



Vrije  
Universiteit  
Brussel

# Photonics KET for Flanders

Prof. Dr. ir. Hugo Thienpont  
[hthienpo@vub.ac.be](mailto:hthienpo@vub.ac.be)

## Photonics – The Science and Technology of Harnessing Light

***Photonics is the science and technology of the harnessing of light.***

***Photonics encompasses the generation of light, the detection of light, the management of light through guidance, manipulation and amplification, and most importantly its utilisation for the benefit of mankind .***

***Photonics bears the same relationship to light and photons as electronics does to electricity and electrons.***



*The future generation will rely on energy efficient lighting solutions © Philips*

## Photonics will Impact Most Areas of our Lives

### ► Healthcare

- Early diagnosis through new detection methods
- Minimal invasive surgery

### ► Energy Efficiency

- LEDs, OLEDs and intelligent networks can save 2/3 of electricity for lighting

### ► Safety & Security

- Smart sensors for automotive safety; IR detection systems

### ► Manufacturing

- Lasers enable new lightweight structures
- Laser drilling: 25,000 holes per second for efficient solar cells

### ► Inclusion

- High speed fibre networks with multi-terabit capacity are backbone for web 2.0 & 3.0 products & internet of things



## Sustainable Products - Triple Win with Green Photonics

### Ecology

#### Less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions:

- LED/OLED can save an additional 30% energy in lighting by 2030
- Limit growth of energy consumption of ICT
- Sensors will enable reduction of power consumption during production and increase environmental safety



### Economy

#### Additional growth:

- Disruptive photonic technologies as key driver for profitable growth
- Save hundreds of billion Euros on global energy bill
- New market segments
- Driving force for more jobs
- Laser enable profitable production



### Society

#### Lower cost & higher quality of life:

- Energy saving saves money
- Sensor networks for safety
- Green technology & emotion
- More comfort
- Faster communication
- Higher safety (automobiles)
- No hazardous materials



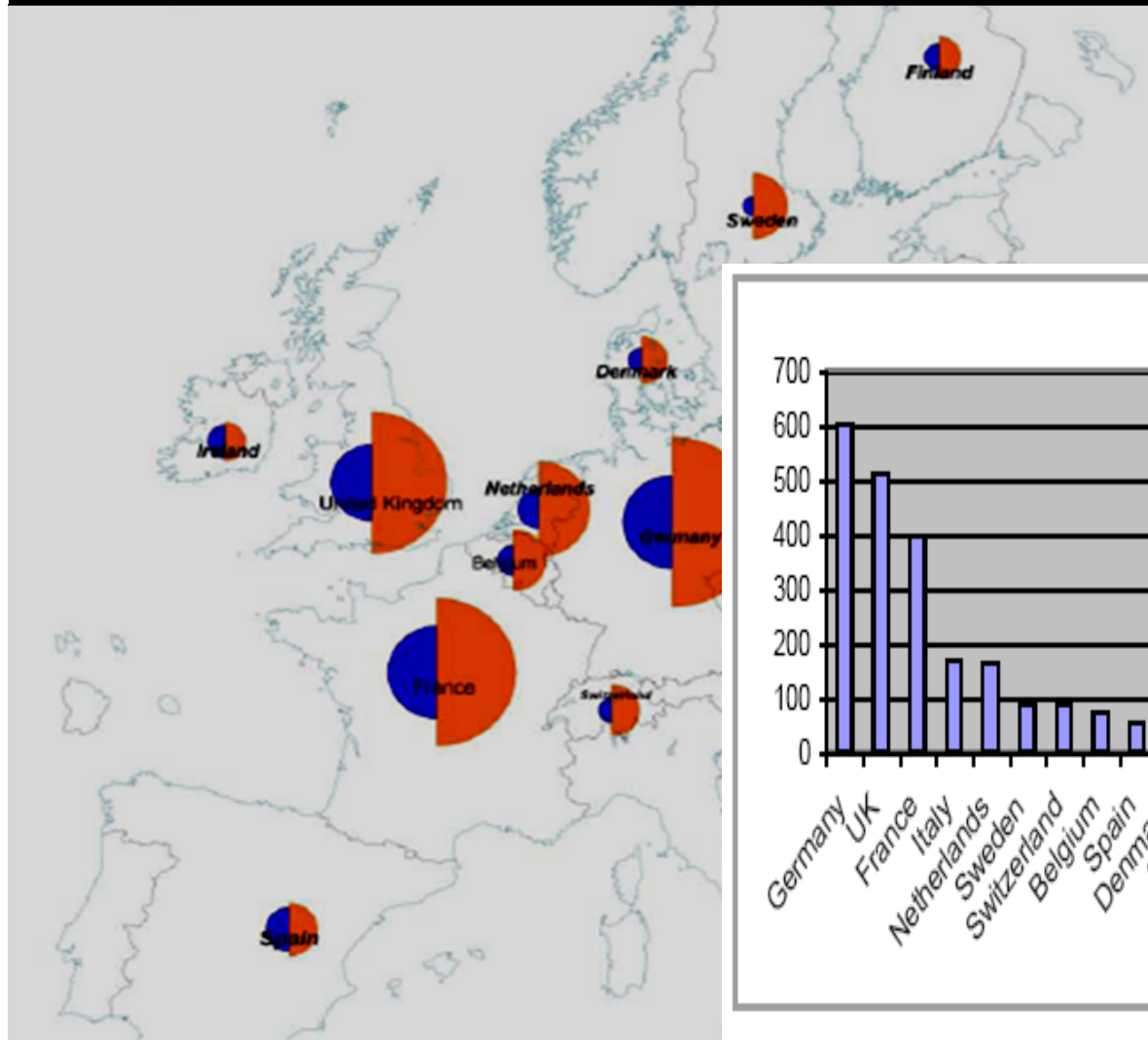


## Photonics – A Key Enabling Technology with Enormous Economic Potential

- ▶ Total Direct Photonics market ~ € 300 bn
  - even larger leverage effect along the value chain
- ▶ European Photonics market ~ € 60 bn
- ▶ Estimated annual growth rate ~ 8-10%
- ▶ **Estimated market size in 2015 ~ € 480 bn**
- ▶ Many market-leading industrial players
- ▶ **> 5000 SMEs / > 1000 research institutes**
- ▶ **Leading market shares of European companies**
  - Lighting 40%
  - Production technology 45%
  - Optical communication 24%
- ▶ **~ 300,000 employees directly**

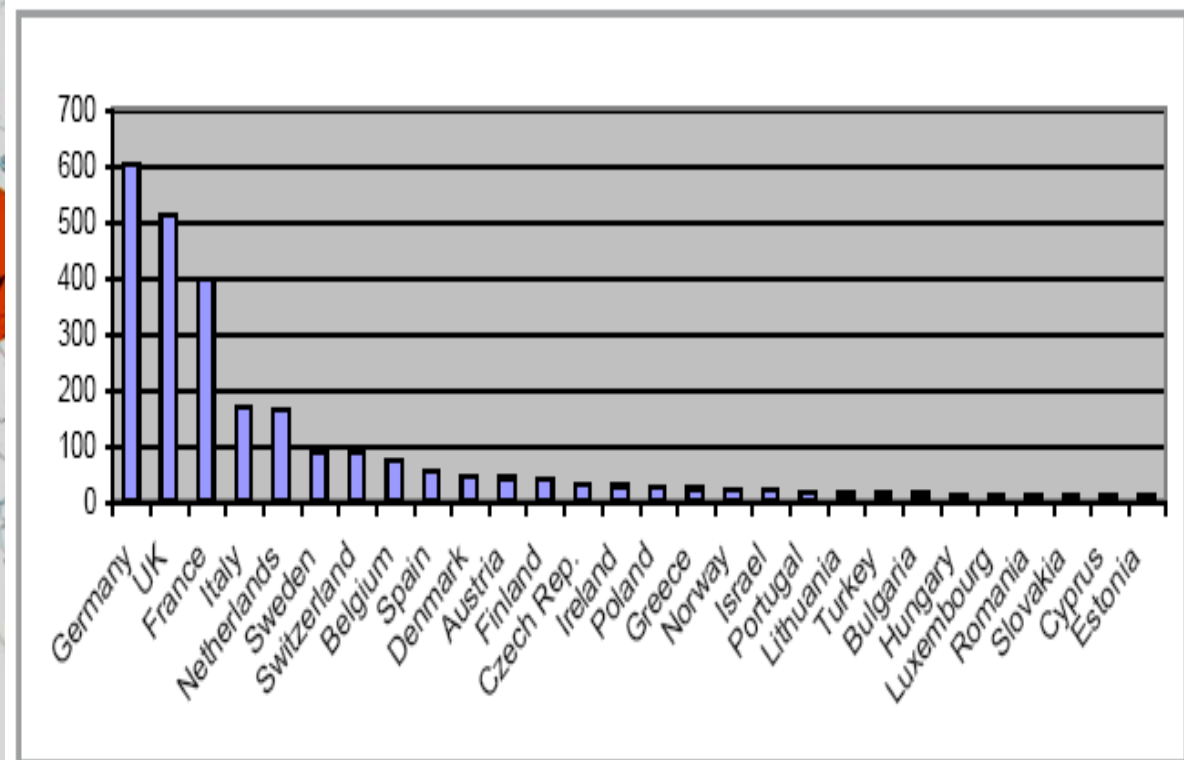


# Flanders is very strong in photonics innovation and industry



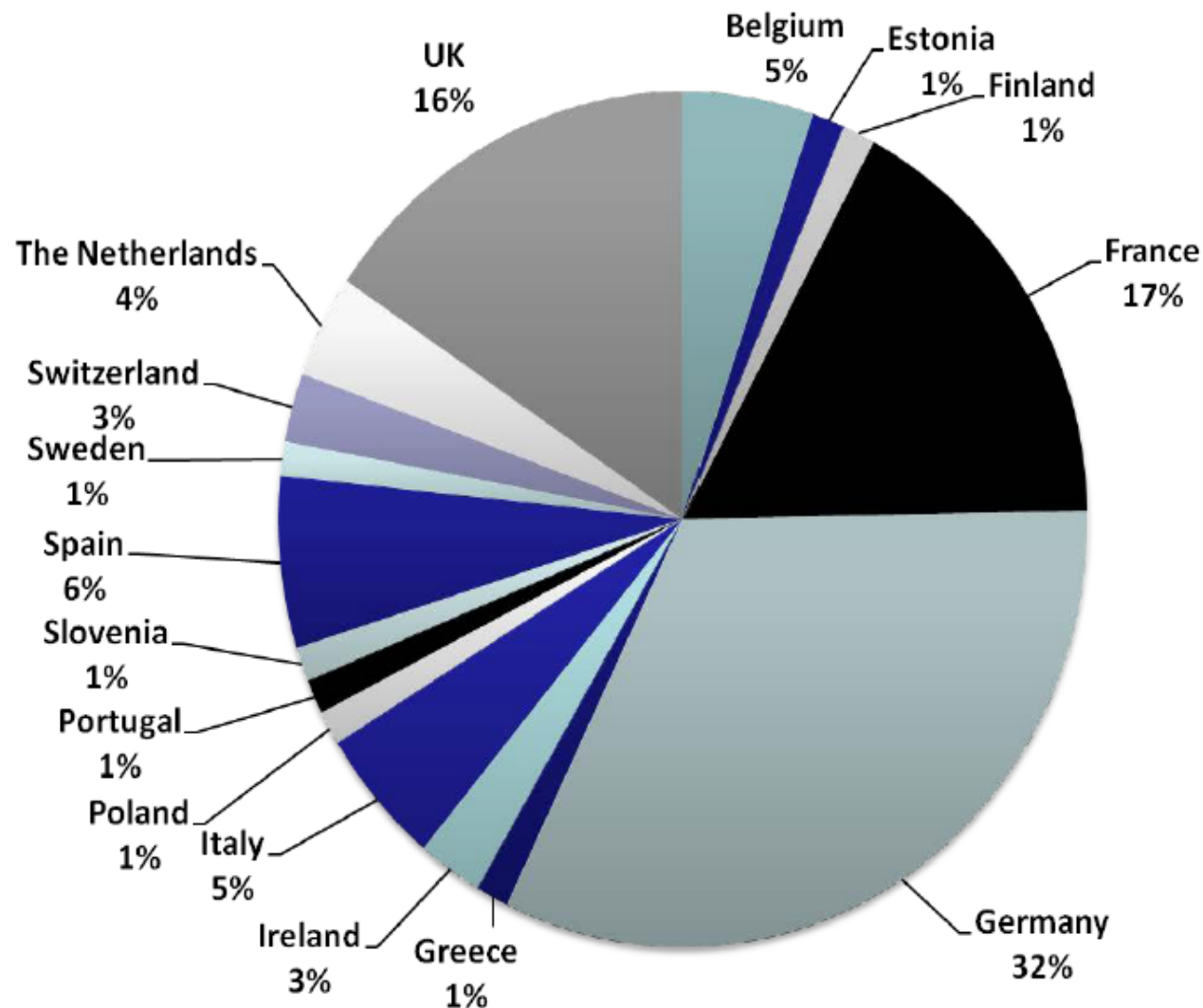
**Belgium:** 62 companies  
15 research institutes

**Netherlands:** 150 companies  
25 research institutes



EU report: Photonics: key-enabling technology for Europe 2010  
The leverage effect of photonic technologies 2011

## Photonics21 Board of Stakeholders – Members by Country



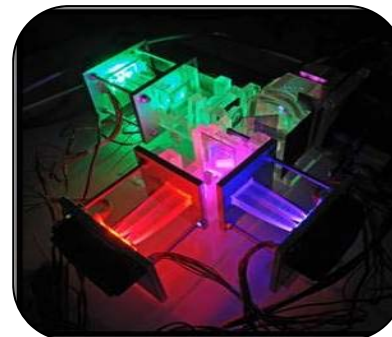
# B-PHOT supports a variety of Flemish and European companies to meet their innovation challenges



