

Pitching Session

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VANGUARD INITIATIVE

The most dynamic innovation ecosystems in Europe

- 39 regions
- 13 EU member states
- Engaging the future of industry in Europe, supported by smart specialization, through the development of multi-level European investment and cluster initiatives for emerging and changing industries



VI Pilots

- 3D Printing
- Efficient and Sustainable Manufacturing
- New Nano-enabled Products
- Hydrogen
- Adv. Manufacturing for Energy application in harsh environments
- Bioeconomy
- Smart Health
- **AI Pilot**



AI Pilot - Open Innovation and cooperation Platform for 19 Vanguard Regions

- An open platform for interregional cooperation and new innovative value chains
- Supporting the innovation processes of European companies, especially SMEs, by facilitating the adoption of AI technologies in the industrial ecosystem
- Supporting and promoting the use of AI-related technologies in the various industrial value chains

- Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen – South Tyrol
- Autonomous Province of Trento / Trentino
- Baden-Württemberg
- Basque Country
- East Netherlands/Gelderland
- Emilia Romagna
- Flanders
- Galicia
- Lombardia
- Malopolska
- Navarra
- North East Romania
- North Rhine-Westphalia
- South Netherlands
- Piemonte
- Slovenia
- Tampere
- Wales
- Wallonia

How?

- Participation in one of the already active demo cases (or pilot activities)
- Involvement of interested parties, companies and R&D Creation of a new demo case - "Learn, connect, demonstrate, commercialize" methodology
- Participation in EU projects and partner search in the Vanguard family
- Participation in the catalog of existing solution providers as part of the AI pilot project (Gateway)