

The Vanguard Initiative 3DP Pilot: concept and opportunities for metal 3D Printing

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The main objective of the presentation will be to shed light on the objectives and characteristics of the Vanguard Initiative 3DP Pilot in order to inform conference's participants about the possible opportunities offered to them by the Pilot.

The Vanguard 3DP Pilot is a structural and cross-regional partnership that aims at accelerating market uptake of 3DP applications in the EU through the development of industry-led, transregional demonstration platforms that connect 3DP capabilities and actors (companies, facility centres, universities etc.) that were operating in largely disconnected and fragmented value chains in Europe. The 3DP Pilot supports the emergence and implementation of industry-driven cross-regional demonstration projects. Many of these cases are related to metal printing.

In the coming months, the Vanguard 3DP Pilot will undertake, among others, the actions described below. Participants interested in contributing to / benefiting from these actions are welcome to join!

- To strengthen the network of demonstration service providers and end-users looking for solutions (incl. metal 3D Printing) in the network(s);
- To identify and support the implementation of additional business cases;
- To address transversal industry-bottlenecks such as certification, skills, awareness and funding.