Infrared nightvision  
for safety and security



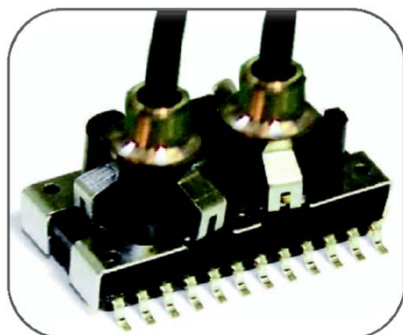
Optical fiber sensors for  
smart structures



3-Dimensional  
displays and projectors



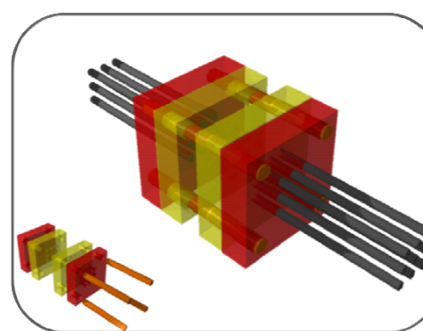
Freeform  
micro-optics



Opto-electronic chips  
for automotive



Optical engines for  
food-sorting



Optical interconnects  
for Local Area Networks



High-efficiency  
lighting applications

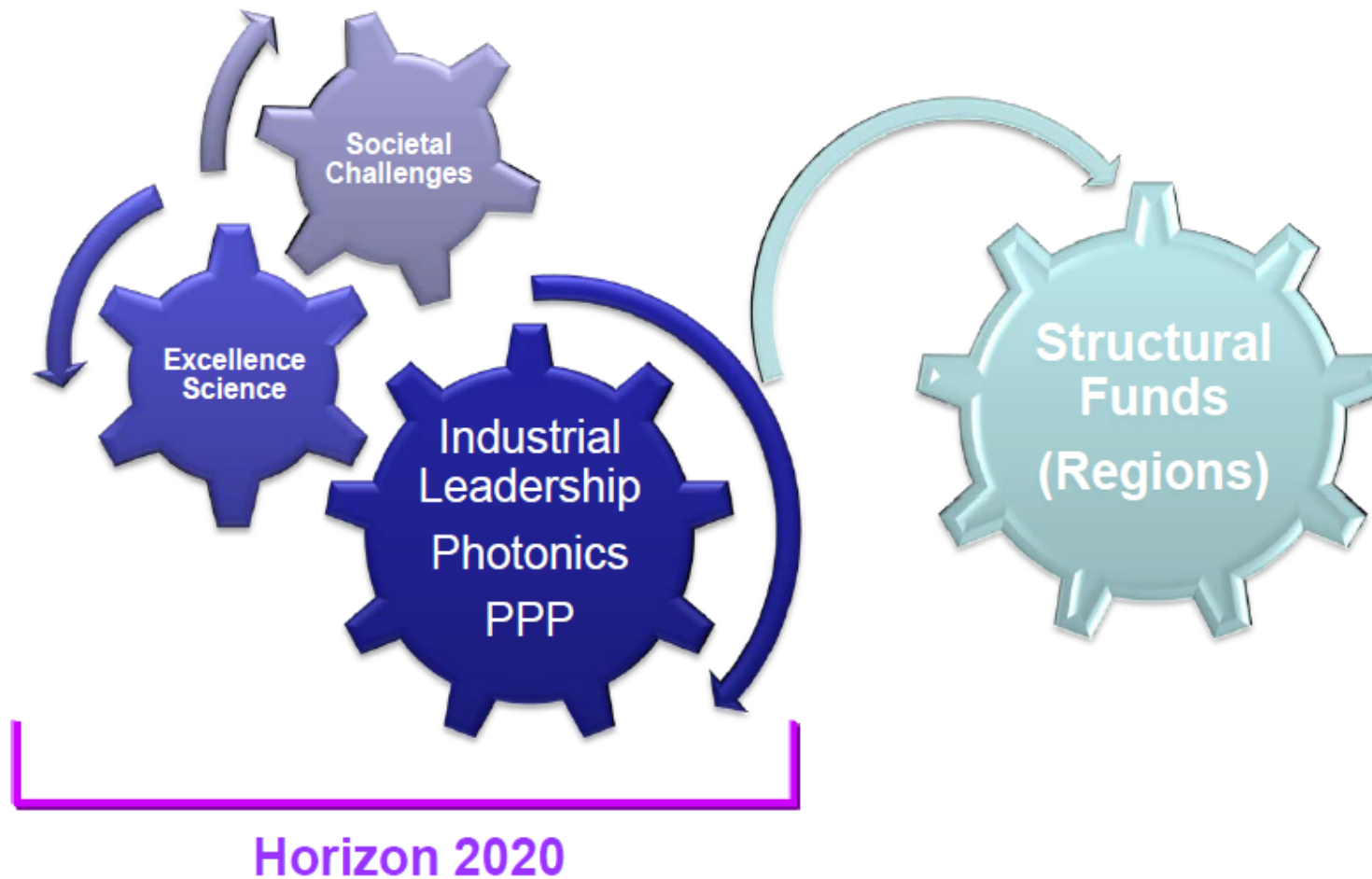


All topics contribute to solving societal challenges and are priorities of the EC



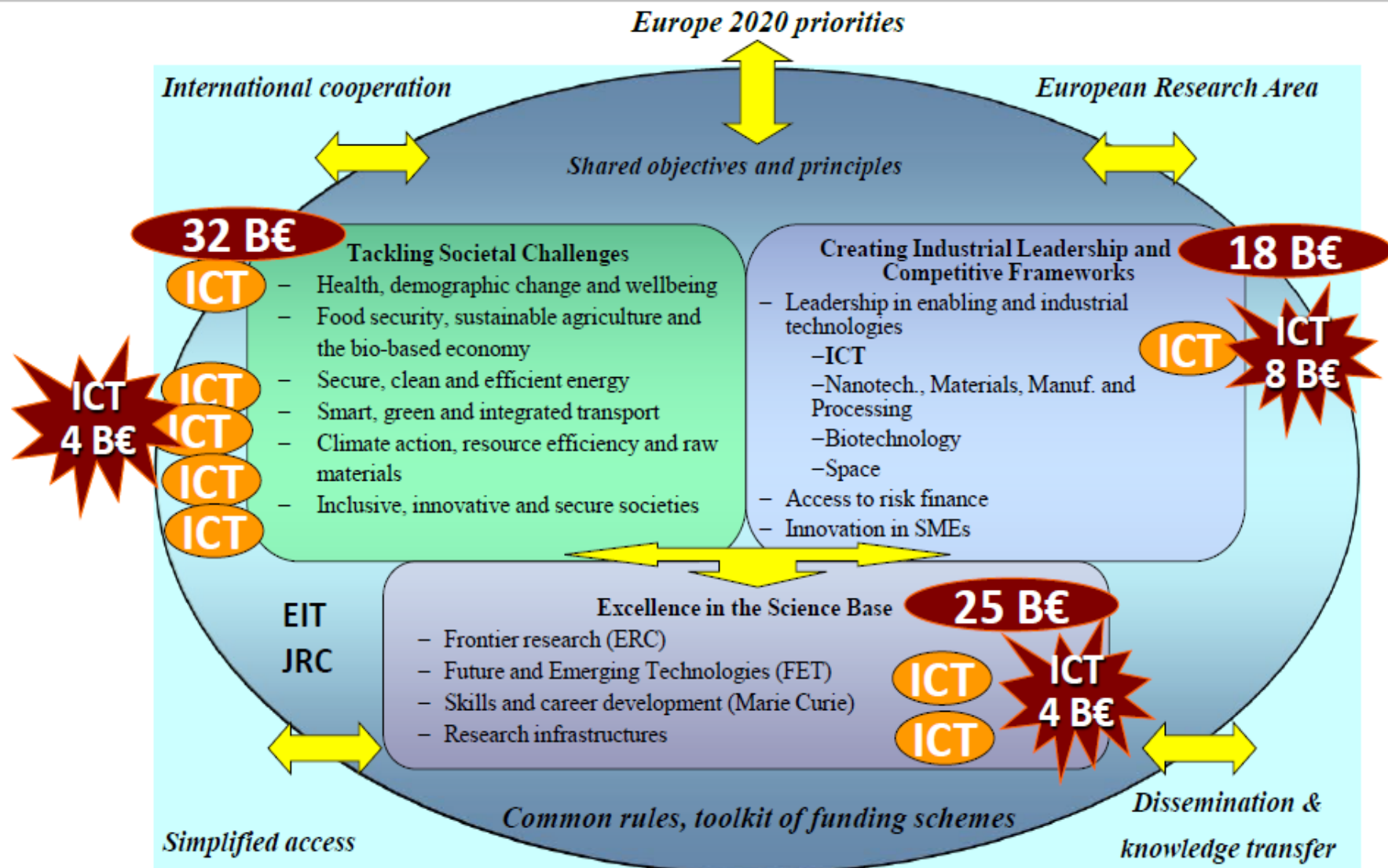
## Changes on the Horizon - *Horizon 2020 is not “FP8” !*

Photonics: A Leverage for European Growth!

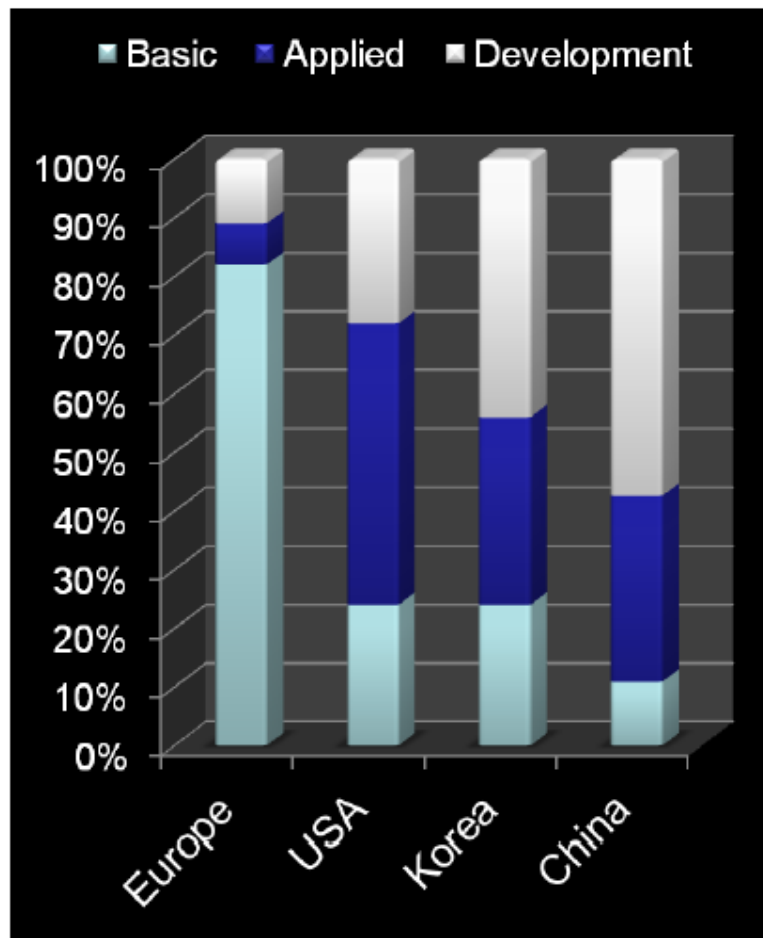


For more information, see: [http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm)

## EC's Proposal for Horizon 2020: Objectives & structure



## Our Analysis: Europe is lagging funding along the Value Chain



Source: KET Report: Strategic focus on applied research and development

### Benchmarking

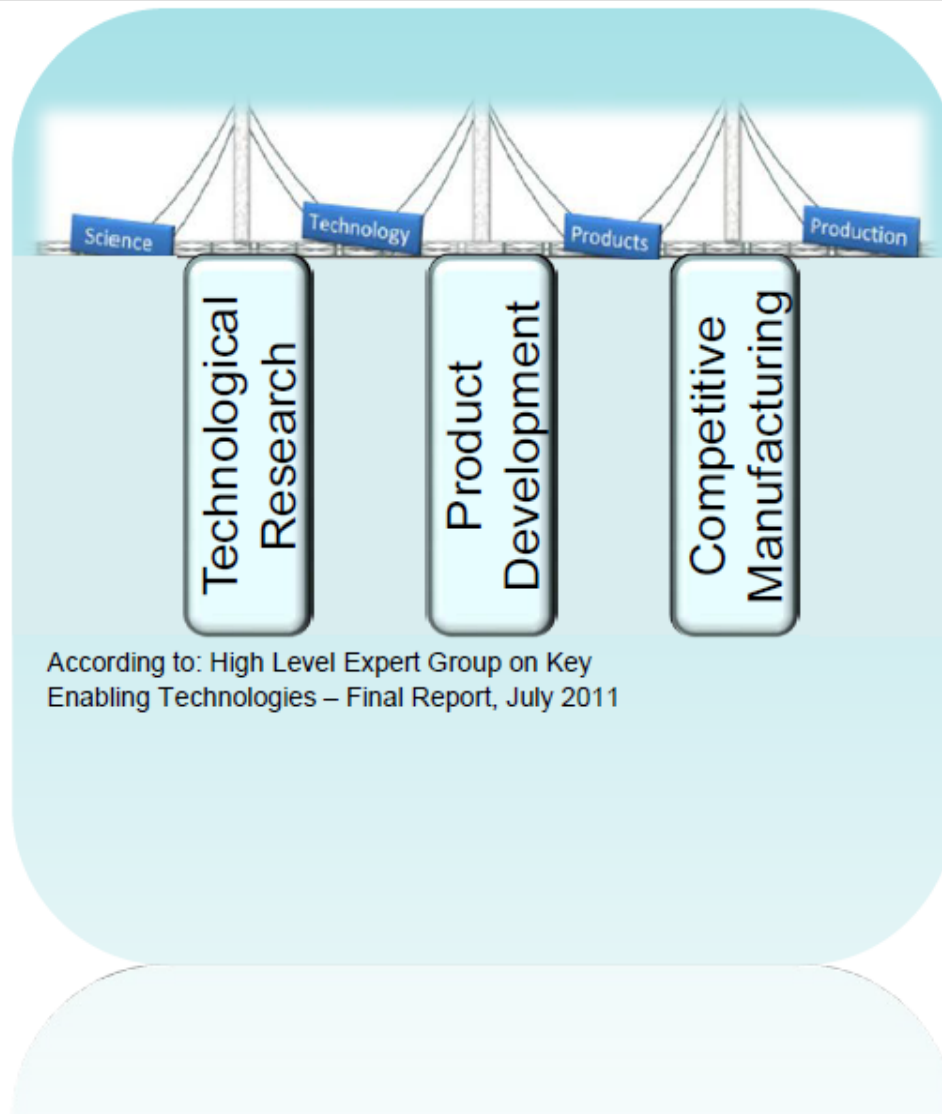
- ▶ Many of Europe's competitor nations have a focus on translating basic science via technology building blocks into advanced processes, products and systems

