

Closing of the morning session



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## Targets and key benefits



- Increased productivity,
- Wider range of process tools,
- Greater ease of integration from small to large platforms,
- Higher part quality,
- Improved ease of use.





### Project Aim



Develop all-in-one hybrid additive/subtractive system based on laser cladding and 5 axes milling....

- 1. Smart cladding tools which provide information on their status/condition
- 2. Extend the capabilities of HMTs cladding heads to include wire feed-stock
- 3. Investigate improved inter gas shielding methods
- 4. Develop and test in-process stress relieving and heat treatment methods
- 5. In process part inspection (accuracy and NDT)
- 6. New easy to use software to control the combined machining and cladding process
- 7. Develop comprehensive suite of process simulation tools
- 8. Integrate the technology on two new platforms (5-axes milling machine and gantry)
- 9. Test the performance of the new hybrid systems
- 10. Undertake demonstration case studies in three key end-use sectors



#### And also



To help accelerate the industrial adoption of technology developed....

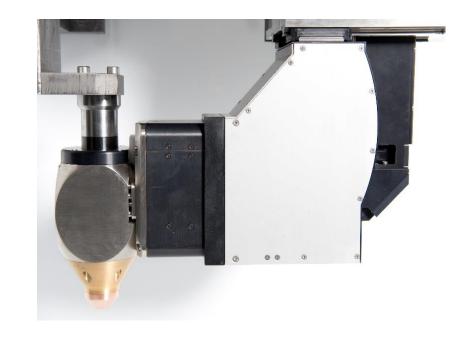
- Develop cost and LCA models to help organisations understand the benefits of hybrid AM
- Produce a range of training courses
- Support the development of relevant standards

# Long-Term Impact



Open platform approach which will place Europe in a leading position in hybrid AM;

- Anyone can design new process tool which are compatible with HMTs docking system,
- Easy to use software,
- Modular docking system,
- Compact/low weight/robust processing tools,
- Suitable for wide range of machine tool platforms,
- New machines and retrofitable





#### Conclusions



- Highly ambitious and challenging project
- Despite this we have achieved our objectives
  - New process tools for HMT
  - Smart head which sense their operation and status
  - Worlds first dockable wire feed head
  - New easy to use CAD/CAM software
  - Comprehensive process modelling
  - Two completely new hybrid platforms
  - Proven case studies in three end-user sectors

Knowledge developed is ready to exploit

Product develop are ready to commercialise

