

Welcome to the Member States Workshop of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee : CLUSTER 4 DIGITAL, INDUSTRY AND SPACE

> Wednesday 24 April 2024 14h30 - 17h00

Advanced Materials Partnership



Agenda

Cluster 4 – Programme Committee Member States Workshop Wednesday, 24 April 2024 14.30 – 17.00

- 1. Welcome by Jürgen Tiedje, Head of Unit Industrial Transformation, DG Research and Innovation
- 2. Presentation by representatives of the future Partnership Innovative Materials for EU (I'M4EU) Followed by Q&A and discussion
- 3. Digital Infrastructures on Advanced Materials
- 4. Associated countries and their role under the Advanced Materials communication
- 5. Wrap-up



Interface with Programme Committee under Horizon Europe Cluster 4

- Work Programme topics and budget decisions focusing on cluster 4 will be taken by the Programme Committee
- Strategic orientations and implementation aspects to be discussed by Technology Council





The upcoming co-programmed Partnership under Horizon Europe

"Innovative Advanced Materials for Europe" (IAM4EU)

April 24, 2024





"Innovative Advanced Materials for Europe"

Building on the experience of...



The Energy Materials Industrial Research Initiative



The European Technology Platform for Advanced Materials and Technologies



An EU flagship R&I initiative



The European Technology Platform for manufacturing technologies



The European Technology Platform for Sustainable Chemistry





"Innovative Advanced Materials for Europe"

A co-programmed partnership between the EC and a dedicated Association

Preliminary sketch of the private-side association to gather all relevant stakeholders



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Focus on Innovative Advanced Materials

Advanced Materials – what is covered?

- Intentionally designed and engineered materials¹ to have:
 - > new or enhanced properties, and/or
 - targeted or enhanced structural features

to achieve specific or improved functional performance.

- Advanced materials include both:
 - new emerging materials from innovative manufacturing processes (high tech materials) and
 - materials that are manufactured from traditional materials (low tech materials).

2 Source: https://one.oecd.org/document/ENV/CBC/MONO(2022)29/en/pdf



"Innovative" emphasizes the commercial potential of these materials / refers to innovative ways to use classical materials in new applications





Problem Statement & Ambition

Main challenges, failures, gaps,...



The need for advanced materials addressing ever more stringent requirements at an ever faster pace



A **fragmented landscape** of stakeholders, competences, resources and initiatives



Lack of resilience and sustainability of the industrial value chains relying on materials

A multi-sectorial accelerator for the design, development and uptake of safe and sustainable advanced materials towards a circular economy





Objectives and Expected Impacts

Aligning with Horizon Europe Strategic Plan for 2025-27 Contributing to implementing EC Policy on Advanced Materials for Industrial Leadership

OBJECTIVES

GENERAL

SPECIFIC

EU leadership in advanced materials innovation and industrial competitiveness in strategic markets



IAMs and associated technologies



Cross-enabling tools & methodologies



Ecosystem enablers and synergies

EXPECTED IMPACTS

Twin Green and digital Transitions Competitive & sovereign EU

Resilient & circular industrial value chains, from IAM design to end-of-life

High-level capabilities

A robust comprehensive innovation cycle, from low to high TRL





IAM4EU Vision & Mission

Our Vision for 2035

The European industry is developing, producing and integrating more rapidly Innovative Advanced Materials that meet increasingly stringent application requirements, and ever more demanding sustainability and circularity constraints, while coping with global competition and ever shorter technology cycles.

Mission of the IAM4EU partnership

To establish and maintain a cross-sectorial, multidisciplinary, collaborative Europe-wide **Research and Innovation ecosystem** that will significantly accelerate the time-to-market of sustainable innovative advanced materials and associated technologies designed for a digital & circular economy.

Innovative Advanced Materials are the backbone of technological progress. They are pivotal in achieving the twin goals of the green and digital transitions and to boost Europe's competitiveness and sovereignty





IAM4EU Guiding Principles



- □ IAM4EU will cover all the segments of the industrial value chains, relying on SSbD materials towards circularity
- □ IAM4EU will support and accelerate the IAMs innovation cycle from basic research to market uptake (leveraging on infrastructures, business services,...)
- □ IAM4EU will recognize the key enabling role of all types of IAMs.

Green Deal

Industrial

Competitiveness

SAFE & SUSTAINABLE

ADVANCED MATERIALS

Digital Age

EU Sovereignty &

Autonomy

❑ As a co-programmed partnership with industry, IAM4EU will ensure that research investments meet industrial needs and boost uptake into marketable products.





