



**AI-assisted Manufacturability
and sustainability**



The background is a collage of industrial machinery, including a lathe and a drill press, with a semi-transparent green overlay. The logo consists of a green Greek letter sigma symbol followed by the word 'smart' in white lowercase letters, and 'advanced manufacturing' in smaller white lowercase letters below it.

Σ smart
advanced manufacturing

ORGANISATION PROFILE

Project partners in the consortium:

- ❖ University of Edinburgh
 - 2D&3D shape representation, recognition and classification, and generation
 - Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) developments for CAD/CAE-related tasks
- ❖ Lund University
 - Sustainable manufacturing and product development
 - Mechanical and structural optimization
 - ML and DL developments for mechanical analysis
- ❖ RISE (Research Institutes of Sweden)
 - Fluid dynamics
 - ML and DL developments for dynamical systems

PROPOSAL INTRODUCTION (I)

Vision: By mimicking nature's strategies and applying AI/ML algorithms, the project seeks to create bio-intelligent manufacturing systems that automatically optimize processes in real time.

Motivation: The manufacturing industry faces growing pressure to **reduce its environmental impact**, **increase efficiency**, and **remain competitive** in an evolving global market. By integrating artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) with bio-inspired materials, structures, and processes, the project aims to advance production systems that are resource-efficient, adaptable, and aligned with the principles of the circular economy.

Content:

1. Enhance manufacturability by integrating AI/ML solutions with bio-intelligent materials and processes, addressing key constraints in areas such as castability, printability, forming, and hybrid joining.
2. Improve efficiency and cost-effectiveness by automating and optimizing manufacturing processes using AI-driven systems that can adjust production in real-time based on resource availability and operational conditions.
3. Reduce environmental impact through optimized resource use, emission reduction, and circular economy principles.

PROPOSAL INTRODUCTION (II)

Expected outcome: Scale bio-intelligent manufacturing technologies developed and validated from TRL 4 (lab validation) to TRL 6 (demonstration in a relevant industrial environment).

Impacts:

1. Enhanced manufacturability in manufacturing materials, structures and processes that can be applied to a broader range of products.
2. Augmented manufacturing efficiency and cost-effectiveness empowered by AI-based systems capable of optimisations under resource and time constraints.
3. Reduced environmental impact facilitated by AI-aided environmental impact software that can track, analyse, predict and optimise resource use and system emission aligned with circular economy principles.

Schedule: TBD

PARTNERS

Current:

❖ Academic institutes:

University of Edinburgh

Lund University

RISE (Sweden Research Institute)

❖ Industrial partners:

1. Automotive sector (Including Volvo Cars)

2. Gas turbine manufacturers

3. Power electronics manufacturers

Partner search:

❖ Automotive Consortia concentrating on reducing emissions and integrating sustainable technologies into vehicle production.

❖ Energy Sector Initiatives working on optimisations for better resource efficiency and lower environmental impact.

❖ SME Networks that specialize in rapid innovation cycles.

❖ Research Initiatives aligning with Horizon Europe framework focusing on sustainable manufacturing, AI/ML integration, and the circular economy.

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