



An Introduction to HSbooster.eu

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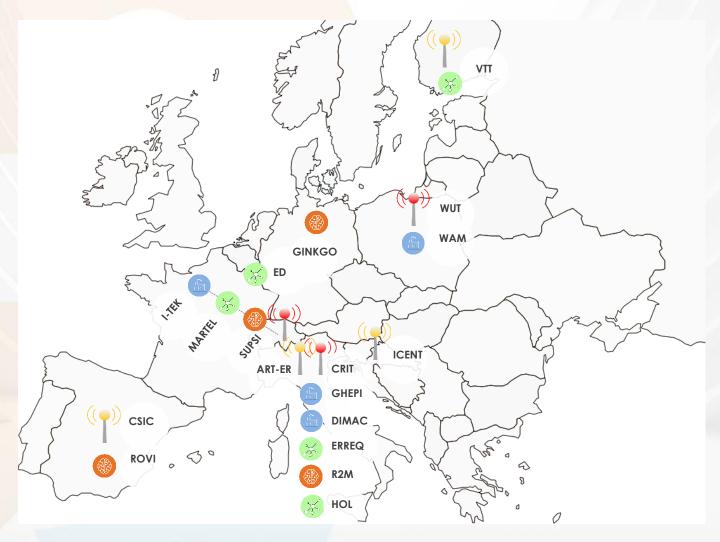


### KITT4SME Project

- Start in October 2020
- Fend in March 2024
- **8** million funding received from the Horizon 2020 programme
- **2.5** millions dedicated to fund actions with SMEs through open calls
- Offered funding is 70% and equity-free
- **₹ 18** partners from 8 countries in Europe
- **4** Digital Innovation Hubs fostering widespread reach of the platform
- **4** internal pilots with SMEs in manufacturing



# KITT4SME Project





## Al landscape in manufacturing

KITT4SME surveyed companies in the manufacturing field testing their AI adoption and readiness. The proposed survey relies on a 5-pillar model that considers not only the operational aspects but also how structure and culture inside a company allow to fully exploit the potential of AI.

An Al adoption model for SMEs

An Al adoption model for SMEs: a conceptual framework.
Bettoni et. Al. (2021). IFAC-INCOM 2021

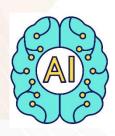




#### The results



39 companies interviewed



Nearly half

of the companies do not have any Al solutions or applications in place



33%

of respondents are defining a strategy to promote Al adoption within the company

#### Several industries involved

Aerospace Paper

Automotive Pharma

Cotton Plastic

Defence Steel production and

Energy transformation

Food and Beverage Textile

Metalworking ...



#### Only one tenth

of the companies are training their employees on digital skills



69%

of the companies believe that the collection of data is fundamental for their business



Leveraging on the network of Digital Innovation Hubs, the platform is pushed to its limits by offering it to external actors through open calls meant to populate its marketplace, expand its visibility and adoption and, in the end, unleash its business potential

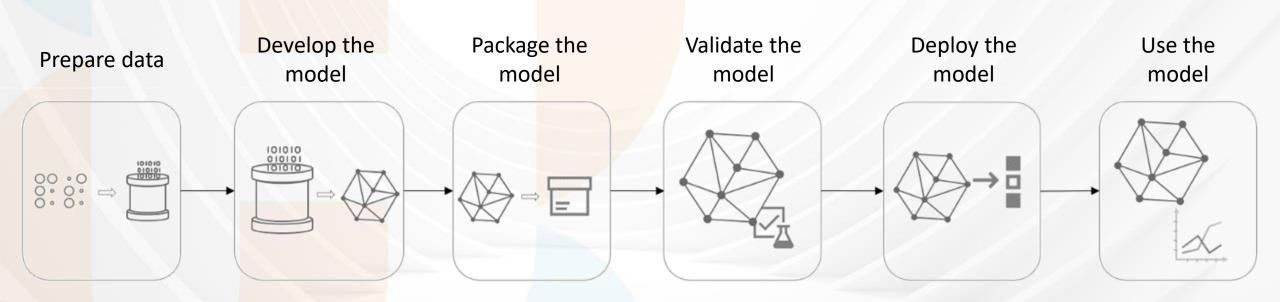


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\*\*RITT4SME specifically targets European SMEs and mid-caps to provide them with scope-tailored and industry-ready hardware, software and organisational kits, delivered as a modularly customisable digital platform, that seamlessly introduce artificial intelligence in their production systems.



## What KITT4SME supports





#### Piloting activities in KITT4SME

4 pilots in:

with different problems:

and different solutions:

injection moulding sector

high human effort

human-machine mutualism

quality system sector

defects individuation

data augmentation

precision hand tools sector

tweezer irregular surface

vision system

electrical equipment sector

low reconfigurability

shopfloor anomaly detection



## Why Hsbooster?

- How to encourage the usage of standards and main benefits
- Standardisation activities roadmap definition
- Engagement with and contribution to associations strategy
- Enlarge KITT4SME community





# Thank you

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