### Our Recommendations

- ▶ Excellent R&D results – we have a world leading position
- ➔ **Continue – stay at the forefront**
- ▶ Our weakness – “Valley of Death”
  - slow transition from photonic inventions to industrial deployment
  - not sufficiently materializing on our scientific success & excellence

➔ **The Challenge – include Value Chain**

## Recommendations: A 3-Pillar Bridge across „Valley of Death“

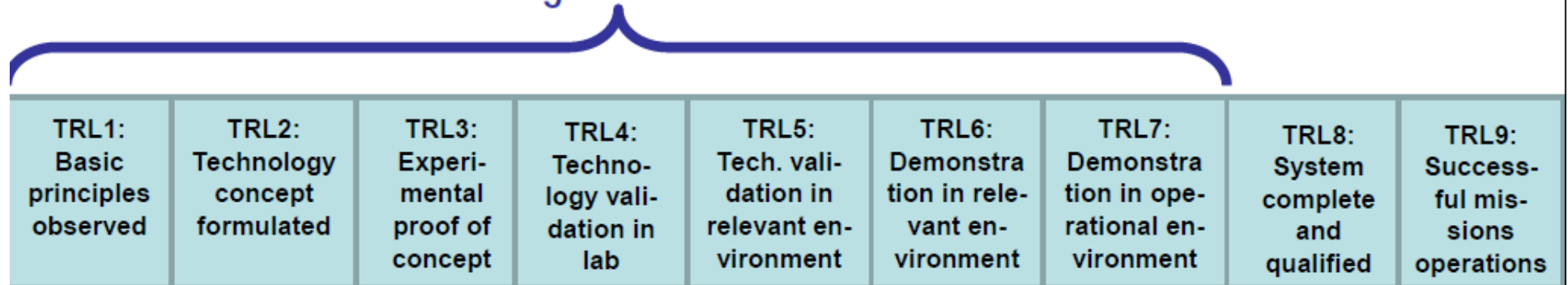


- **Technological Research**
  - making technologies competitive on world level
  - arising from basic research & scientific excellence
  - protected by a single and efficient EU patent
- **Product Demonstration**
  - making products competitive on global level
  - putting pilot lines & prototype facilities
  - enabling fabrication of a significant quantity
- **Competitive Manufacturing**
  - making advanced manufacturing competitive on global level
  - master solutions tackling societal challenges
  - scale up for progress on learning curve enabling competitive price



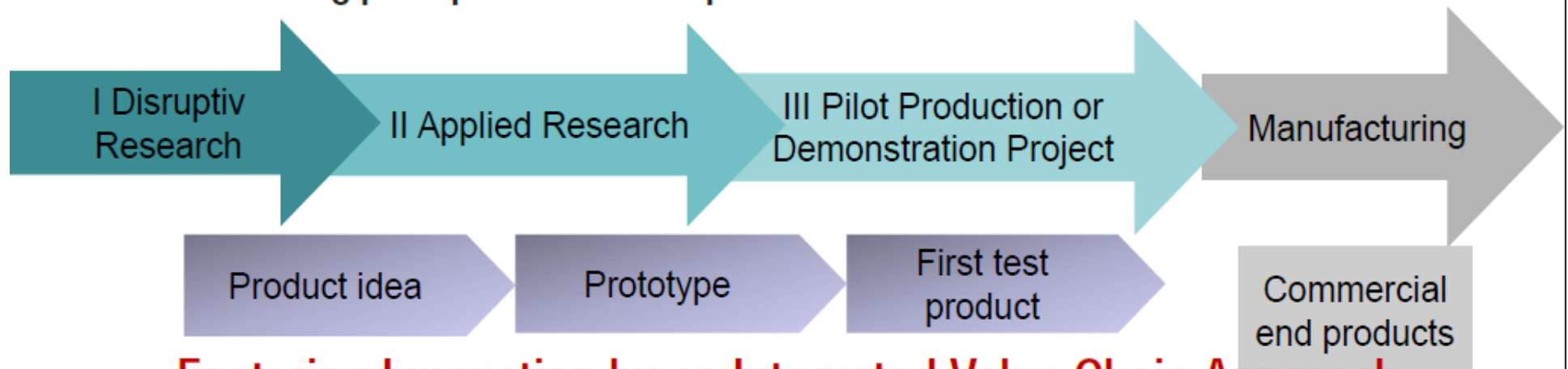
## Message was heard: Horizon 2020 extends Scope of Funding

Horizon 2020 foresees funding towards market readiness and commercialization



KET Report: The Technological Readiness Level (TRL)

FP 7 ended funding prior product development



**Fostering Innovation by an Integrated Value Chain Approach**

## Our Integrated Approach in a PPP to bridge the Innovation Gap

---

- **Disruptive and Road-Map based Core Photonic Technologies**
  - Roadmap-based research – value chain approach, involvement of end users
  - Disruptive technology - breakthrough advances for disruptive research
- **Demonstration Programmes**
  - Deployment programmes to leverage EU infrastructure to create jobs..
  - Coordinated market pull/push measures seed and accelerate market penetration
- **Photonics Manufacturing Platforms – Manufacturing in Europe**
  - Generic photonic foundries – improve infrastructure for photonics manufacturing
  - Establish public-private pilot production facilities for industry/research
- **Innovative Photonics SMEs**
  - “Light touch’ open schemes
  - Fast-track funding allowing prototyping & short-term commercialization
- **Support Actions**
  - Education, training and skills development
  - Standardization & International Cooperation & Outreach.



# Photonics in Horizon 2020

## A Public Private Partnership?



### Implement Photonics in Horizon 2020 through a PPP

- The proposed Horizon 2020 legal text foresees a potential PPP for Photonics
- ~1.8 B€ foreseen for both photonics and micro-and nano-electronics

## Founding a Photonics PPP in Horizon 2020 – Our Targets

### What we expect and advocate

- ▶ Long-term commitment in funding
- ▶ Partnership at eye level
- ▶ Significant budget that reflects the means of Photonics as a KET
- ▶ Lean, simple and efficient structures



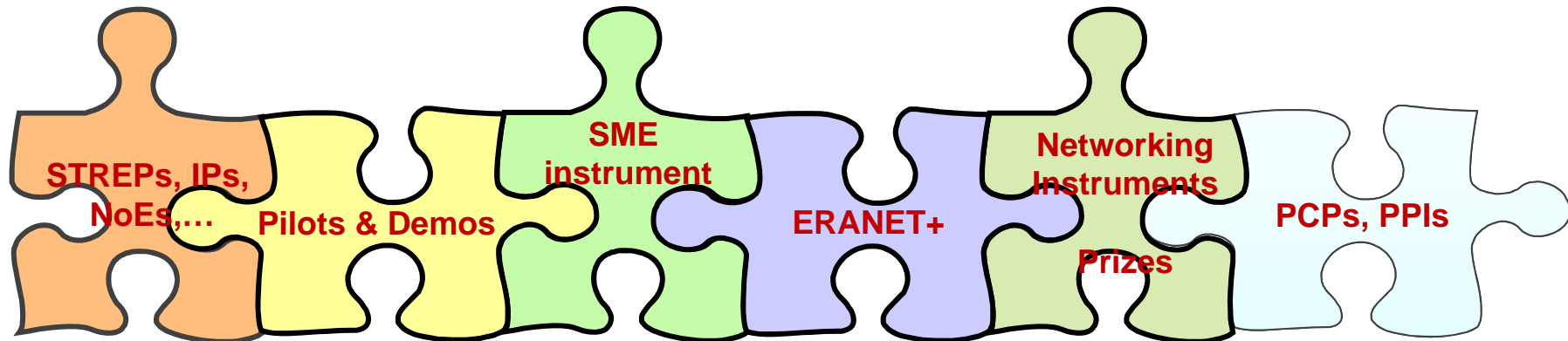
### What we offer

- ▶ Investing in Europe's long-term competitiveness and growth
  - 4:1 leverage EU funding by private investment → ~ 7 bn Euros
  - 70,000 – 100,000 additional jobs in Europe
- ▶ Measure success by Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)



# Photonics PPP

A large set of R&I Measures & Instruments



- **Disruptive and Roadmap based R&D**
- **Pilot manufacturing lines; Large scale demonstration activities**
- **Innovative SMEs:** light touch open schemes; access to technology and support services
- **Innovation Support Actions:** Inducement prizes; Pre-commercial procurement actions & public procurement initiatives; Support to collaboration among and with innovation clusters
- **Coordination with national programmes** (e.g. through ERANET+)
- **Coordination and support actions:** Education, training and skills development; Standardization; International Cooperation; Outreach, ...

# PHOTONICS in FLANDERS

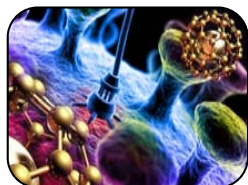
## STRENGTHS

- Belangrijke en actieve industriële sector
  - innovatie in lijn met prioriteiten van de EU
  - actief in PHOTONICS 21
  - verschillende bedrijven betrokken bij EU projecten
  - Spin-offs, KMO's en grote bedrijven
- Kritische massa aan uitstekende onderzoeksinstituten
  - basis en toegepast onderzoek
  - industrieel onderzoek
  - toonaangevend en leidinggevend in PHOTONICS 21
  - verschillende bedrijven betrokken bij EU projecten
  - technologieplatformen
- Samenwerking "Fotonica"-bedrijven en kennisinstellingen
- Sterke zichtbaarheid/impact Fotonica Vlaanderen bij EU
- Sterke track-record/aandeel Vlaanderen in projectwerving bij EU
- Toekomstverkenningen Fotonica in Vlaanderen veelbelovend
- Opportuniteiten in high-end high-tech productie
- Opportuniteiten in cross-sectional innovation (multi-KETs)
- Opportuniteiten smart specialisation
- Ondernemersgeest /spin-off opportuniteiten

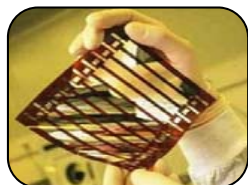
## WEAKNESSES

- weinig bekende sector bij beleidsmakers
- niet prominent aanwezig op Vlaamse agenda
- geen platform voor fotonica in Vlaanderen
- competentiepolen nog te weinig op de hoogte
- geen onderzoeksinstituut zoals bvb. VIB
- te weinig funding voor zware infrastructuur
- samenwerking KMO's en onderzoeksinstituten
- instrumenten die PPP's mogelijk maken
- ....

