in the heart of Silicon Valley visiting SRI International (Stanford Research Institute) and Palo Alto Research Center (PARC) before moving to LA.





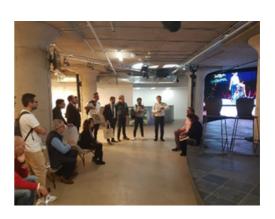


# February 9th 2023





The fourth day they visited the #ATXWestExpo, then the California Market Center (CMC) & Fashion District, before going to Los Angeles Apparel for a great visit!











# February 10th 2023



To conclude the mission, on the last day they visited NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory. It was an awesome experience for all the participants.





#### **Outcomes**

The success of this first mission will be measured in the coming months, but the first signs are promising, especially in terms of collaboration with cluster entities in Europe and the US, with 2 MoUs under preparation.

Once the mission was over, the members of the consortium together with the participants of the mission, held a webinar with the aim of sharing experiences and proposals for improvement for future missions within the framework of the **Admantex2i** project.





#### What's next?

Admantex2i has two more international missions (Canada and Japan) lined up for you in the following months.



From 06th to 10th of November 2023



From 11th to 15th of March 2024

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