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## **France, Germany and Italy intensify their trilateral cooperation to promote digitising manufacturing industry as its steering committee gathers in Paris.**

**The key digitising manufacturing Industry initiatives of France, Germany and Italy strengthen their trilateral cooperation. The steering committee of the trilateral cooperation sets ground for producing common works and presenting them on upcoming events in Spring 2018. The committee invited the European Commission to discuss strategic issues following its 3 working groups agenda: standardization, SMEs engagement and policy support.**

**Paris, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.** *Alliance Industrie du Futur, Plattform Industrie 4.0 and Piano Industria 4.0* agreed to cooperate during a high-level conference in March 2017 in Berlin and started their trilateral cooperation in June 2017 in Torino.

A new gathering of the trilateral cooperation steering committee took place on January 18, 2018 in Paris with national initiatives, industry and governments' representatives. The core technical topics as well as the next steps of the trilateral cooperation were discussed, reinforcing the strong bond of the three countries inside this joint effort.

The steering committee decided to concretely move forward in the coordination of the national initiatives, for example by working on joint papers on standardization of the administration shell (common vocabulary to express functions in new industrial products) and on issues regarding industrial data ownership. It will use upcoming events such as the Stakeholder Forum in Paris in March or Hannover Fair in April to present those undertakings.

The European Commission was invited to share the progress made on the Digitising European Industry (DEI) initiative and to be informed on the trilateral cooperation progress. As both DEI-initiative and the trilateral cooperation tackle similar issues, synergies between both initiatives have been identified and will be pursued.

The trilateral initiative is structured in three working groups (WG), each of which is making significant progress. The standardization working group (WG1) has already met several times, while the SMEs engagement working group (WG2) will reunite for the third time in Venice at the end of January, with a workshop devoted to the assessment of SME's digital readiness. The policy supporting group (WG3) organized a seminar dedicated to industrial data policies on January 17<sup>th</sup> where circa 10 technology enterprises and industrial associations per country have actively participated.

### ***About Alliance Industrie du Futur***

*Created in July 2015, Alliance Industrie du Futur brings together professional organizations from industry and digital technology along with academic and technological partners, all rallying around a common ambition: to make France a leader in the world's industrial renewal. Alliance Industrie du Futur is tasked with putting into practice the National Industry of the Future project launched by the French Government in April 2015, in the framework of the organizational overhaul of the New Face of Industry in France. Alliance Industrie du Futur has a particular mandate to support companies, especially SMEs, in the transformation of their business models, their organization, and their design and marketing methods, in a world in which new tools based, for example, on the digital, on additive manufacturing, on new materials and on advanced robotics are bringing down the barriers between industry and services. → [Website](#)*

### ***About the Plattform Industrie 4.0***

*Plattform Industrie 4.0 is the central network in Germany to advance digital transformation towards Industrie 4.0. In close cooperation with politics, industry, science, business associations and trade unions, over 300 stakeholders from almost 160 organisations are actively involved in the platform. The platform develops and coordinates information and networking services to raise awareness on Industrie 4.0 solutions among companies and to deploy them on-site. As one of the largest international and national networks, it supports German companies—particularly medium-sized companies—in implementing Industrie 4.0. It provides companies with decisive impulses through examples of company best-practices from across Germany, as well as concrete recommendations for action and test environments. The platform's numerous international co-operations underscore its leading role in international discussions on Industrie 4.0. → [Website](#)*

### ***About Piano Industria 4.0***

*In order to boost productivity and accelerate technological upgrading the National plan “Industria 4.0” of the Italian Government is focusing on strategic measures to support innovative investments and empower skills, such as: Super and Hyper amortization schemes, tax credits on R&D and on profits from intangible and patented assets, strengthening of vocational training, creation of I4.0 Technological Clusters and Industrial PhDs. Moreover, complementary measures being implemented are the establishment of Competence Centers and of a network of Digital Innovation Hubs, Ultra Broadband with a fiber to the factory approach, cooperation on IoT open standards and interoperability, easier access to financing and productivity salary taxation exchange. → [Website](#)*