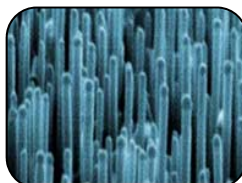
# “Baanbrekende micro-fotonische systemen” gebaseerd op de combinatie van 6 sleuteltechnologieën\*



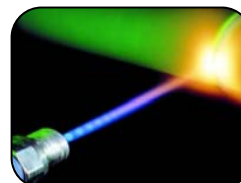
Biotechnology



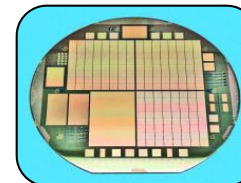
Advanced  
Materials



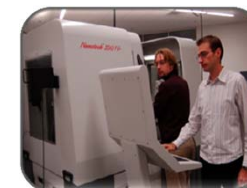
Nanotechnology



Photonics

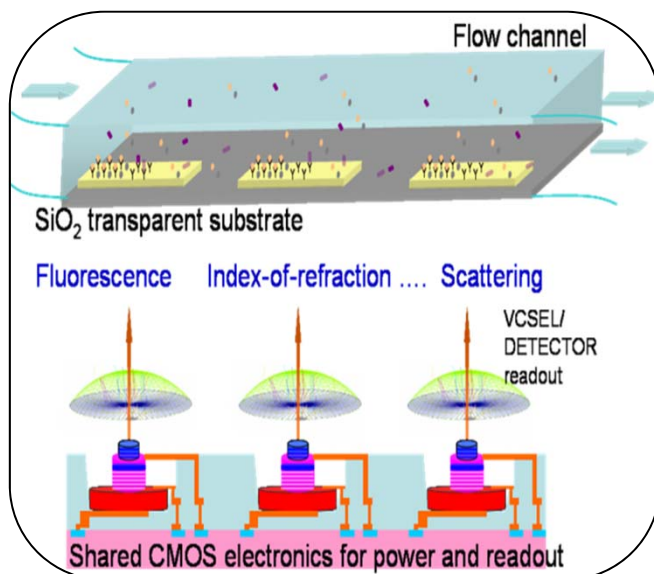


Nanoelectronics

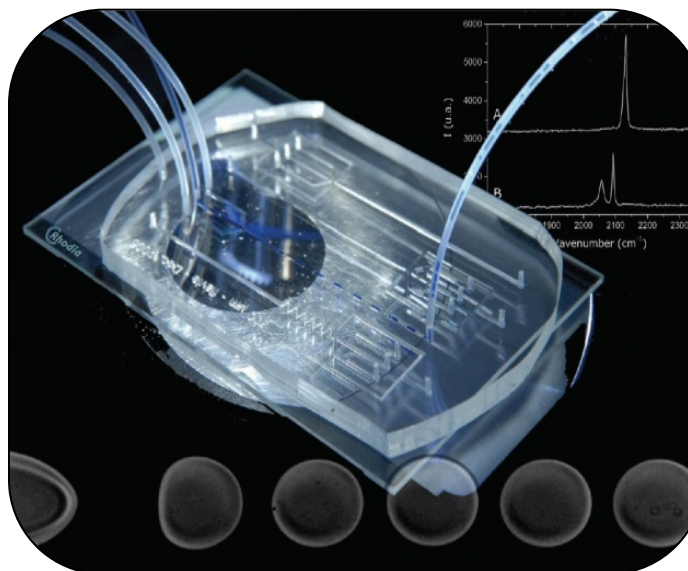


Advanced  
Manufacturing

## “Low-cost lab-on-a-chip”



Basisprincipe en concept



Multifunctioneel micro-systeem  
Massaproduceerbaar en goedkoop



Water en voedselcontrole  
veiligheid en gezondheid







# Photonics Strategy in Horizon 2020

## A public private partnership in Photonics

→ A long-term commitment between the EC and the Photonics Stakeholders to invest in Europe with the aim to:

**Secure EU's industrial leadership in those application areas where photonics is driving innovation and Europe is strong or where there is potential for creating new markets**

## Objectives

- Address and strengthen the full innovation and value chain in photonics
- Reinforce excellent cooperation of photonics stakeholders in Europe to accelerate the development of new technologies, the innovation process and the time to market
- Mobilise, pool and leverage public and private resources to provide successful solutions for the major societal challenges facing Europe

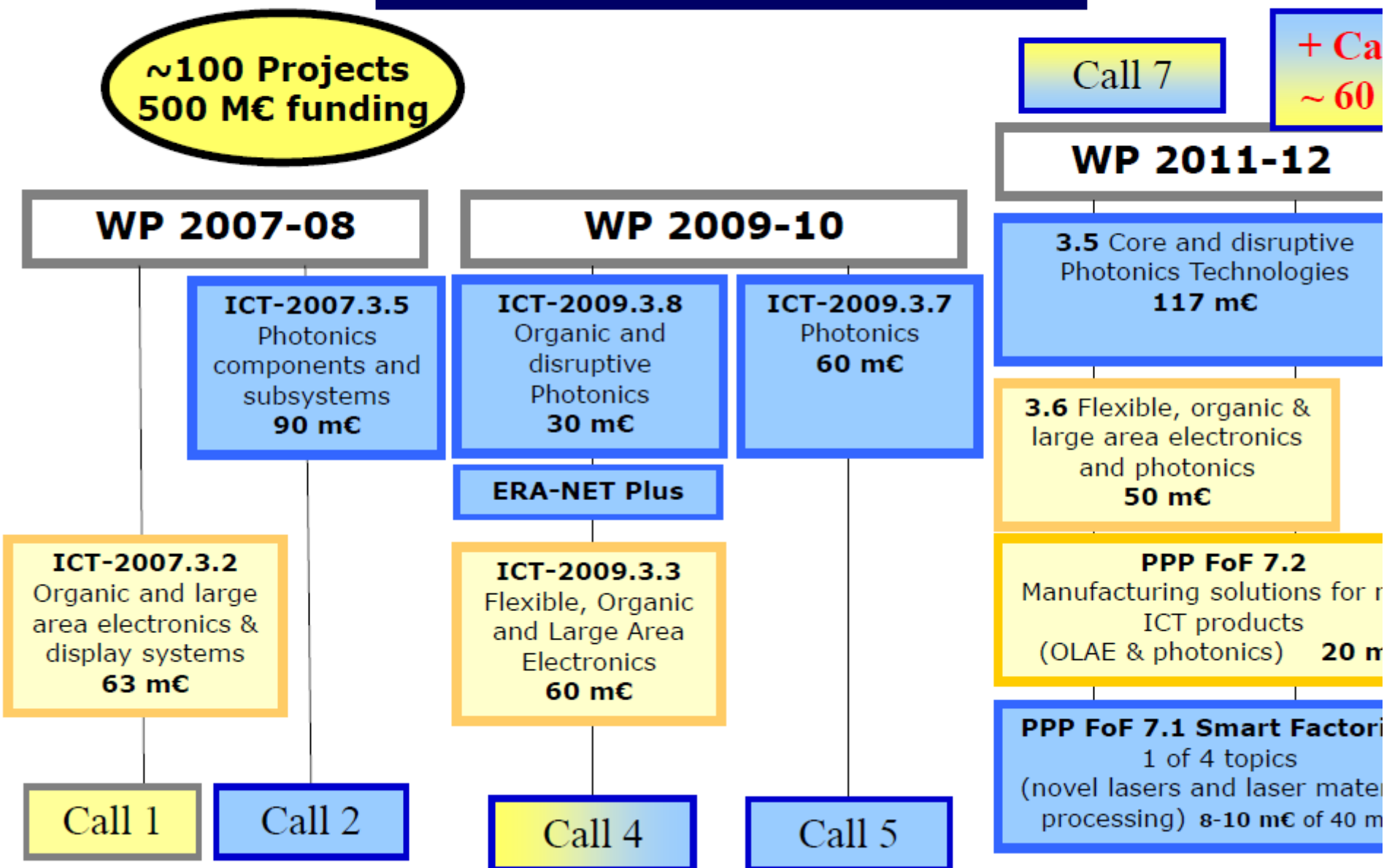
**Support R&I activities based on  
a business-driven Strategic R&I Agenda**

# Photonics in FP7 ICT Theme



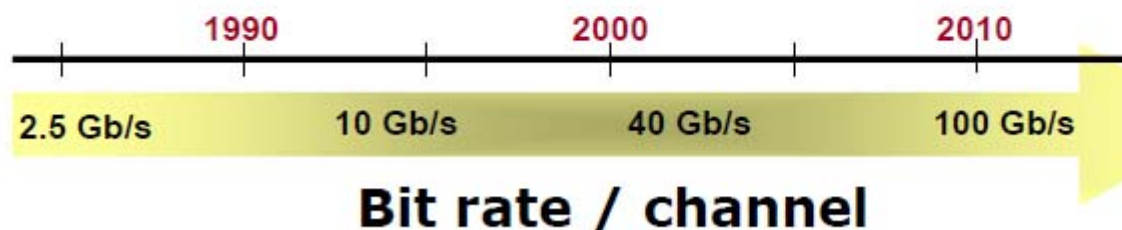
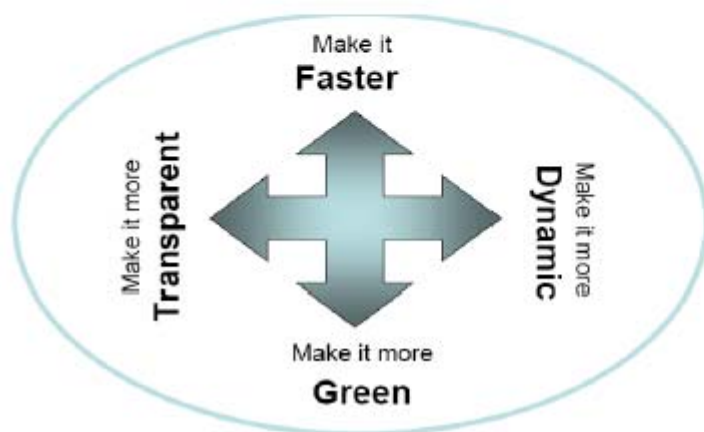
# European funding in Photonics & OLAE under FP7-ICT

**~100 Projects  
500 M€ funding**



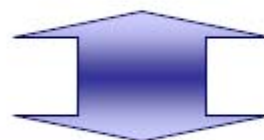


# Optical Communications



## R&D: Towards all optical networks

- increased transmission capacity and *last-mile* optical solutions
- optical interconnects
- "Greener" networks



Digital Agenda  
100110010101110111000100 2010-2020  
for Europe

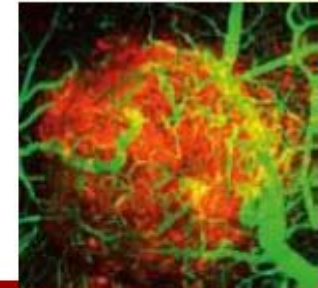
**Connecting Europe  
Facility**

## Large scale Broadband Deployment

EU Targets for Internet access by 2020:

- $\geq 30$  Mbps for all Europeans

# Bio-photonics



TH F  
ROGI

## Understanding, Detecting, Treating Diseases

→ high sensitivity, selectivity, resolution, depth of penetration

Light is the key to **observe and understand life on a cellular level**

Measures contact-free, fast, and precisely

Manipulate living cells without damaging them

**Point-of-care diagnostics**  
involving low cost & disposable solutions

**Oncology: In-vivo fluorescence diagnosis**

**Ophthalmology, se**

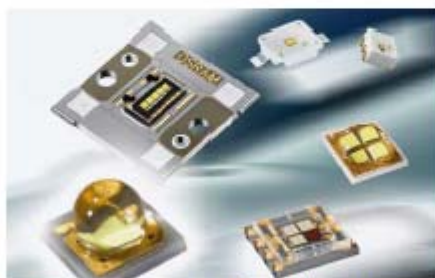
...

**New Drugs, Regenerative medicine**





# Solid State Lighting

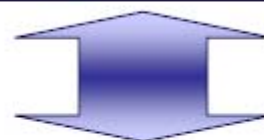


© OSRAM Opto Semiconductors



## R&D: LED & OLED

- high quality, high efficacy, high brightness, large area – large uniformity, long lifetime, reduced cost
- intelligent light management



## Green Paper on Solid State Lighting [COM(2011)889 of 15 DEC 11]

Digital Agenda  
10011001010110110000100 2010-2020  
for Europe

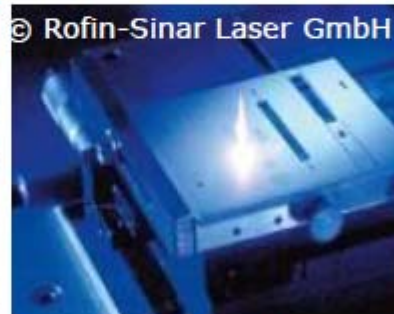
Large scale deployment  
of SSL in Europe



# Lasers for industrial processing



Structuring  
nano/micro materials



Laser marking



Laser welding



Fibre-coupled  
diode laser

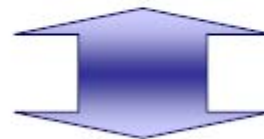


Cutting & weldir  
automotive comp



## R&D priorities

- High power lasers with improved performance in power, beam properties and efficiency
- Widely tuneable lasers with new wavelengths
- Adaptive beam shaping, reconfigurable beam delivery

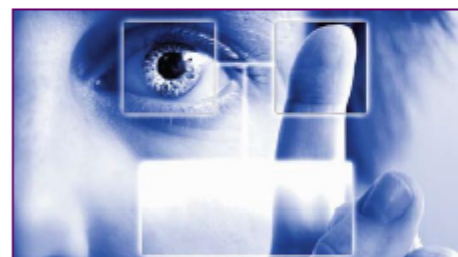


**Efficient, sustainable, adaptable, cost effective  
manufacturing in Europe**

→ **Lightweight structures, energy efficiency,**



# Photonics Sensors for Safety & Security

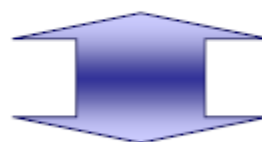


© Fotolia



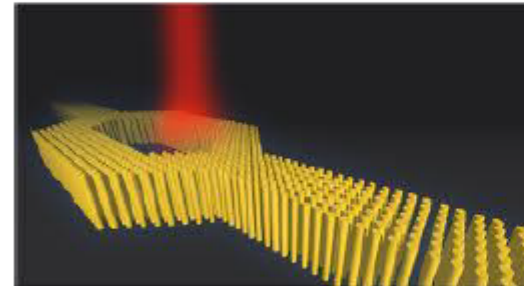
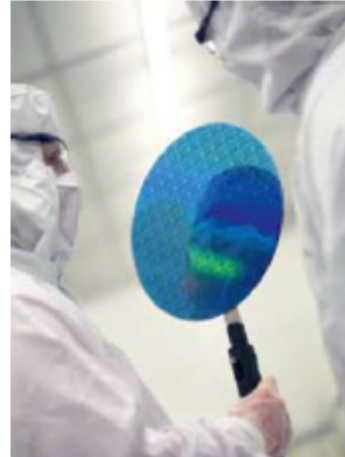
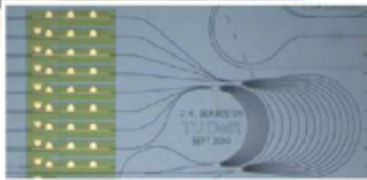
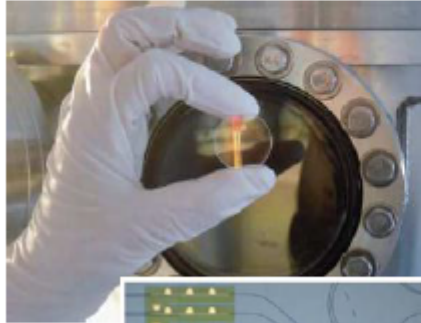
## R&D priorities

- High-performance mega-pixel image sensors, single photon detectors and multi-feature detector arrays integrating smart pixel concepts
- Compact, cost effective, widely tuneable, high-performance photonic sources

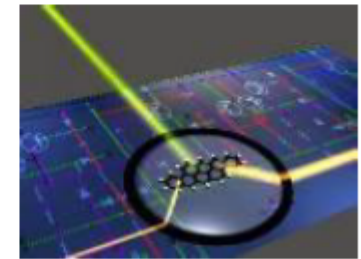


**safety and security of people, goods and physical environment**

# Photonic Integrated Circuits and Nanophotonics



*Active plasmonics*  
© Kings College London



*An artist view of a photonic circuit  
molecular building blocks (Credit: Robe*

## PICs

- Integrating electronics & photonics
- Increasing integration density within different platforms
- Packaging and automation
- Power consumption, Yield, Cost

## Nano-photonics

- (Meta)materials - Nano-structures
- Nano-scale Quantum optics
- All optical routing
- Scalable nano-fabrication of PICs
- ...

