

Social industrial collaborative environments integrating AI, Big Data and Robotics for smart manufacturing - CONVERGING

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CONVERGING Participants



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- ❖ 16 partners
- ❖ 9 countries

	Participant organization name	Short Name	Country	Organization type
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CONVERGING Motivation



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- tremendous **challenges** on the manufacturing firms due to **global scale occurrences** including economic crisis and an unprecedented pandemic.
- both **human and automated resources** that can work **together seamlessly** or mutually exchange tasks, allowing the execution of any process plan in more than one, non-predetermined ways
- significant **breakthroughs** that can support flexible production in smart factory setups
 - **Perceive:** *Identify and recognize, process, resources, environment and their actual status*
 - **Reason:** *Analyze the status of production system and autonomously formulate plan of actions*
 - **Adapt:** *Automatically apply modifications to h/w and control systems to execute formulated plan*
 - **Collaborate:** *Seamlessly work with humans or other resources to achieve high quality/ performance*
 - **Innovate:** *Expand capabilities through allowing introduction of new technologies and Openness*

CONVERGING vision is:

“to develop, deploy, validate and promote smart and reconfigurable production systems including multiple autonomous agents (**collaborative robots, AGVs, humans**) that are able to act in diverse production environments. The diversifying factors will be a multi-level **AI based cognition** (line, station, resource levels) which will exploit the **collective perception (Digital Pipeline)** of these resources, allowing them to interact with each other and seamlessly coexist with humans under a «**social industrial environment**» that ensures trustful, safe and inclusive user experience”

