

'RESERVIST'

repurposing manufacturing lines for providing medical and other products and services in case of spiking demand times

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Background

- Coronavirus outbreak
- World was not prepared
- Hospitals were overwhelmed (still the case in some regions)
- => lockdowns => economic crisis



Textile industry in Europe

- High demand for PPE
- Production of PPE located outside EU => shortage of PPE in Europe
- European companies switched to the production of PPE and in particular (reusable) face masks
- Some Belgian examples: Ontex, Alsico, Sioen, Deltrian



Textile industry in Europe

- Euratex platform:
- https://euratex.eu/covid-19/
- Different initiatives:
 - Facilitate the production of protective garments (face masks and other)
 - Monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on the T&C sector
 - Developing a post-COVID-19 strategy for the Textile industry
 - Protecting the T&C interests
 - Promoting Success Stories

Certification of these masks

- Testing labs worked 7 on 7 to test the quality of the masks
- New type of masks were introduced the so called 'community' masks'
- => a new label for those masks has been created to let the customer know it does the job and is safe to use



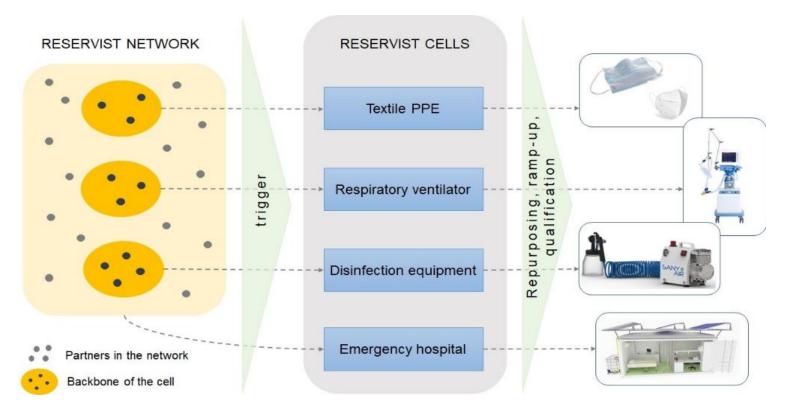


What after Covid?

- Vaccines are developed and vaccination campaigns have started => situation will turn back to normal
- In normal situation: production cost in Europe for PPE is too high => production again only in Asia?
- But what when there is a new pandemic?
- Challenge: to setup a concept, methodology and practical supply chain
- => Reservist project

Goal

 Setting up 'reservist cells', that in times of crises can be activated within 48 hours to switch to produce the necessary products and services.



7 Key Objectives

Preparation phase:

- KO1. **Network level**: establish the necessary networks of companies, RTDs, notified bodies for legal, efficient & economically viable collaboration. <u>Target</u>: a scalable, flexible and mutually profitable model for RESERVIST Network operation.
- KO2. **Connected Manufacturing level**: digital platform for coordination & implementing connected / distributed manufacturing & logistics. <u>Target</u>: RESERVIST Digital Platform (RDP) in place for organising repurposing & subsequent connected manufacturing.
- KO3. Technical Manufacturing level: develop the necessary materials, tweak production facilities, implement quality control, establish link with testing & certification. <u>Target</u>: strategies to manufacture (redesigned) textile PPE (i.e. face masks, aprons) and open source respiratory ventilators via tweaked manufacturing lines, using alternative materials and with integrated quality control.

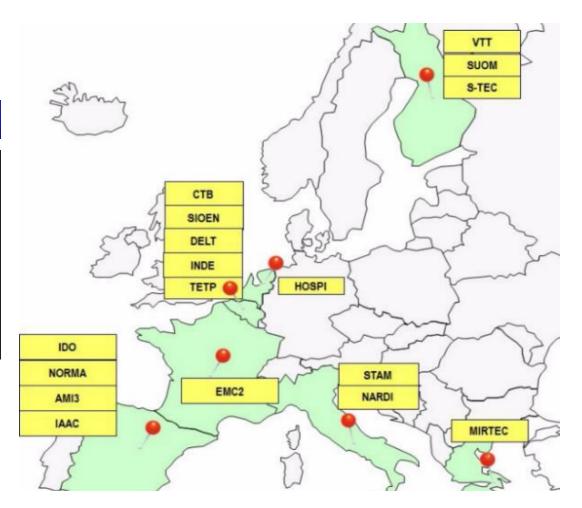
Demo phase:

• KO4. **Demonstration** of repurposing existing lines within 48hrs towards manufacturing of 'textile PPE' and 'respiratory ventilators' that comply with testing and certification. <u>Target</u>: Demonstrate within 48hrs of repurposing activity: (i) a production run during one shift (8 hours) for re-useable medical masks (SIOEN, DELT), re-usable aprons (SIOEN) and single use respiratory masks (SUOM, S-TEC) and (ii) an assembly unit capable of 1 respiratory ventilator (invasive or non-invasive) per 8 people per shift (NORMA).