**Huge opportunities for further growth!**

# Photonics PPP: Rationale

## Strong foundation:

- Close cooperation with community and within community
- Strong and visible community (1150 companies and institutions in Photonics21)
- Industry oriented strategy



## What the PPP brings:

- Formalise with a real partnership
- Long term commitment from both public and private side
- Greater impact on innovation and leverage effect on complementary sources of financing

**More partnership, more commitment and  
more leverage!**



# PPP Implementation: What will a PPP mean for you?

## WHAT DOES NOT CHANGE

- The financial rules are those of Horizon 2020
- Final responsibility for Work Programme stays with European Commission and is subject to comitology
- Implementation remains with the Commission: selection of proposals, negotiation, review of progress and payments



## WHAT DOES CHANGE

- Long-term commitment from Commission to process and budget
- Long-term commitment by industry to invest, with a need to demonstrate its fulfilment
- Greater focus on innovation activities with economic growth and job creation as overall goal
- Evidence based and monitoring of performance → KPIs and their monitoring
- Large potential to leverage financing from other sources such as structural funds and the EIB

## Photonic will Impact Most Areas of our Lives

- ▶ **Future internet infrastructure**, high speed fiber networks with multi-terabit capacity are backbone for web 2.0 & 3.0 products & internet of things
- ▶ **New laser-based manufacturing processes** will allow mass customization, rapid manufacturing and zero-fault production
- ▶ **New approaches in healthcare** moving from cost-intensive treatment after onset, to detection and prevention of disease at earliest possible stage
- ▶ **Intelligent lighting** based on LEDs, OLEDs, sensor networks and microprocessor management provides lowest energy consumption
- ▶ **Organic (hybrid) photovoltaics** and digital lighting control systems enable 'energy-positive' buildings
- ▶ **Photonic sensing and imaging** can monitor production processes, control power consumption and enable higher levels of security and safety
- ▶ **Integrated Components & Systems** are decisive for developing smart technologies for cost-effective manufacturing



## How Photonics can contribute to a more Sustainable Economy

### ► Eco Efficient Design

- Light weight construction – laser processing
- Material savings – precision laser cutting

### ► Eco Efficient Products

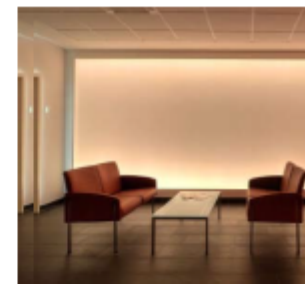
- Solid State Lighting
- Optical Fiber Network
- Organic Photovoltaics

### ► Eco Efficient Production

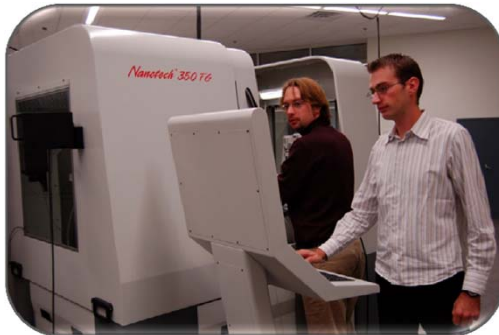
- Environmental monitoring – smart sensors
- Enhanced safety and security – smart sensors

### ► Eco Efficient Materials

- Organic electronics
- Nano structured materials



An industry-compatible technology supply chain is a great research tool and facilitates innovation with companies



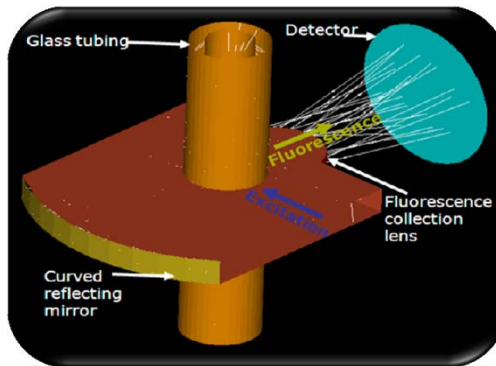
**Mastering and Prototyping Technologies**



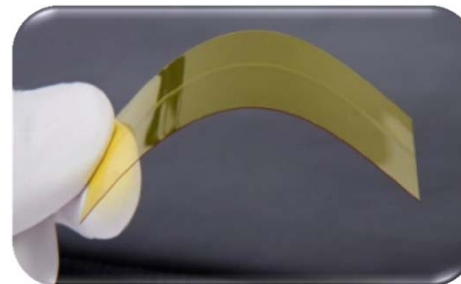
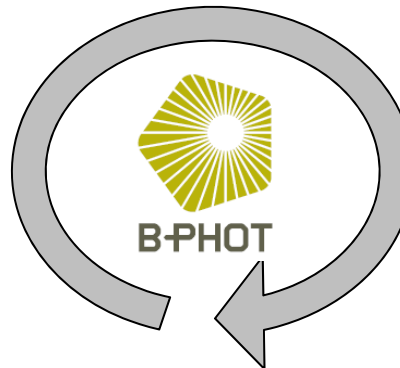
**Optical Measurement and Characterization**



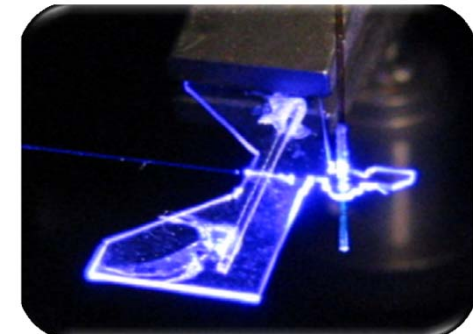
**Low-Cost Low-Volume Replication**



**Optical Modelling**



**Advanced Materials**



**Demonstrators and Prototypes**



Soon we will open...  
VUB-B-PHOT's innovation centre

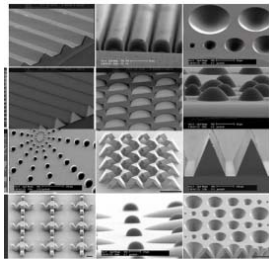




B-PHOT verkreeg zijn zware infrastructuur  
in open competitie met andere  
universiteiten (3.000.000 Euro in 2010)



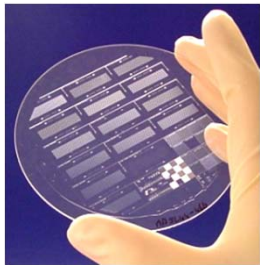
# B-PHOT heeft onlangs in open competitie met andere groepen 3M Euro aan zware infrastructuur binnengehaald voor de aanschaf van een high-tech prototypeerlijn



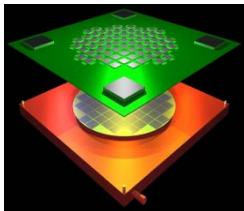
Micro- Nano structuring



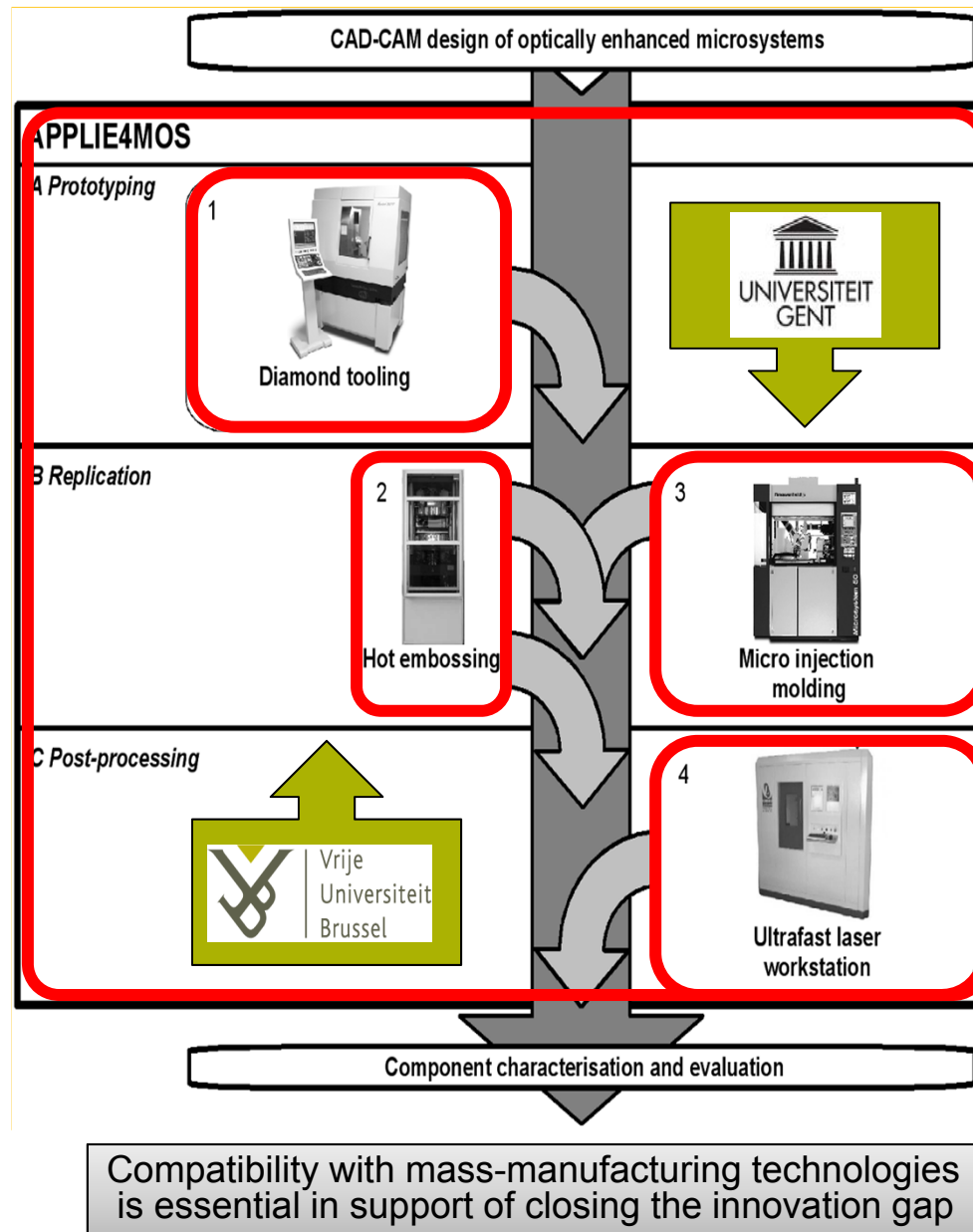
Wafer-scale fabrication



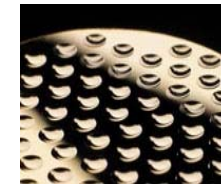
Wafer-scale replication  
2 1/2 D



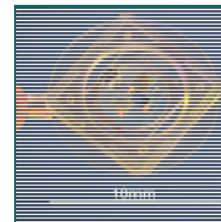
Wafer-scale  
heterogeneous integration



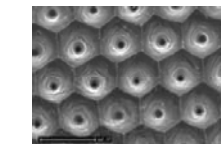
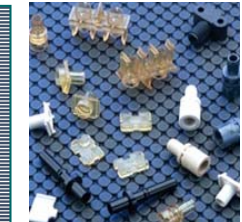
Freeform 3-D microoptics and components



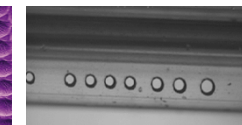
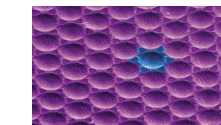
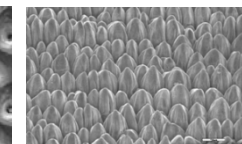
Freeform 3D metal micromolds



3D polymer microparts mass manufacturable



Non contact  
surface texturing and post processing





## Photonics21 Executive Board

---

President:

Vice Presidents:

To be elected soon

Giorgio Anania, Chairman Cube Optics

Jaap Lombaers, Managing Director Holst Center, TNO

Malgorzata Kujawska, Warsaw University of Technology

Bernd Schulte, COO Aixtron

Work Group Chairs:

Information &  
Communication

Alfredo Viglienzoni,  
Head New Business  
Development, Product  
Area IP & Broadband  
Ericsson