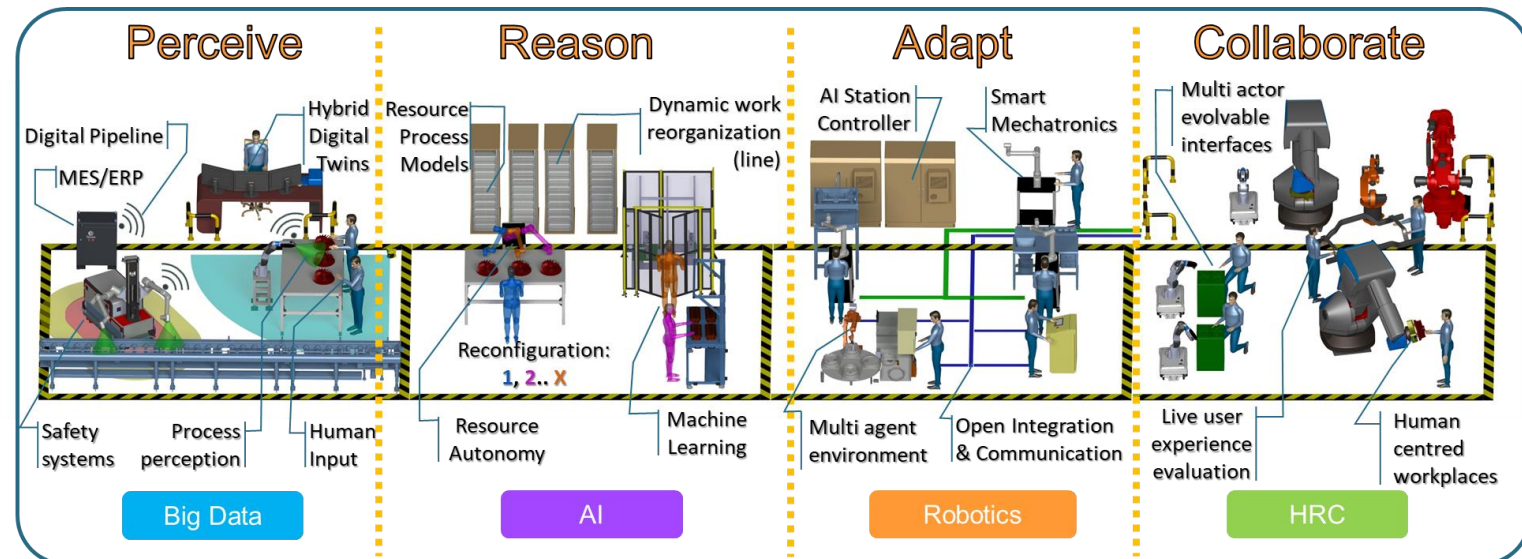
CONVERGING Objectives



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- **Objective O1:** Implementing a highly **reconfigurable production system** by deploying **collaborative robotics** and **smart mechatronic devices**, relying on **multi-level AI** to achieve autonomy
- **Objective O2:** Providing **open and standard means to interconnect** all production entities (**Big Data pipeline**) for real time capturing (**Digital Twin**), storing (**Data at Rest**) and processing (**Data in Motion**) to support autonomous and collaborative behaviour with minimal user intervention
- **Objective O3:** Establishing a **human centered social-industrial environment** where all activities and interactions with humans are dynamically shaped to maximize user experience, trust, skills & safety
- **Objective O4:** Providing the **software and hardware interfaces** to ensure safe and seamless interaction with collaborative robotic solutions, minimizing learning curves and setup times
- **Objective O5:** Create innovation ecosystem through a network of **open Pilot Lines** - involving robotic application stakeholders, SMEs and RTOs to inspire further development and deployment



CONVERGING Use cases

Automotive use case - FORD



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Current State



- Polishing of stamping dies
- Manual work
- Labor intensive operations – ergonomic issues
- Subjective evaluation of polishing result

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- Robotized polishing of stamping dies
- Human robot collaboration
- Operator to mark the areas to be polished
- Mobile/stationary robot to automatically polish the marked areas
- Quality control

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White goods use case - ELUX



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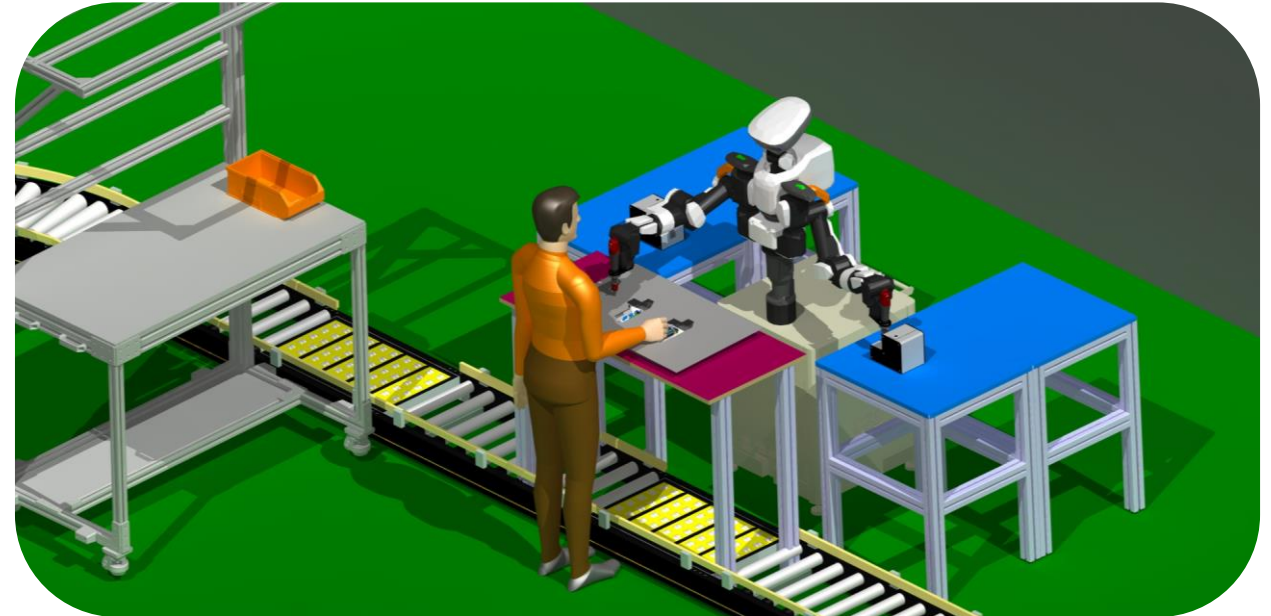
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Current State



- Assembly of kitchen hobs
- Manual work
- Labor intensive operations – ergonomic issues
- Productivity constraints

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- Human robot collaborative assembly
- Humanoid dual arm robot
- Space and part sharing
- Identification of human actions - prediction
- Advanced environment and process perception