Building synergies with other partnerships

Contacts with Process4Planet / Made in Europe / EIT Raw materials / ERA-MIN / Raw Materials partnership proposal / European Metrology (EURAMET) / PARC / Photonics21 / AI Data Robotics / KDT / Chips JU / BATT4EU / Clean Hydrogen / B4P / 2Zero / Clean Aviation / Circular bio-based Europe / EOSC

Joint Interest (examples)

- with MiE and P4P on energy & resource efficiency; end of use & recycling and the setting up of a federated digital framework covering the life cycle of materials
- with EIT Raw Materials and RM partnership proposal to articulating research priorities with industrial needs, address new skills and upskilling and the networking of cross-border infrastructures in the field of materials (in general) and critical/strategic raw materials

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Areas of Intervention (AoIs) developed in the SRIA

3 Areas of intervention

8 R&I Areas

- I IAMS AND ASSOCIATED TECHNOLOGIES TOWARDS RESILIENT & CIRCULAR INDUSTRIAL VALUE CHAINS
 - 1. Enabling and enhancing resilience and circularity by IAMs
 - 2. Breakthrough products through cutting-edge IAMs

II - HIGH-LEVEL CAPABILITIES THROUGH CROSS-ENABLING TOOLS & METHODOLOGIES

- 3. Materials modelling, characterisation and testing (generating data)
- 4. Materials knowledge through digitalization (managing/exploiting data)

III - ECOSYSTEM ENABLERS AND SYNERGIES FOR A ROBUST COMPREHENSIVE INNOVATION CYCLE

- 5. Fostering the maturation of IAMs low-TRL research to meet applications needs
- 6. Accelerating industrial take-up in key application areas
- 7. Leveraging technology infrastructures to support design, development, testing and scale-up

GRAPHENE 2DMIC

8. Supporting European policy and regulatory framework



KPIs for Specific Objectives - 2025-2027

(preliminary)

GRAPHENE 2DMIC

	IAMs and associated technologies towards resilient & circular industrial value chains		High-level capabilities through cross-enabling tools & methodologies		Ecosystem enablers and synergies for a robust comprehensive innovation cycle
•	 # of SSbD IAMs technologies (concept / prototype) along industrial VCs raw materials & CRMs renewables (fossil-free) & resource efficiency circularity (secondary raw materials) # of cutting-edge IAMs technologies # of IAMs scalable technologies (demo) per/across sector(s) # of IAMs technologies uptake and markets # of circular business models 	• # o too • # o dig • # o • # o trac • # o • # o too	f modelling, characterization, testin ls & methods f digital tools & methods (MAP, ML, ital twin) f inter-operable data sources f digitalized IAMs cases (incl. data nagement approaches) f implementation of materials ceability serving DPP f SSbD & LCA tools & methods f operationalization of SSbD & LCA ls	ng	<pre># of access to, use of, contribution to digital infrastructures, data spaces, pilot lines, OITBs # of education and skillset identification # of supported start-up, SMEs Revised SRIA by 2027, covering the full innovation cycle, fully endorsed by the different stakeholders Stakeholder engagement, balance and diversity (incl. U13) # of collaborations with other partnerships and other initiatives Collaboration with ERC / EIC / EIT International cooperation # of standardization support / policy recommendations # of publications, patents, licenses</pre>



Proposals of priorities for WP'25

#	Suggested priorities	TRL	Aol I	Aol II	Aol III
1	IAMs for photonics, enabling low-power and ultra-broadband performance for telecommunication networks	3-6			
2	IAMs for conformable, flexible or stretchable electronics	2-6			
3	IAMs for advanced coatings, sealants, adhesives and functional surfaces	2-6			
4	IAMs For Product Monitoring, Enabling Smart Maintenance And Repair Strategies	3-5			
5	AI and ML based models, tools and services to accelerate IAMs design and to optimize IAMs compositions and structures	5-7			
6	IAMs with broadband performance for hyperspectral sensor and imaging applications across visible, Infrared and longer wavelengths	1-5			
7	Commonly applicable and validated tools and methods for the Safe and Sustainable-by-design (SSbD) framework	n.a			
8	IAMS for high-performance permanent magnets with significantly decreased content of rare earth	3-7			

+ Joint action with EIC (Accelerator Challenge) targeting SMEs and start-ups





NEXT STEPS



Be prepared to join the IAM4EU Association JOIN US!









Questions?