Industrial Produc-  
tion/ Manufacturing  
& Quality

Eckhard Meiners,  
CEO Trumpf Laser  
Marking Systems

Life Science &  
Health

Stefan Trager,  
Vice President Life  
Science Division, Leica  
Microsystems

Emerging Lightin  
Electronics &  
Displays

Klaas Veg  
CTO Philips L

Security, Metrology  
& Sensors

Peter Seitz,  
Managing Director  
Hamamatsu Photonics –

Design & Manu-  
facturing of Compo-  
nents & Systems

Mike Wale,  
Director Active Products  
Research Oclaro

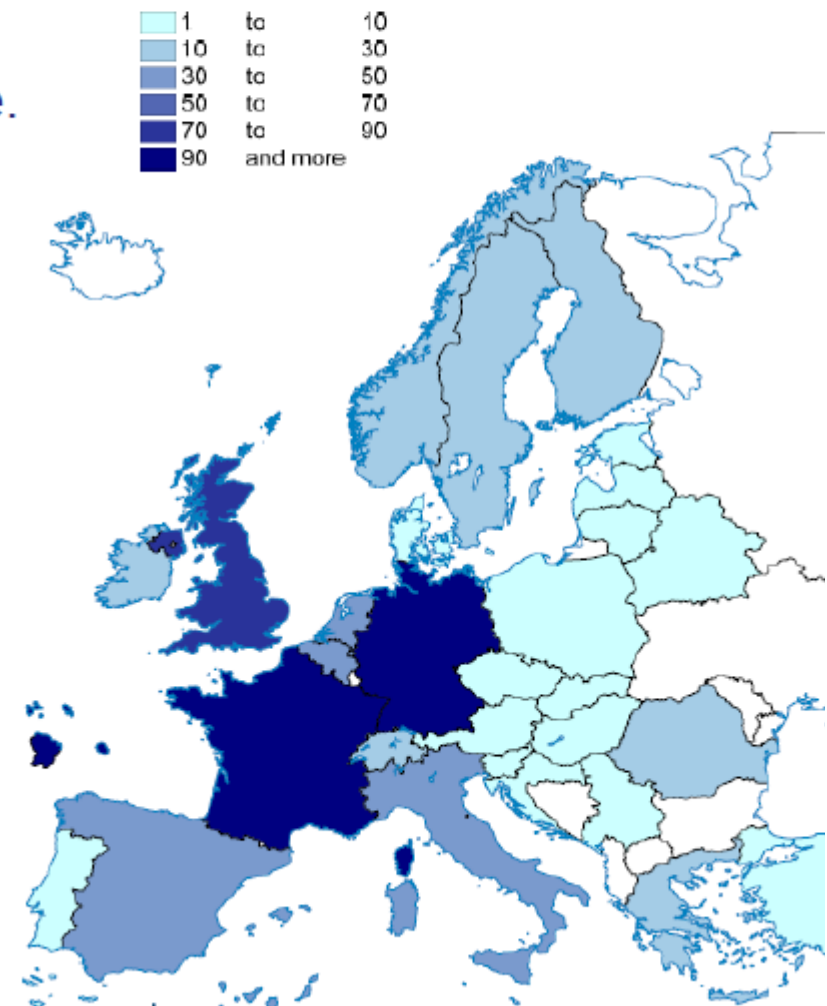
Photonics Research ,  
Education & Training

Roberta Ramponi,  
Professor Politecnico  
di Milano

## Our Members - Representatives from Industry, Academia and Politics

**Photonics21 members represent leading photonics stakeholders along the whole economic value chain throughout Europe.**

- More than 2000 members from all the EU countries
- Broad, representative membership composition
  - University, science and industry-associations
  - Multiple markets (telecommunication, lighting, manufacturing, health)
  - Throughout the value-chain (components-systems)
  - Most main industrial companies



## Our Core – The Photonics21 Work Groups & Workshops

### Our target:

- Discuss & agree about photonics research and innovation topics and priorities as well as on political recommendations
- Provide input to the European Commission's Framework Programme & the different work programmes by updating the Photonics21 Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda and the Vision Papers
- Provide networking opportunities for the European photonics community

### Our set up

The seven Photonics21 Work Groups focus on photonics application areas (1-4) & on cross-sectoral issues (5-7):

- ▶ Work Group 1: Information & Communication
- ▶ Work Group 2: Industrial Manufacturing & Quality
- ▶ Work Group 3: Life Science & Health
- ▶ Work Group 4: Emerging Lighting, Electronics & Displays
- ▶ Work Group 5: Security, Metrology and Sensors
- ▶ Work Group 6: Design & Manufacturing of Components & Systems
- ▶ Work Group 7: Photonics Research, Education & Training





# Technology coaching at EU level to inspire industrial innovation



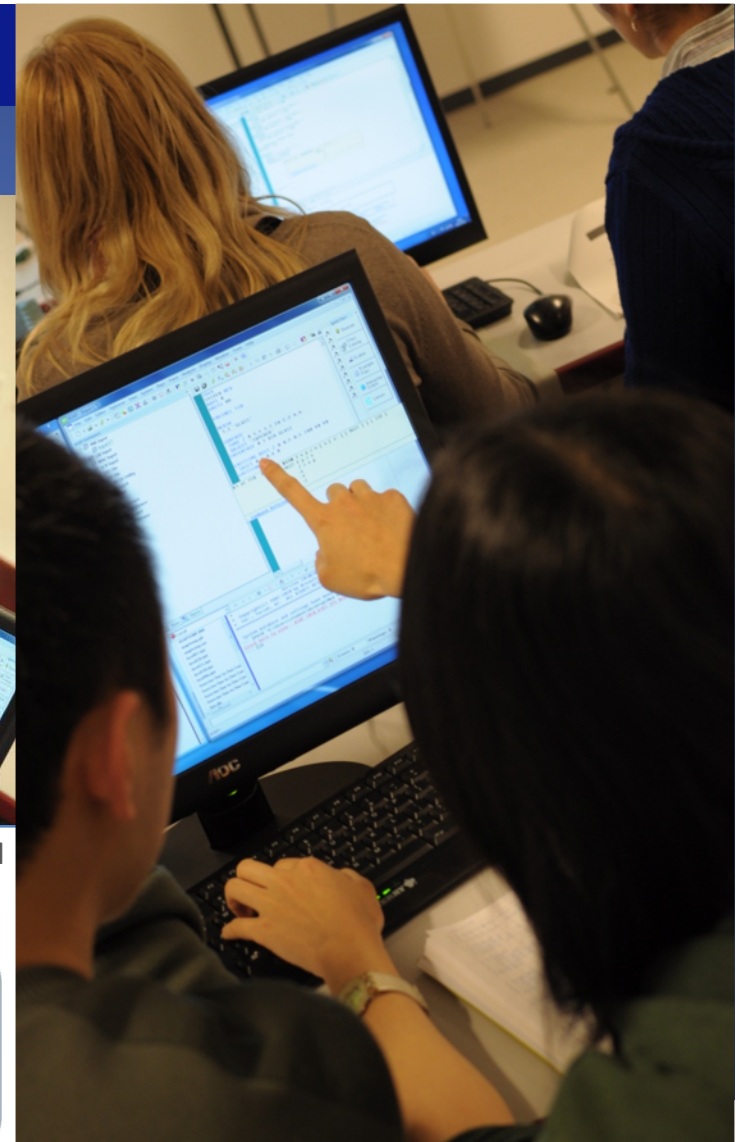
SMETHODS stands for SMEs Training and Hands-on Practice in Optical Design and Simulation. We organize 5-day hands-on training sessions in four different domains

- Imaging Optics
- Non-imaging Optics
- Wave Optical design
- Diffractive Optics



SMETHODS teams up 7 European academic institutions that are leaders in optical design to provide top-experts as instructors for the different course modules.

Thanks to the support of the EU we can provide these training sessions for free!



Vrije  
Universiteit  
Brussel





Access to  
Micro-Optics  
Expertise,  
Services &  
Technologies

[WWW.ACTMOST.EU](http://WWW.ACTMOST.EU)

# Some examples of photonics innovation show-stoppers for European companies



**in-house experts  
and photonics expertise  
are missing**



**supporting an  
in-house R&D team  
is too expensive**



**identifying external experts  
is often  
a shot in the dark**



**dedicated task forces  
for photonic solutions  
are almost nonexistent**



**in-house cutting-edge  
photonics technology  
is missing**



**investment risk  
is too high or  
financially irresponsible**



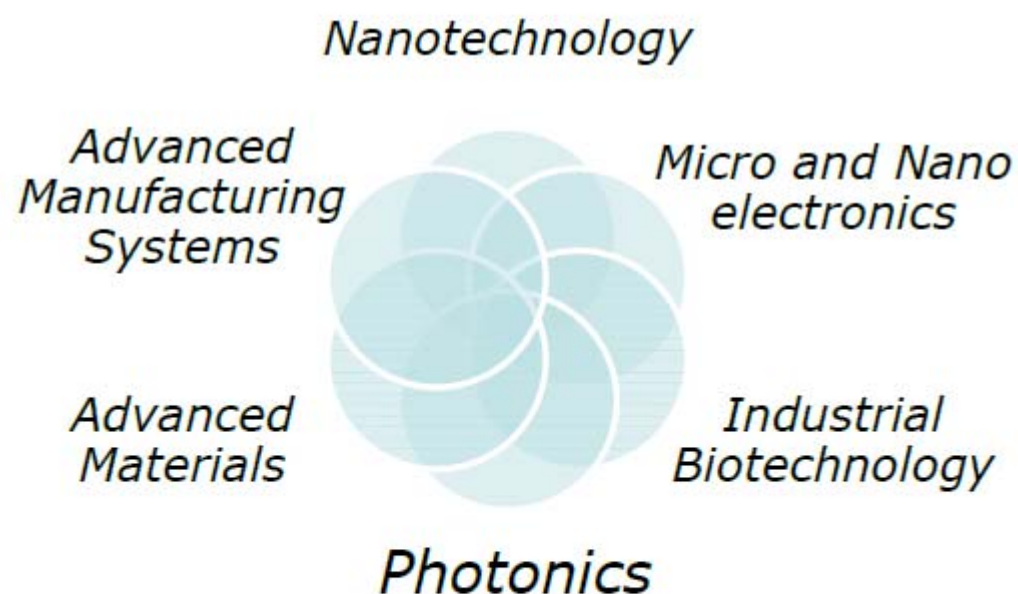
**multiple-stop technology  
shopping fails  
partial solutions  
are often incompatible**



**single-stop shop  
technology supply chains  
are almost nonexistent**



## Key Enabling Technologies (KETs)



*Strategic along the value chain*

*Any region can find its particular niche*

*Building upon existing assets & linking into European value chains*

*Analysing the whole value chain – upstream & downstream including all its actors*

*Enhancing regional eco-systems (clusters)*

## Photonics – the Technology of the Harnessing of Light

**Photonics** comprises the

► **generation**

► **amplification**

► **transmission**

► **modulation**

► **detection**

**of light**

Lighting  
(LEDs, displays)

Manufacturing  
(high power lasers)

Telecommunication  
(fibers, components,  
systems)

Medicine  
(lasers, microscopes)

Sensor technology  
(optical sensors)



LED light bulb



glass fibers

***Photonics bears the same relationship to light and photons  
as electronics does to electricity and electrons.***

## Final KET Report: It is all About Overcoming the Valley of Death

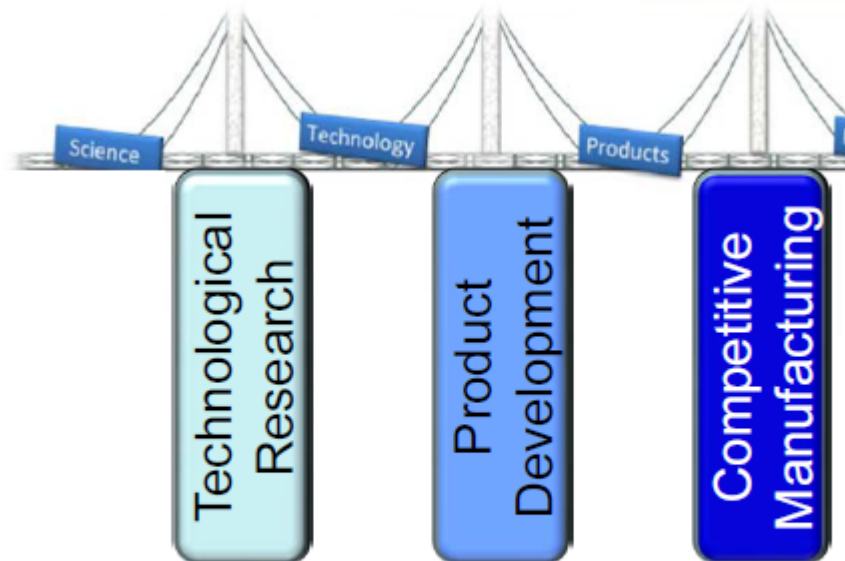
### Key messages:

- ▶ KETs are crucial to sustainable European economic growth
- ▶ Europe is failing in efforts to turn science into products, market share and jobs
- ▶ Refocus and rebalancing of EC Research and Innovation budget necessary



### A three pillar approach to bridge the valley of death:

- ▶ From basic science to technology
- ▶ From technology to products
- ▶ From products to large scale production



According to: High Level Expert Group on Key Enabling Technologies – Final Report, July 2011