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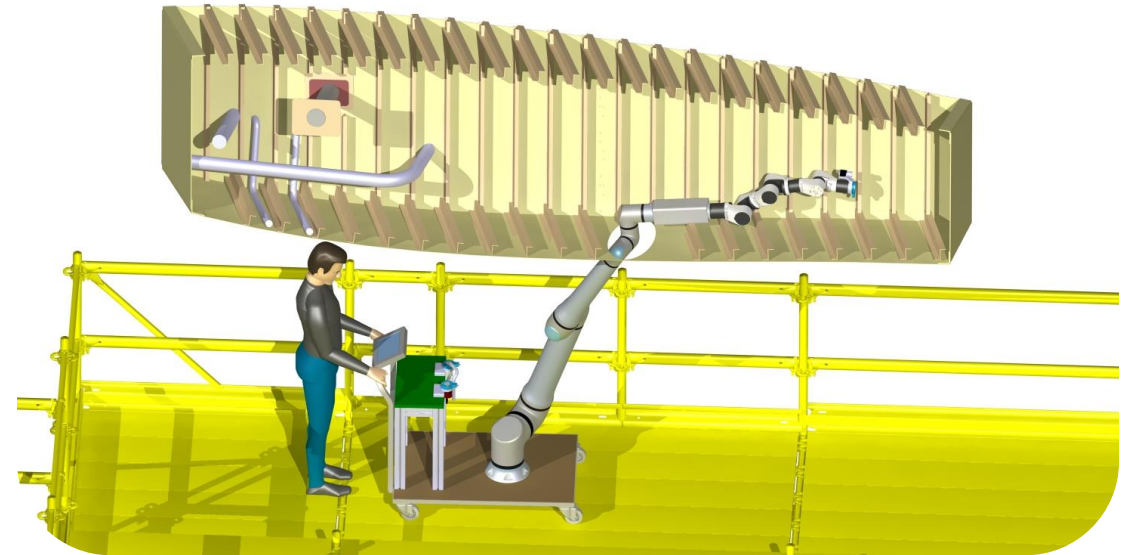
Aeronautics use case - IAI

Current State



- Inspection and maintenance of aircraft fuel tanks
- Manual work
- Exposure of humans to hazardous environment
- Quality assurance issues – human errors

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- Robotized inspection and maintenance of fuel tanks
- Remote monitoring – teleoperation
- Operator support via advanced AR interfaces
- Operator to intervene in situ when needed

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Additive manufacturing use case - PRIMA



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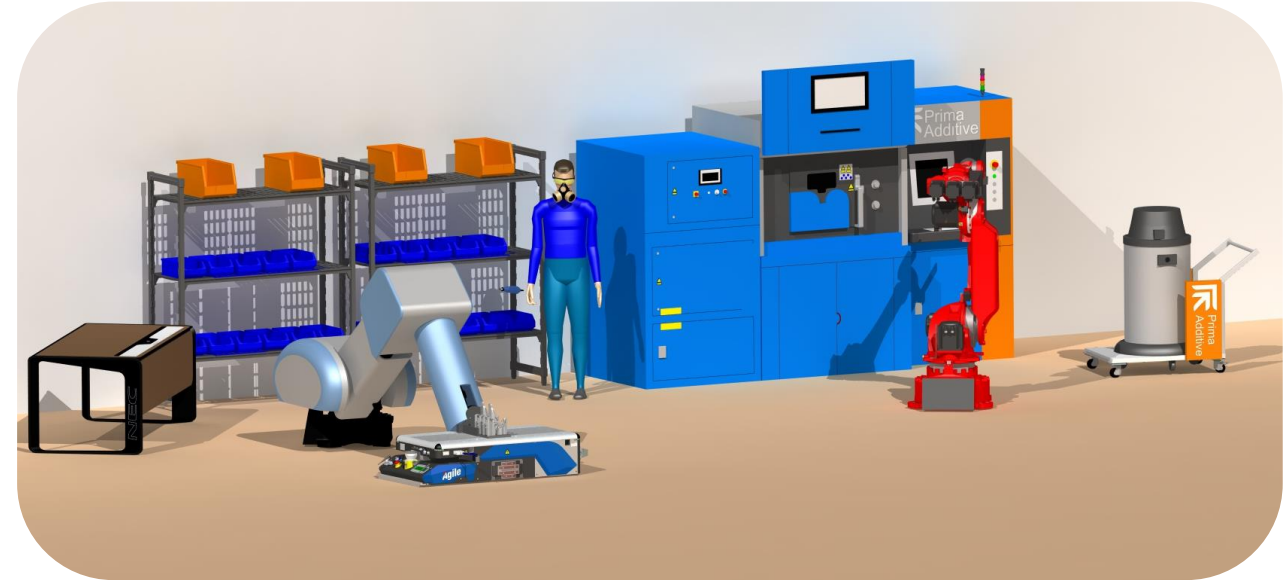
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Current State



