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3 success stories for communication
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1. Introduction

Short success stories have been created after pilot services implementation process and based on the SME-RTOs cooperation experience. Their role is to highlight the added value achieved for the serviced SME and to promote the smart KET Access & Service Network and transnational cooperation from the case studies. Success stories have been used as a communication tool, disseminated and shared to reach broad audience of stakeholders interested in joining the KETGATE Network.

2. Overview of success stories

Service providing to the SMEs listed below has been described in the success stories for the D.T3.4.6. The stories have been provided by the RTO partners that were involved in each pilot process.

SME with the service described in the success story	Responsible partners
Phoenix d. o. o.	Bay Zoltán Nonprofit Ltd., Jožef Stefan Institute
Balmar d.o.o.	Jožef Stefan Institute, Joanneum Research
Technometall Kft	Bay Zoltán Nonprofit Ltd., Joanneum Research

3. Annexes

3.1 Phoenix d. o. o. success story

3.2 Balmar d.o.o. success story

3.3 Technometall Kft success story

KETGATE Success Story

Information on RTO Success Story for the KETGATE Website

RTO

Name of the Success
Story

KETGATE Story Code

Date

SME-Request Code

RTO-Offer

Information about the Project partner

Company

Contact person

Position

E-Mail

Telephone

Address

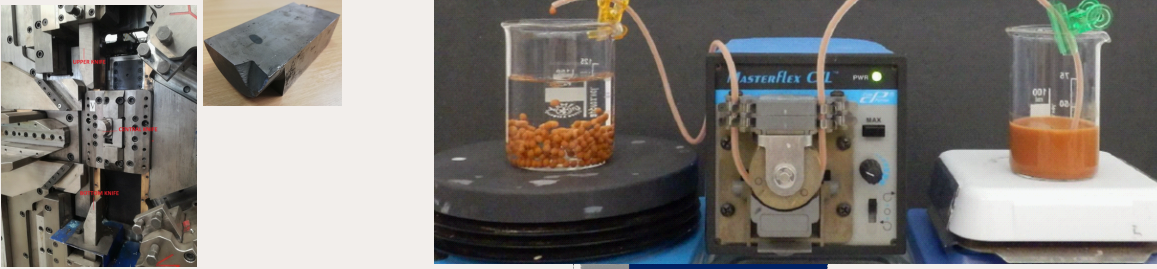
Homepage

City/ Country

Postal
Code

Information about the KETGATE Project

Picture



The Customer

Description of the company plus business activities.
(see SME-Request or homepage)

The Challenge

Description of the customer's goals and needs.
(see SME-Request)

Success Story Code



The Theme

Description of the offered solution to the customer`s needs.
(see RTO-Offer)

The solution

Description of the elaborated solution.
(see RTO-Report)

Marketing results

Customer satisfaction and testimonials.
(E-mail, telephone, interview)

KETGATE Success Story

Name of the Success Story:

Hybrid Additive Manufacturing and Coating of the Metal Structures

Project duration:

06/2019-09/2019; 06/2020-07/2020

Information about the Project partners

Company name:

Balmar d.o.o.

Address:

Kidričeva ulica 24A
3000 Celje

Country:

Slovenia

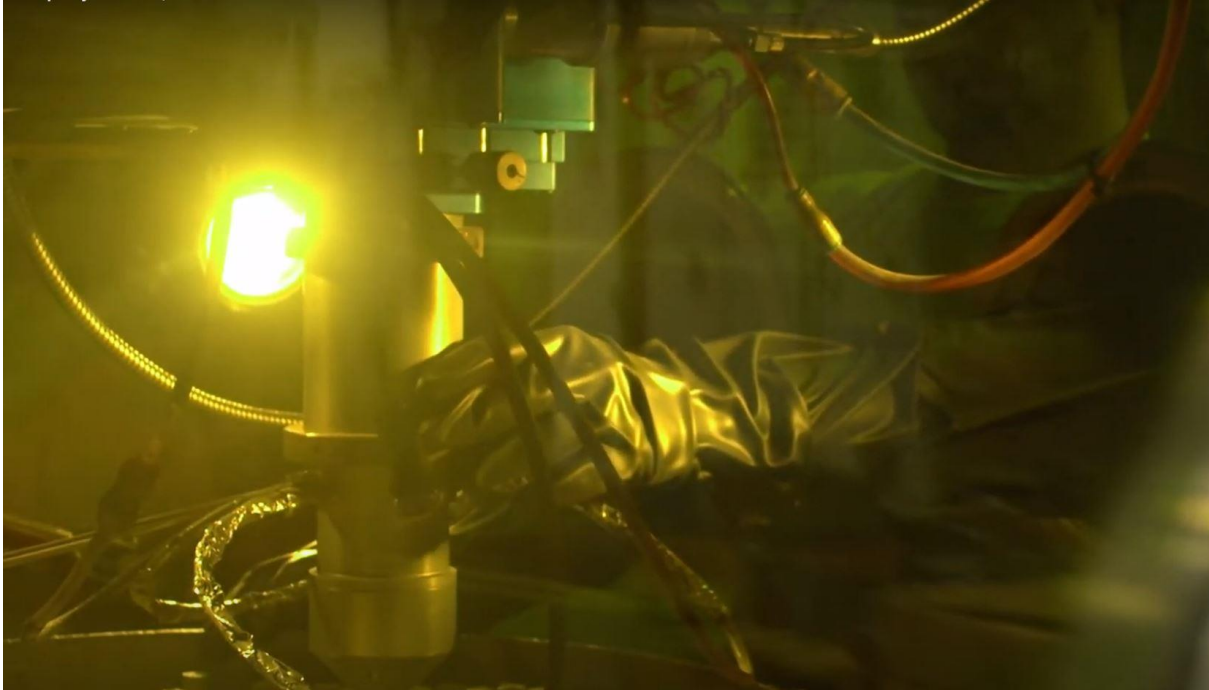
URL:

<https://balmar.si/>

<p>RTO name: Jožef Stefan Institute</p> <p>Address: Jamova cesta 39, SI-1000 Ljubljana</p> <p>RTO country: Slovenia</p> <p>URL: https://www.ijs.si/ijsw/IJS</p>	<p>RTO name: JOANNEUM RESEARCH Forschungsgesellschaft mbH</p> <p>Address: Leobner Straße 94 A-8712 Niklasdorf</p> <p>RTO country: Austria</p> <p>URL: www.joanneum.at/materials</p>
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Information about the KETGATE Pilot Project

Picture:



Metal 3D printing at BALMAR d.o.o.

