



Welcome to our
9th Newsletter!

Throughout the Target project, we aim to publish this newsletter at quarterly intervals to keep partners, colleagues, clients and stakeholders up to date on relevant information relating to our project.

If you have any updates to contribute to these publications, please forward your news to our Communications Lead:
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TARGET – The final Countdown!



Partners at project close event. Standing L-R: Erlend Bjørk (Centria), Vincent Reynolds (CITC), Gabor Sziebig (UiT), Tero Köyhäjäjoki (Centria), Johan Lugnet (Luleå), Hao Yu (UiT), Martin Lundgren (Luleå), Liam Keily (LEO Sligo), Bjørn Solvang (UiT), Jouni Vähäsöyrinki (Centria), Åsa Erikson (Luleå), Sakari Pieskä (Centria), Beibei Shu (UiT), John Moore (SWC), Christine Irvine (SWC), Uwe Klein (SWC). Front Row: Marcella Rudden (LEO Cavan), Edel McCusker (SWC), Padraig McNamee (SWC), Heidi Kaartinen (Centria), Wei Deng Solvang (UiT)

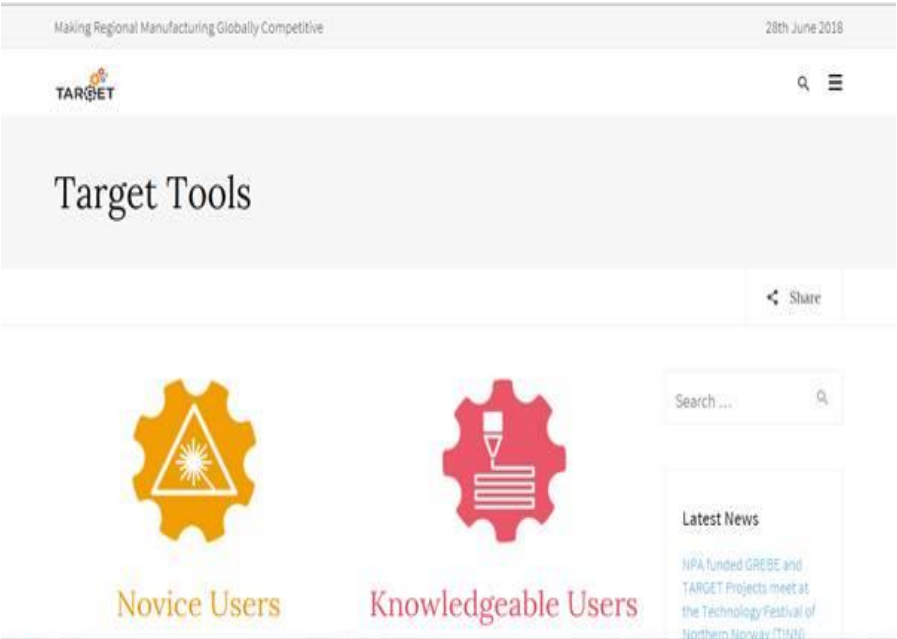
Whilst the project officially ended at 30 April, 2018, activity continued throughout May and June 2018 on project closure and dissemination of results. Stakeholders, participating companies, enterprise agencies, regional and local authorities are being communicated with, advising them of the





project outputs, including in particular, the toolbox of 16 tools now available on an open source basis via the project portal (<http://www.targetproject.eu/target-tools/>). The project partners encourage manufacturing companies throughout Europe to embrace the valuable resource created through the TARGET project which has been produced with the support of the European Regional Development Fund under the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme.

The project represented a unique opportunity for partners to share expertise on a transnational/pan-european basis, and combine academic and technical know how to proactively address the future needs of the manufacturing sector in the Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) region, particularly in the areas of automation, innovation, product design/adaptation, so as to support companies to remain globally competitive.



TARGET project website.



Hao Yu (UiT) and Beibei Shu (UiT) at the TARGET close event.

As a result of the close international collaboration and relationships developed, there exists considerable potential for an enduring mutual support relationship amongst the partners, which is an important by-product of the TARGET project.



Vidar Gunnberg (Studiesenteret Finnsnes) at the TARGET close event.



Åsa Erikson (Luleå) at the TARGET close event.





Some events recaptured:-

- Partners at project initiation September 2015, Enniskillen, Northern Ireland.



- Cavan Companies at industry engagement seminar 12 May 2016



L-R: Lyn Sharkey (Abcon Industrial Products Ltd, Cootehill), John Reilly, (Xtrupak Ltd, Lough Gowna, Cavan), Marcella Rudden (LEO Cavan), Vincent Reynolds (CITC), Paul Clarke (EMCA Ltd, Cootehill), Gerry Reilly (Ballytherm Ltd, Ballyconnell).



- First Annual TARGET Conference on 22 November 2016.



Pictured at the Enniskillen Conference (L/R):- Edel McCusker TARGET Manager (SWC), Dr Stephen Brennan (Chief Digital Advisor, Irish Government), Sarah Reid (Special EU Programmes Body), Dr John Moore and Pdraig McNamee (SWC).

- Academic partners at meeting in Narvik June 2016





In conclusion, the project partners hope owner-managers and key personnel engaged in manufacturing throughout Europe enjoy the experience of engaging with the sixteen tools developed, and that these will stimulate the implementation of new practices and processes which will underpin their future growth and profitability.

The partners wish to again thank the Joint Secretariat and Managing Authority of the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme and the European Regional Development Fund for their financial support and guidance over the past three years.

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TARGET Partners

The Lead Partner in the TARGET Project is South West College, Northern Ireland. At present, there are five other partners across Norway, Finland, Sweden and Ireland. Contact details for each of the partners are provided below.

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Each of the partner organisations have specialist skill sets focused on ensuring that the local and regional manufacturing base will be globally competitive and innovative through the utilisation of the advanced technology and digital manufacturing techniques available through the partnership.

For further information or queries regarding TARGET contact your regional project partner or our Lead Partner:

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