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SIX MONTH EXTENSION OF THE PROJECT PLAN

DUE TO THE COVID-19 RELATED DELAYS, INEVITABLE EXTENDS PROJECT PLAN FOR 6 MONTHS

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 situation significantly affected the initial phase of our project. In the first year of the project, the main goal was to improve the digitization level of the use cases. As the project partners faced several obstacles that affected the implementation of the initial project plan, these activities were unfortunately delayed. The activities were affected by:

- decreased production activities,
- decreased diversity and quantity of data,
- hardware procurement and implementation delays,
- delays in technical WPs propagating over to use-case WPs.

Since the digital uptake of the considered production process is one of the main prerequisites for further process activities, this delay affected several other research and development activities of the project. Consequently, the development of the cognitive decision support solutions envisioned within the project was also delayed.

In the autumn, the situation at the industry partners has normalized, and all project activities resumed with planned momentum. However, the already incurred delays could not be fully compensated and they have an impact on subsequent connected tasks. In order to successfully complete all project activities, the EC agreed to extend the project duration by 6 months. As the vast majority of digitalization issues have already been resolved, we are confident that the project will be able to achieve all originally planned objectives within the new project plan.

“The amendment of the project extension for 6 months was confirmed by the EC in the beginning of the February 2021”

ABOUT INEVITABLE

The H2020 INEVITABLE is targeting at resource and energy intensive sectors of the process industry, with a focus on the **steel and non-ferrous metals sectors**.

The project approach is based on three **enabling technological areas** (i) data collection & sensor technologies, (ii) tools for data analysis, control and optimization, (iii) digitalization infrastructure. The application of these enabling technologies will be an important step towards **digital transformation and optimization** of selected production processes.

Full title: Optimization and Performance Improving in Metal Industry by Digital Technologies

H2020 Call: DT-SPIRE-06-2019

Start date: 2019-01-10

Duration: 42 Months (Prior to extension 36 Months)

Type: Innovative Action

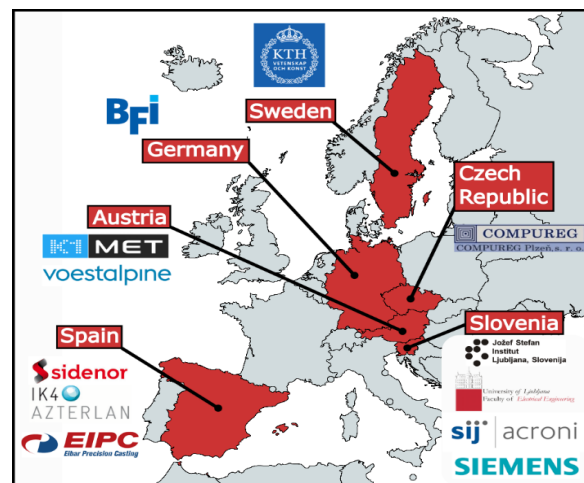
Budget: 6,1 M€

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THE CONSORTIUM

- *Industrial end users* (steel/metal producers SIJ Acroni, voestalpine Stahl, Sidenor Aceros Especiales and Eibar Precision Casting),
- *Institutions specialized in metallurgy and related control technologies* (BFI, KTH, K1-MET, Fundación Azterlan),
- *Process control and automation providers and research institutions* (SIEMENS, COMPUREG, University of Ljubljana - Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Jožef Stefan Institute – Department of Systems & Control).



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