About the SME

Company BALMAR d.o.o. is a privately owned Small and medium-sized enterprise (SME), established in 2008 and located in Celje, Slovenia.

Major scope of company activities is focused into following industry sectors:

- Aviation sector – airline business, aviation consulting and training in aviation
- Space sector – space R&D activities, manufacturing and implementation of advanced metal parts
- Additive manufacturing – technology development and implementation, service provider and technology consulting.

The company offers services in Additive Manufacturing: Additive Manufacturing/3D Metal Printing (LENS Technology); Improvements of LENS Technology; Electronics Printing / Aerosol Jet® Technology for Electronics; Demonstration Centre; Consulting service in connection with Additive Manufacturing; Product development and evaluation based on Additive Manufacturing principle.

The Challenge

In industry often appears a need to effectively manufacture bigger parts with some complex geometries (example of cooling channels) and being built out of a special material like super alloys, titanium alloys and similar. Often such parts cannot be built in a manner as desired by the customer (with classical existent manufacturing technologies). Consequently, the need for alternative manufacture such as Additive Manufacturing (AM) appears.

Major disadvantage of the AM process is the manufacturing speed and relatively high manufacturing costs. In order to optimize this technology a Hybrid Additive Manufacturing Approach has been developed by the Balmar.

When such principle is being used, new intermetallic boundary layers between parts build by one and another AM Technology appears. Such boundary layer contains smaller-finer and bigger-rougher crystal structures which can consequently influence on the mechanical and materials properties of the built part.

The newly developed Hybrid Additive Manufacturing Approach is planned to be applied on aerospace parts, where a protection is needed. Hard coatings are a suitable way of providing mechanical protection.

About the RTO JOANNEUM RESEARCH

JOANNEUM RESEARCH (JR) develops solutions and technology for business and industry in a wide range of industries and operates cutting-edge research on an international level. As innovation company with a focus on applied research and technology development it plays a key role in technology and knowledge transfer. JR is a business-driven innovation and technology provider with cutting-edge research for more than 30 years. The staff of JR has expertise in additive manufacturing technologies like Powder Bed Fusion (PBF) and Directed Energy Deposition (DED) for industrial applications. All project members gained extensive project management experience in several national and international R&D and network projects.

About the RTO Jožef Stefan Institute

The Jožef Stefan Institute (JSI) is the leading Slovenian scientific research institute, covering a broad spectrum of basic and applied research. The staff of more than 1000 specializes in natural sciences, life sciences and engineering.

The main research activity of the Department of Thin Films and Surfaces, JSI are hard coatings for protection of tools and machine parts against wear. Hard coatings considerably decrease wear; therefore, the tool lifetime increases several times. Using different deposition units, the Department offers the deposition of various PVD coatings: TiN, CrN, TiAlN, TiAlSiN and aCN, as well as others upon request.

The solution

In this project JOANNEUM RESEARCH - MATERIALS provided valuable expertise in Powder Bed Fusion (PBF) for further tasks performed by Balmar d.o.o., which applied the Hybrid Additive Manufacturing Approach. After the samples were prepared Jožef Stefan Institute deposited PVD coatings as well as investigated the surface properties with microscopy and standard tests.

An international collaboration of research institutes for solving the technological problem of a Hungarian small and medium-sized enterprise

The main profile of Technometall Kft. in Sárospatak is machine tool manufacturing, design and construction. In addition to manufacturing complete cold forming tools, they also specialize in the production of tool elements or other high-precision machined parts.

The intention of the company was to make some parts of steel punching tools easier, faster and more cost-effective than by the means of the classic process. With the help of the business consultant of the Bay Zoltán Research Institute, the needs of the company were precisely identified, and then a study on the feasibility of the idea was carried out with the involvement of the Austrian Joanneum Research Institute.

The measured geometry values of the printed part did not suit to the planned geometry values. For this reason, it was recommended that the printed part (for example the holes geometry) should be post manufactured.

The Bay Zoltan Institute was given the role in this project to perform the validation material tests which results can be used for further development for TM Ltd. Since the printing job was stopped, the surface roughness has been measured on the side of printed part.

We can conclude that based on test results, the applicability of the new technology for the producing of this tool can be decided.

(Different material tests were planned and carried out on the original material and the new prepared tool made by additive manufacturing to compare the mechanical properties of these two materials. Also a geometry test on the printed part was performed to inspect the accuracy of printing job.

Geometry accuracy, strength properties, hardness, metallographic characteristic, fatigue and fracture mechanical properties were compared.

Material tests on the molded part and printed part have been performed. In conclusion, can be stated the managing steel have better material properties in several cases. The printed part reaches higher strength properties and hardness value than molded part and yield strength and tensile strength can be increased further with ageing. In contrast, the results of fatigue test and fracture test show, the originally used material has higher fatigue strength and fatigue limit than the printed material and is more resistant to fatigue crack growth than printed part.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DfFMw-PnJ34>