- Post processing of additive manufactured parts
- Manual work
- Exposure of humans to hazardous substances
- Quality assurance issues – defects due to human work

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- Human robot collaborative post processing
- Robotized blowing of powder – teleoperation possible
- AGV for logistics tasks
- Medium payload robot to act as work holding device – operator to perform support removal tasks
- Human action perception - automatic robot pose adaptation

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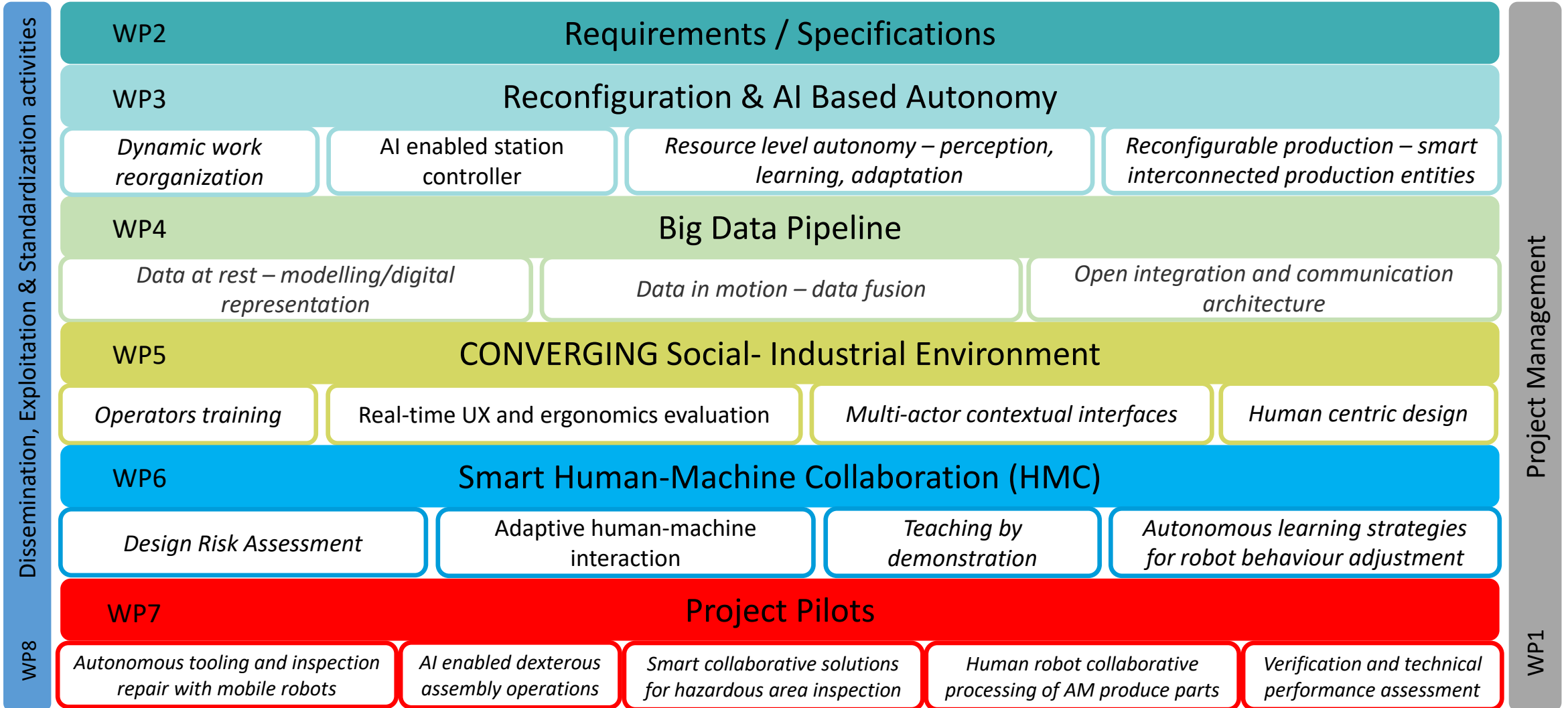
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CONVERGING Workpackages (WPs)



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