Thank you





Jointly funded EIC Challenges

- Joint budget contribution (50:50)
- Clusters can deploy EIC Accelerator (mono-beneficiary, access to equity investments and coinvestments) to provide scale-up finance to individual SMEs and startups focused on the objectives of the Cluster/ initiative.
- Opportunity to identify and support new and disruptive solutions that tackle topics of high policy interest through start-ups and SMEs, who are often new participants – about 70% of the companies supported by the Accelerator are newcomers to EU programmes.
- Align objectives of the EIC (scaling up breakthrough innovations) with the relevant cluster (e.g. deployment of technologies in the market) with a stronger likelihood of success in Challenge area.
- Open "fast track" for SMEs from the Cluster to access EIC Accelerator for follow up funding to deploy to market results from a collaborative project.
- Access to relevant EIC Business Acceleration Services (e.g. EIC corporate days and innovation procurement programme) in the area of the Challenge, in collaboration with the Cluster.



Materials Commons



Materials Commons

Accelerate the R&I processes for advanced materials

Get access to capacities that are not achievable at national level

Reduce fragmentation of the European research and innovation ecosystem

Create opportunities and remove obstacles for European industry

Alignment to prepare for **future regulation** such as the Digital Product Passport

How:

- Trustworthy resource for all stakeholders: academia, RTOs, industry and SMEs
- Interoperability through common data formats, materials taxonomies, ontologies
- From design, development and testing of new advanced materials up to products
 - Virtual design of materials and digitalisation of manufacturing processes
 - In-depth knowledge on material flows



Materials Commons – from data to working environment



Materials Commons – adoption of tools and Al



- Use the power of data: enabling the rapid analysis and synthesis of vast datasets
- Wider use of tools that automate routine tasks in the R&D process, freeing researchers to focus on more innovative aspects of material science
- Use AI to predict behavior and performance of new materials without the need for exhaustive physical testing
- Optimise existing materials for better performance and cost-effectiveness



Materials Commons

- Trilateral approach crucial
 - Sharing expertise
 - Collaborative innovation
 - Market relevance and competitiveness
- Investment from Member States needed
 - Need for big leap
 - Aligning with national initiatives and priorities
 - Building on resources at national level
- Maintenance, sustainability and linkage
 - Gradual build up with clear responsibilities
 - Need to think beyond Horizon Europe
 - Linking to policies such as Safe and Sustainable by Design and Digital Product Passport





Materials Commons elements & services

- Data (generation, formats, metadata, documentation, ontologies, taxonomies, ...)
- Data governance (FAIR principles, ownership & access, traceability, curation, ...)
- Workflows (process optimisation, data management, collaboration, ...)
- Tools (standards, access rights, maintenance, support, ...)
- Artificial Intelligence (machine learning, robotics, ...)
- SSbD, LCA, Digital Product Passports
- Past & ongoing initiatives
- Management and sustainability





Materials Commons – Crossing the boundary of research and market

A digital infrastructure offers:

- Opportunities for scientific breakthroughs:
 - ✓ e.g. discovery of new materials by predicting the properties of possible new materials
- Opportunities further into the development process:
 - e.g. simulation and modelling and high-throughput screening

Aspects further down the value chain, up to the recycling stage, are also crucial, e.g. in the case of digital product passports.

Combining research data and product information onto a single platform offers significant advantages







Materials Commons – Building up and federating

Set-up

- Contributing infrastructures
- Gap analysis
- Functional and non-functional requirements

Build

- · Adopt standards for data formats and taxonomies, build interconnectors
- Set up data governance framework
- Incorporate datasets/tools, including where these are provided by third parties

Extend

- Incorporate more advanced tools (visualisation, modelling, simulation).
- Support for workflows and collaborative environments
- Support for SSbD, DPP.

Integrate advanced tools

- Al for discovery, property prediction and acceleration of design and optimisation, characterisation, etc.
- Support for robotic experiments



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action

Materials Commons – context

- Initiatives at national level
- Initiatives funded at European level
 - DIGIPASS, IRISS projects
 - IAM4EU candidate partnership
 - Data Spaces and EOSC
 - Testing and Experimentation Facilities
- European Materials Modelling Council
- European Materials Characterisation Council



Materials Commons – WP action

Innovation action targeting Member States:

- Create the basis for a federated digital infrastructure for advanced materials
- Give researchers from industry and academia access to interoperable heterogeneous data sources and computational tools that support the workflows for the design and development of advanced materials;
- Make state-of-the-art artificial intelligence (AI) technologies, machine learning algorithms, and predictive modelling techniques accessible to researchers in industry and academia.

Strategic:

- Joint strategic vision
- Concrete action plan
- Inclusive approach with contributions from industry and academia
- Complementarity: EU, national, regional actions, partnership, Dataspaces/EOSC

Practical:

• Studies (requirements), data sets, trust infrastructures, software tools, remote access





Thank you