Roll out phase:

- KO5. **Embedding** of reservist cells at the partners in the network. <u>Target</u>: RESERVIST cell backbone structure integrated at the relevant RESERVIST companies (SUOM, SIOEN, DELT, S-TEC, NORM, NARDI, HOSPI) and ready to be triggered.
- KO6. **Replication** of reservist cell concept to other sectors and cases with demo cases. <u>Target</u>: connect industrial partners with distributed manufacturing platforms enriching supply chains and aim for at least 50 relevant entities in the RESERVIST network, with a meaningful European geographical spreading. An disinfection system and emergency hospital equipment are already selected as replication demo cases.
- KO7. **Maximising impact** and take up via exploitation and dissemination. <u>Target</u>: provide tangible input (market study, business plans) for take up by the industry; provide trainings (internal and external), provide standardisation and policy input.

Consortium

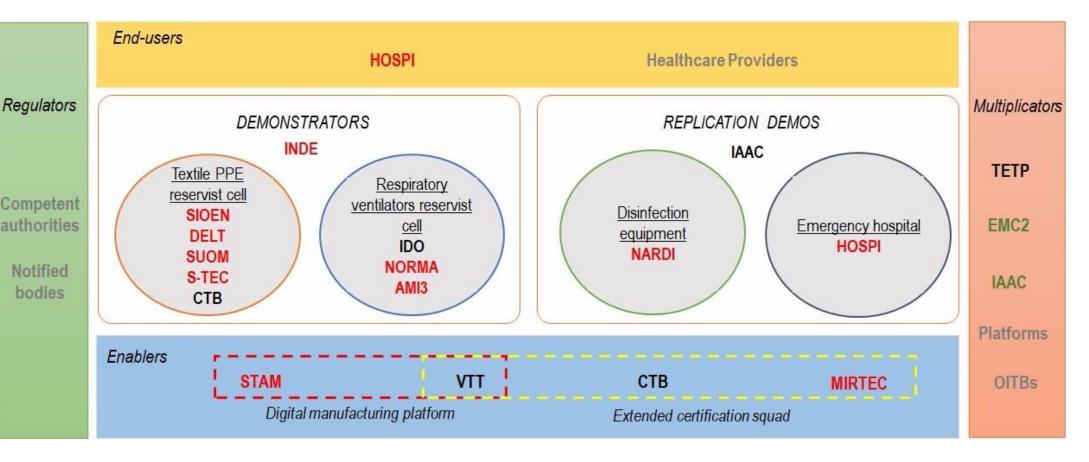


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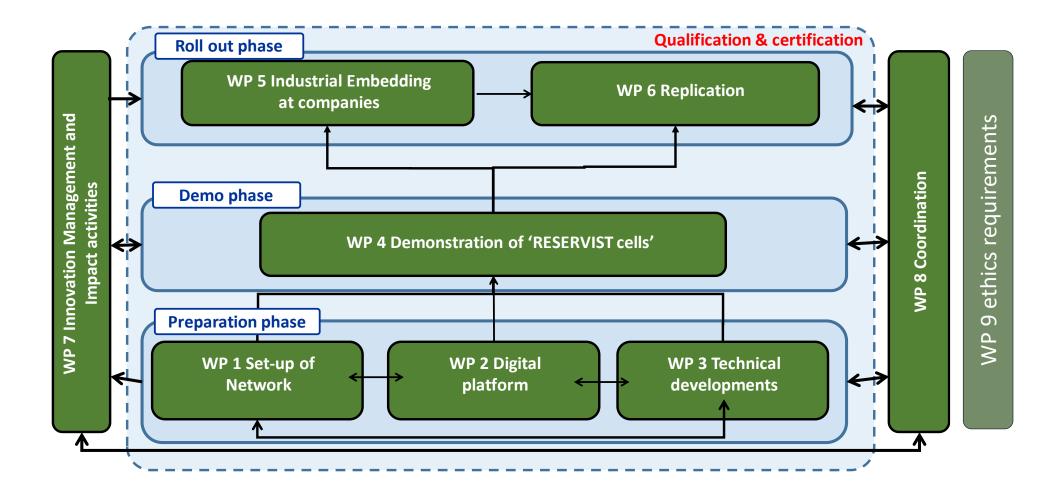


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