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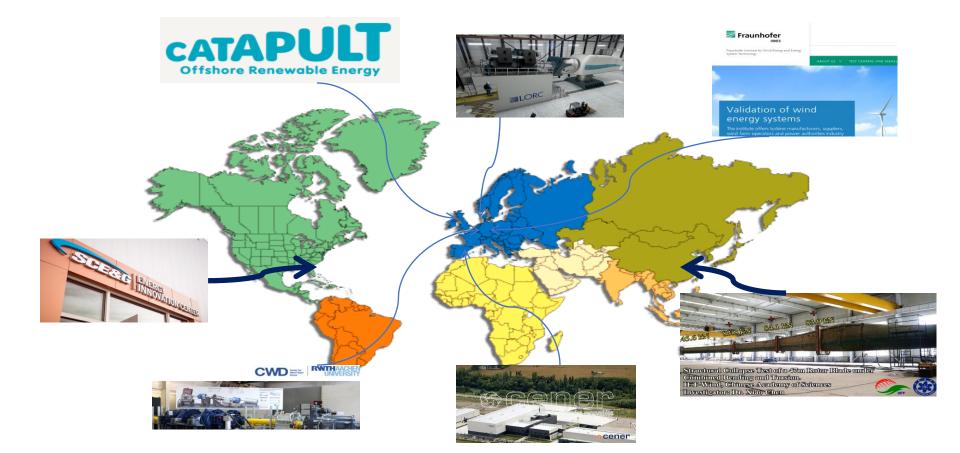
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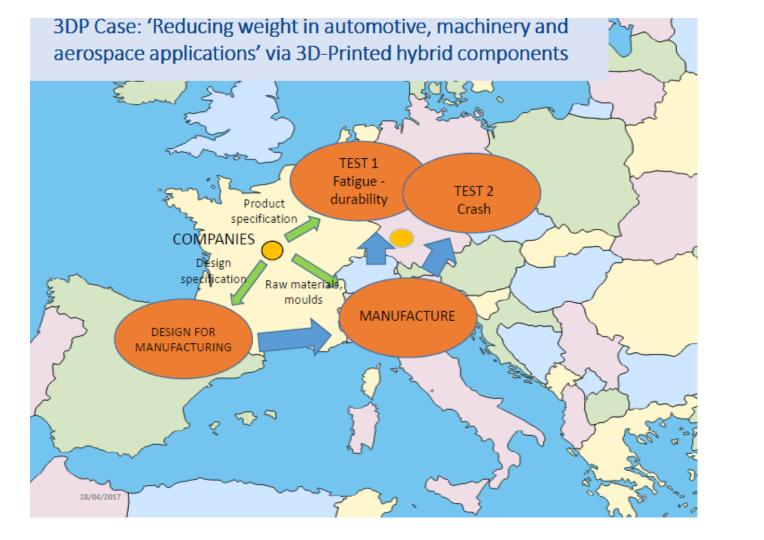
Supporting Interregional S3 Cooperation along Industrial Value Chains

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#### **Vanguard Initiative**

Based on complementary smart specialisations Vanguard Initiative aims to:

- develop thematic roadmaps to build innovative industrial value chains across Europe, with a key role for interregional networks of demonstration and pilot infrastructures.
- 2. create open access for SMEs to those interregional demonstration and pilot infrastructures.
- support facilitation and acceleration of bringing innovative solutions to the market.

in order to enhance Europe's competitive position

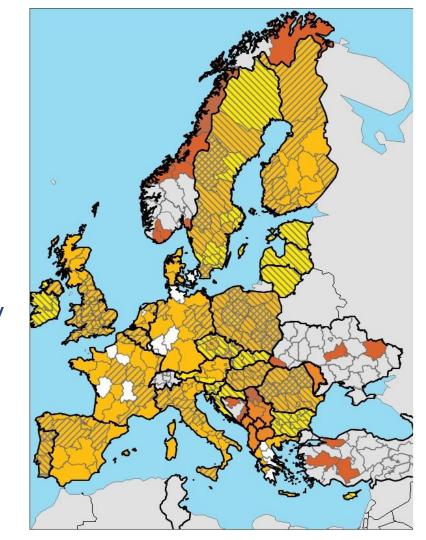
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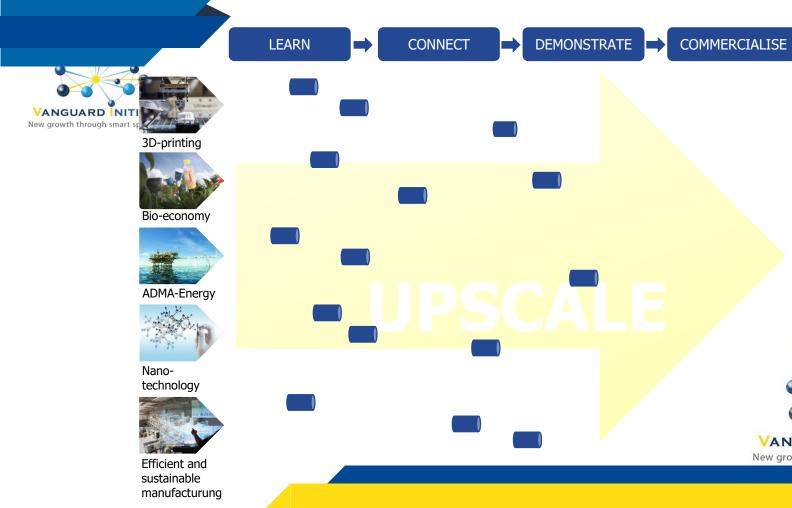
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### Vanguard Initiative is joined by

- all regions participating in the Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms (currently 177 from 18 MS)
- and other similar exercises





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### **INTERREG** component 5

#### A clear EU funding tool is needed in support

- within ETC, as earmarked budget complementary to other components (A-B-Europe)
   mainstream programmes (outward looking perspective)
- which reduces coordination costs to the maximum
- which can operate swiftly to keep pace with developments
- which can act as a real bridge to other centrally managed programmes



## THANK YOU

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