## Young People Excellence – The Photonics21 Student Innovation Award



Four times Photonics21 has awarded young people for Excellent Research

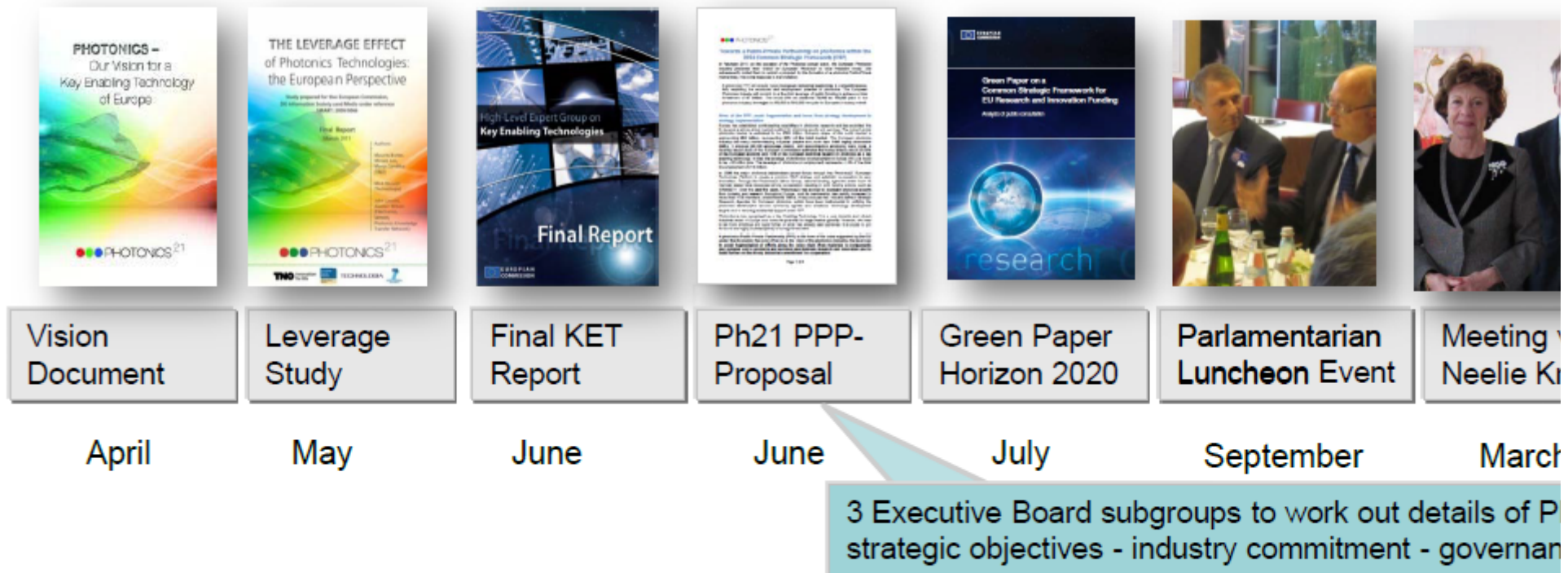
### Our Targets

- Honor excellent photonics research with a high industrial impact
- Promote photonics training & education within Europe
- Motivate and engage young people for photonics
- Draw attention from industry to young talents



## Photoncis21: Our Milestones towards Horizon 2020

- ▶ Photonics21 input implemented into strategic documents
- ▶ Meetings with European Commission and Parliamentarians



Towards Horizon 2020

## Horizon2020: Our Recommendations and Input

Our input —————→ in Horizon2020



► **Focus:** Clear priorities for „Key Enabling Technologies“



► **Speed to market:** Inclusion of the entire value chain



► **Simplification:** Reduced administrative burdens



► **Know-How:** Highly skilled workforce



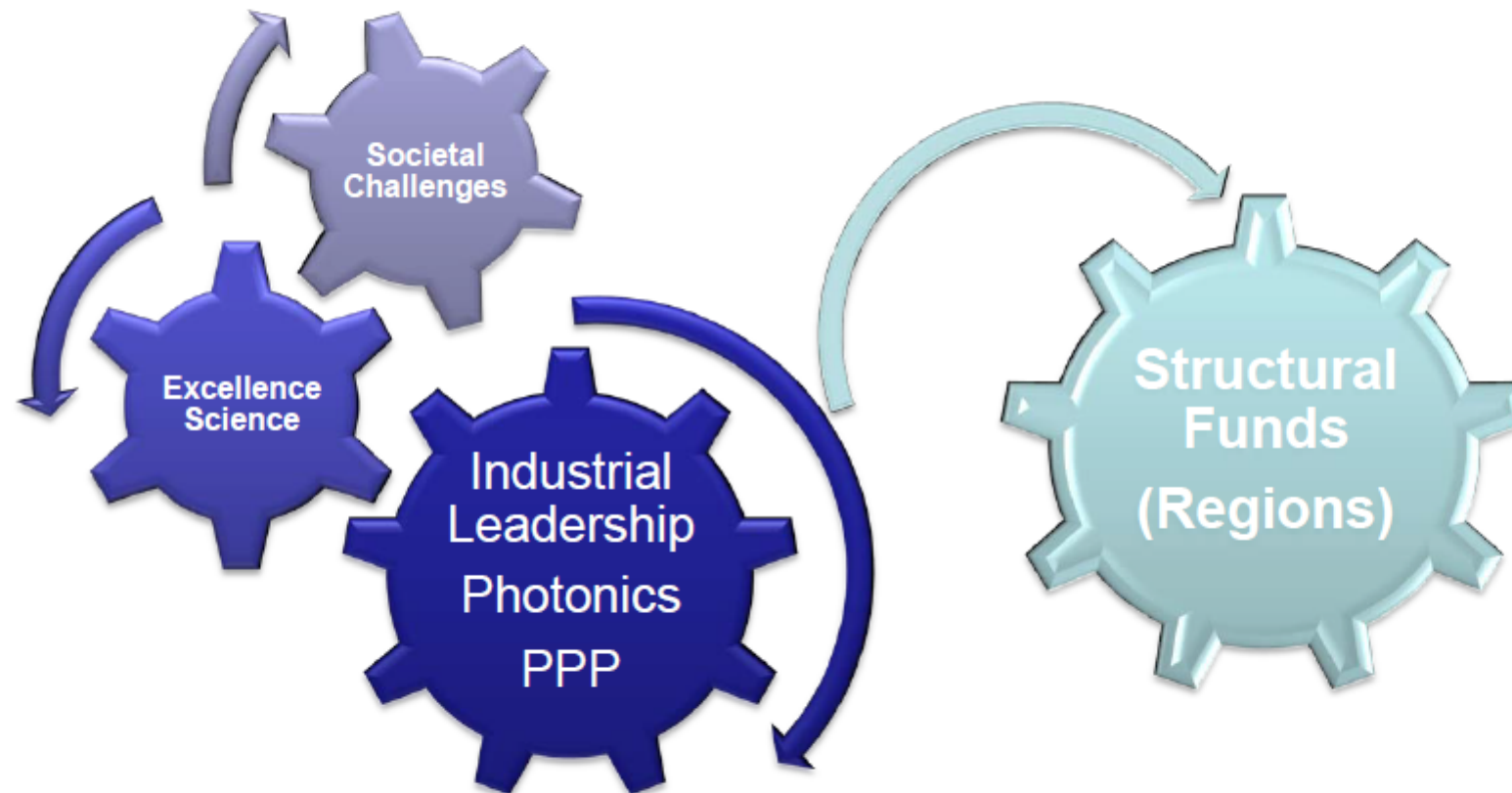
► **Critical mass:** Funding budget that makes a difference

► **Innovators:** Access to venture capital & SME support





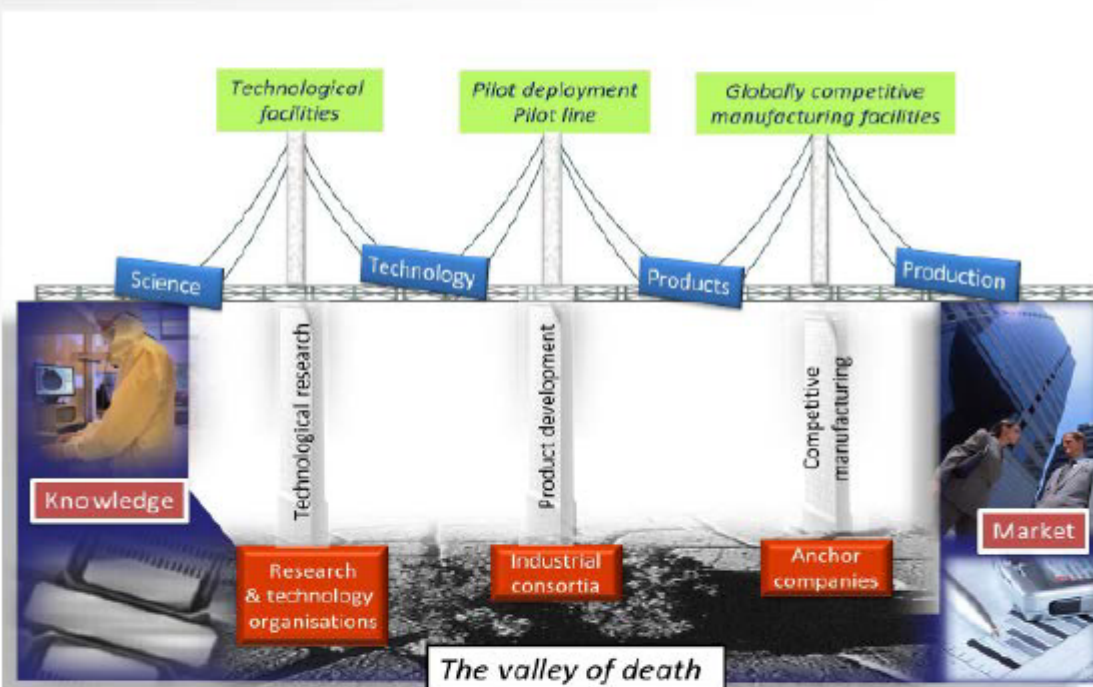
## A Photonics PPP – Our Hub for reaching out to EU Programmes



- ▶ Photonics PPP aims to be the platform to reach out to multiple sources
- ▶ Make Photonic a dedicated priority in European funding programs
- ▶ Allow the combination of E I I funding programmes and Initiatives

## Analysis: What it is all about – Overcoming the „Valley of Death“

**AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO KETS FOR FUTURE COMPETITIVENESS: THREE PILLAR BRIDGE MODEL TO PASS ACROSS THE "VALLEY OF DEATH"**



Source: High Level Expert Group on Key Enabling Technologies – Final Report, July 2011

### Analysis

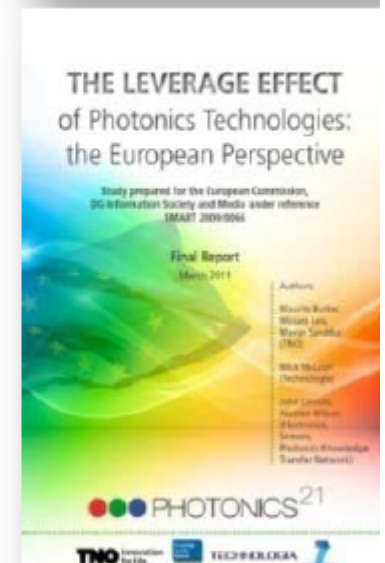
- ▶ Europe has an excellent research base
- ▶ Europe lags ability to quickly turn inventions into innovations
- ▶ Only marketable products will create jobs and wealth

### Integrated Approach

- ▶ Cover the full innovation chain
- ▶ Addressing basic and applied research, demonstrators, standardization measures, deployment and market access
- ▶ All at the same time
- ▶ Significantly
- ▶ In a logical joined-up manner.

## Photonics – A Key Enabling Technology with Enormous Economic Potential

- ▶ The current global photonics market is estimated to be €300 billion. Europe's share is ~ €60 billion - representing 20% of the total market.
- ▶ The European photonics industry has many market-leading industrial players and more than 5000 highly innovative SMEs.
- ▶ Photonics employs ~ 300,000 employees directly, with subcontractors employing many more.
- ▶ Between 2005 and 2008 this rapid growth resulted in more than 40,000 new jobs being created in Europe
- ▶ The estimated annual growth rate is ~ 8-10%. – estimated market size in 2015 is ~ € 480 bn according the KET-Report
- ▶ A EU commissioned study “The Leverage Effect of Photonics Technologies” estimates, that photonics positively impacts 10 % of the European economy
- ▶ Photonics contributes to the solution of many societal challenges like ageing society, energy efficiency and the knowledge society





## Photonics – A Key Enabling Technology of Europe with enormous economic potential

### Economic Potential of Photonics:

- Photonics global market estimated to be € 300 billion, Europe has an overall share of 20%
- Photonics companies employ 290000 people in Europe, sector is largely based on SME
- A EU commissioned study “The Leverage Effect of Photonics Technologies” estimates, that photonics positively impacts 10 % of the European economy
- Photonics contributes to the solution of many societal challenges like ageing society, energy efficiency, knowledge society

