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## **Seats are full for CECIMO's next "Additive Manufacturing and 3D Printing European Conference" at the European Parliament in Brussels** Watch the live stream online on 25 May!

Brussels, 12 May 2016 – For the second year, CECIMO is organizing the “**Additive Manufacturing and 3D Printing European Conference**” at the **European Parliament in Brussels (Belgium) on 25 May 2016 from 9.00 to 13.00**. Building on the outcome of the first edition, the event now aims at going forward with creating a European strategy on additive manufacturing and 3D printing. The speed at which the seats filled in is proof of the importance to support the steady, long-lasting and consistent development of additive manufacturing in Europe. The event will be streamed live from 9.00 on YouTube and <http://www.cecimo.eu/site/am-european-conference/live-streaming/>.

The event is co-hosted by five Members of the Parliament from four political groups: Dario Tamburrano (EFDD), David Borrelli (EFDD), Reinhard Bütikofer (Greens/EFA), Eva Kaili (S&D) and Andrey Novakov (EPP).

The speakers' session will tackle AM from the perspective of technology, markets, economic development and sustainability. Among the confirmed speakers are Reinhard Bütikofer, MEP, Eva Kaili, MEP, Filip Geerts, CECIMO Director General, Andrey Novakov, MEP, Khalil Rouhana, Director for Components & Systems, DG CONNECT, European Commission, Dario Tamburrano, MEP, and Jean-Camille Uring, Executive board member - FIVES Group and CECIMO Past President

During the session that follows, the panellists will debate on the different topics to be included in a European additive manufacturing strategy: from research to education, from IPR protection to SME development, from standardization to certification. The confirmed speakers are Antonio Alliva, Co-founder of 3DiTALY, Claudio Becchetti, CrowdforAfrica 3DP Project Coordinator, Istituto Massimo, David Borrelli, MEP, Andrey Novakov, MEP, Phil Reeves, Vice President of Strategic Consulting, Stratasys, Stefan Ritt, VP Global Marketing and Communication, SLM Solutions, Martin Schäfer, Senior Key Expert Additive Manufacturing at Siemens, for the AM Platform, Carla Van Steenberghe, Legal Counsel, Materialise and Jeroen Wijnen, Senior Vice President Product Management at Ultimaker. Giorgio Magistrelli, Additive Manufacturing Project Manager at CECIMO, will be moderating the debate.

### **CECIMO and additive manufacturing**

The European machine tool industry has always been on forefront of innovation and of R&I-generated solutions in various industrial sectors, including automotive, aerospace, power generation, medical products and general engineering.

Additive manufacturing, or 3D printing, is identified as one of the major disrupting technologies of the 21st century. It offers a great potential to enable design freedom and the development of complex free-form structures, the efficient and accelerated production of customized products, and the minimisation of material waste. As application fields rapidly expand from prototyping towards direct parts production, its transformative impact is being revealed in all areas of manufacturing: product design, production, supply chain organization, services and skills. CECIMO is the point of reference in the area of metallic based additive manufacturing for EU policy-makers. It works at ensuring that EU policies and regulations create the right framework conditions for the development of AM and contribute to boosting the competitiveness of the European industry as a whole. The first Additive Manufacturing European Conference was organised by CECIMO at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium in June 2015.

**About CECIMO**

CECIMO is the European Association of the Machine Tool Industries. We bring together 15 national associations of machine tool builders, which represent approximately 1500 industrial enterprises in Europe (EU + EFTA + Turkey), over 80% of which are SMEs. CECIMO covers 98% of the total machine tool production in Europe and about one third worldwide. It accounts for more than 150,000 employees and a turnover of nearly €24 billion in 2015. About 80% of CECIMO production is shipped abroad, whereas half of it is exported outside Europe. For more information visit [www.cecimo.eu](http://www.cecimo.eu)

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