

6th AACoMa Roadshow on 'Advanced processes for composites' hosted by the partner FONTYS at Brainport, Eindhoven, Netherlands.

In this 6th roadshow organized in the frame of the InterregVA AACOMA project, we welcomed keynote speakers from companies from netherlands showing the implementation of advanced processes and new approaches to reuse recycled composites materials.

After the welcome of participants by the host, **Bert Huis in't Veld**, Docent Production and Materials Science at Fontys Hogescholen, an overview of the AACOMA project was presented by **Bernard Paquet**, R&D Manager at Centexbel and coordinator of the project.

First key speaker in the morning session, **Rogier Kuil from VDL Fibertech**, presented how the VDL Fibertech increases its experience in composite processing and manufacturing and how to become more cost effective and efficient in composite production. **Mr Albert ten Busschen from Windesheim University** presented innovative ways and processes for reuse GF composites into new structural composites.

In the afternoon session, Mr **Erik Veurink** introduced the audience to the history and the evolution of BIC1 (Brainport Industry Campus) before visitors had the opportunity to visit companies located at the BIC1 and being active in advanced added manufacturing. The audience, with many students were impressed by innovative businesses and followed with high interest the explanation given by representants of the companies K3D, Marketiger, KMWE, TNO, and AM Flow.

After a short coffee break, the 22-year-old Business Manager **Hugo van Hees** captured our attention by presenting how its team from TU/Ecomotive developed an electric vehicle from scratch. **Thorsten Friedrich from ARN** (Auto recycling Nederland) explained us the complex processes in place for recycling used vehicles and what will be the new challenges when EV must be recycled in the future with EU Directives, that become more and more restrictive in this matter.

The conference in the afternoon finished by a presentation of results by **Yolanda DAMS** from FlandersMake about gaps and needs that were identified in matchmaking activities during the AACOMA project. Bernard Paquet presented then the state of play of demonstrators, realized in the same project and gave an outlook on a new follow-up project that is in preparation.





The AACOMA Project

The design of innovative materials and their state-of-the-art implementation offer great opportunities to SMEs for the development of new products. The objective of the AACOMA project, an Interreg Euregio-Meuse-Rhin project, which runs for 3 years until mid of 2023 with a budget of 3M€, is to network SMEs with technological research partners.

Seven partners from the three countries are carrying out the project: CENTEXBEL is the project leader and is supported by the University of Liège, SIRRIS and Flanders Make in Belgium, as well as from FONTYS, the University of Applied Sciences and AMIBM from Maastricht University in the Netherlands and AMAC in Germany.

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