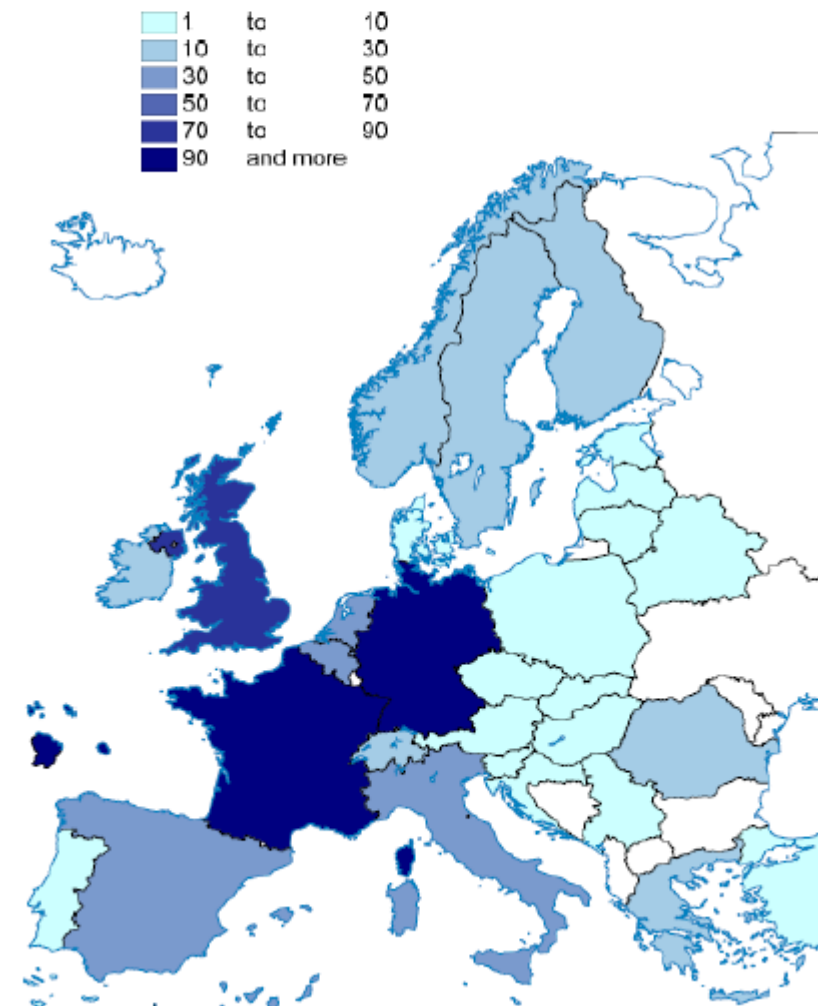


*In 2009 Photonics was recognized as a Key Enabling Technologies of Europe and is part of the European Commission's KET initiative*

## Our Members - Representatives from Industry, Academia and Politics

**Photonics21 members represent leading photonics stakeholders along the whole economic value chain throughout Europe.**

- Over 2000 members from all the EU countries
- Broad, representative membership composition
  - University-science-industry-associations
  - Multiple markets (telecommunication, lighting, manufacturing, health)
  - Throughout the value-chain (components-systems)
  - Most main industrial companies



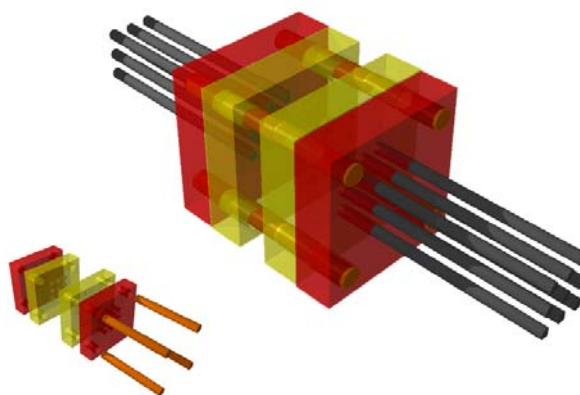
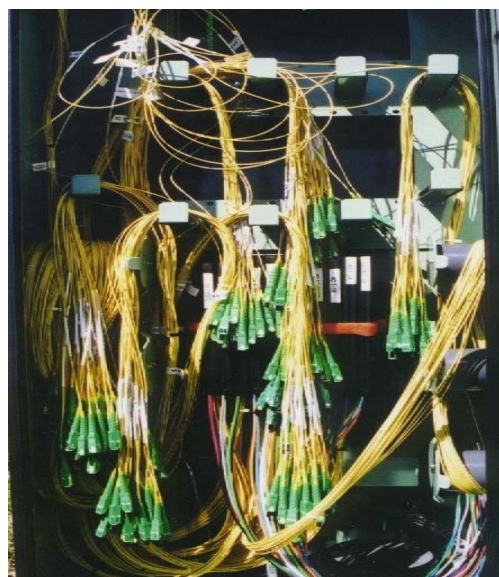
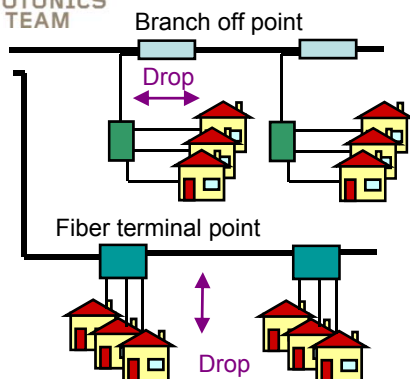


# Laser assisted industrial food-sorting, quality and safety control, and plastic recycling



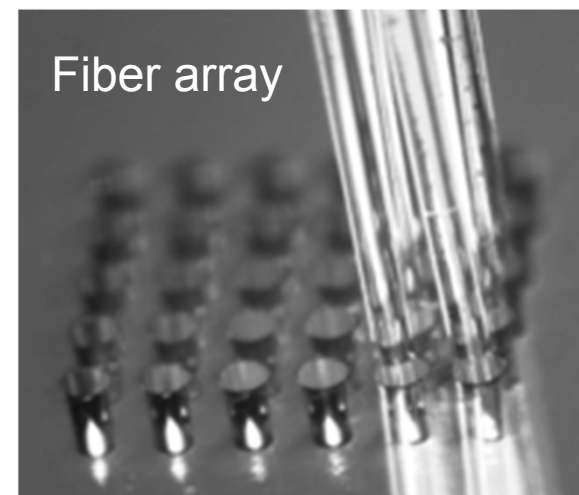


# Low-cost plastic fiber connectors for Fiber-To-The-Home

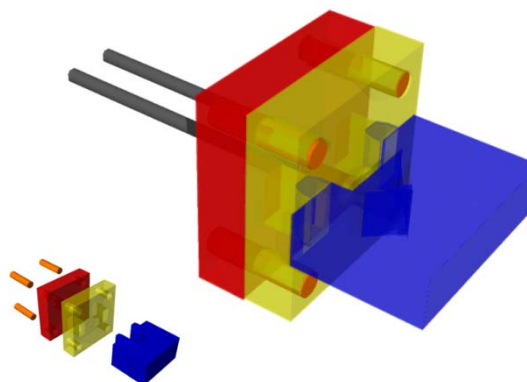


2-D SM fiber array connector

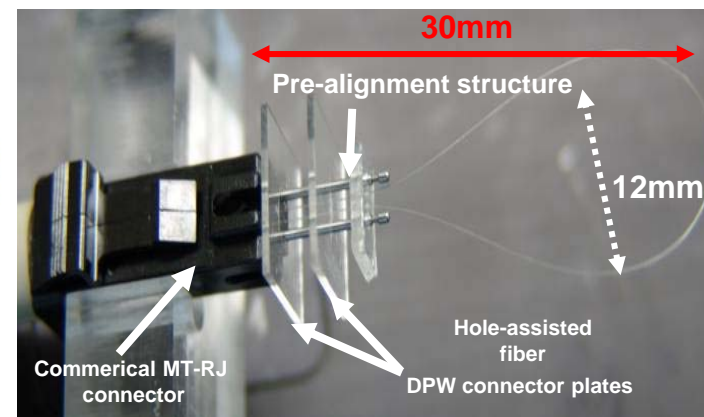
Fiber array



Diameter accuracy =  $1.2\mu\text{m}$   
Positioning accuracy =  $0.6\mu\text{m}$   
Average losses = 0.15dB @ 1550nm



180° butt-coupling connector

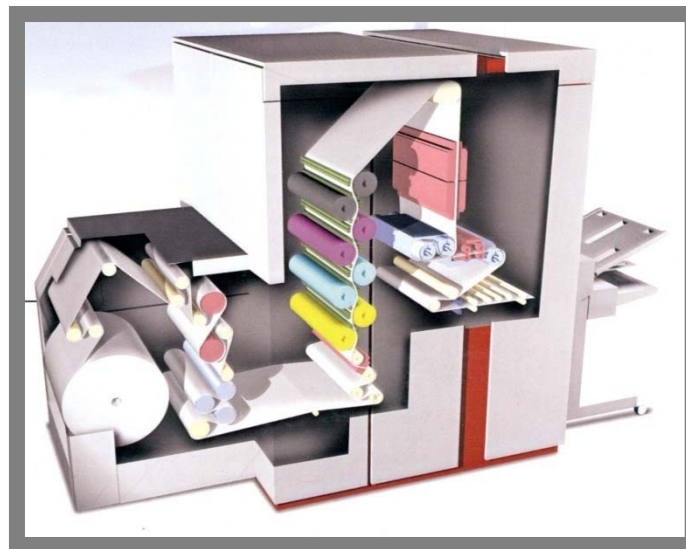
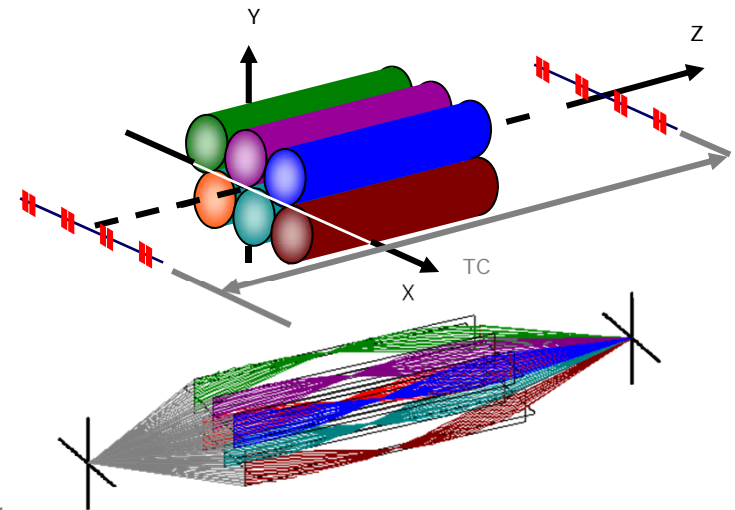
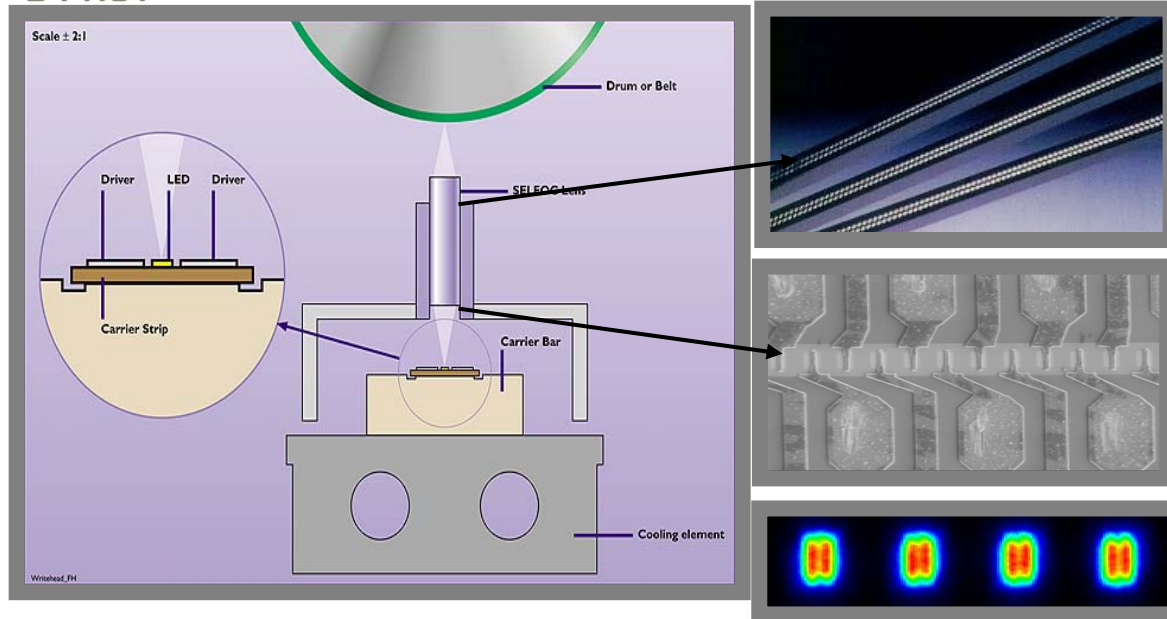




# Development of a high-resolution 1200 dpi print engine

PUNCH | graphix

B-PHOT



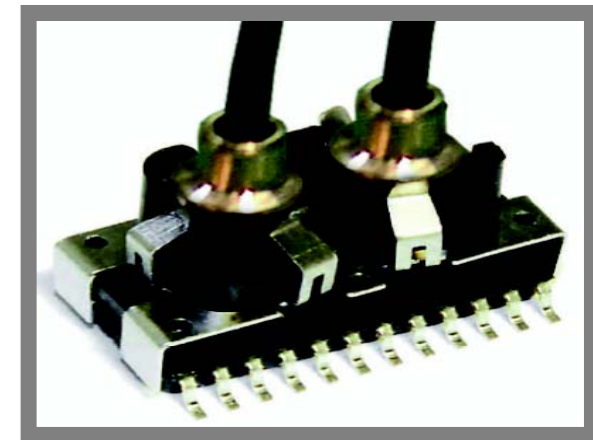
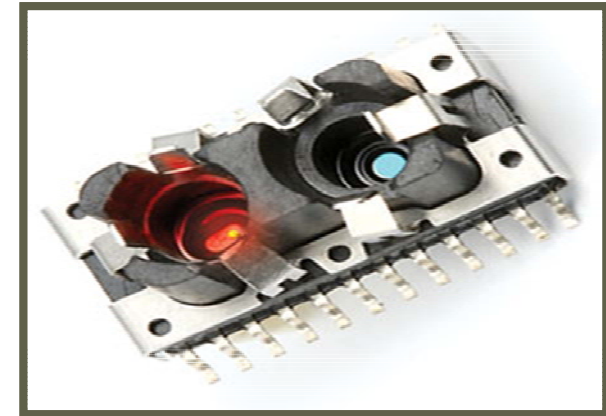
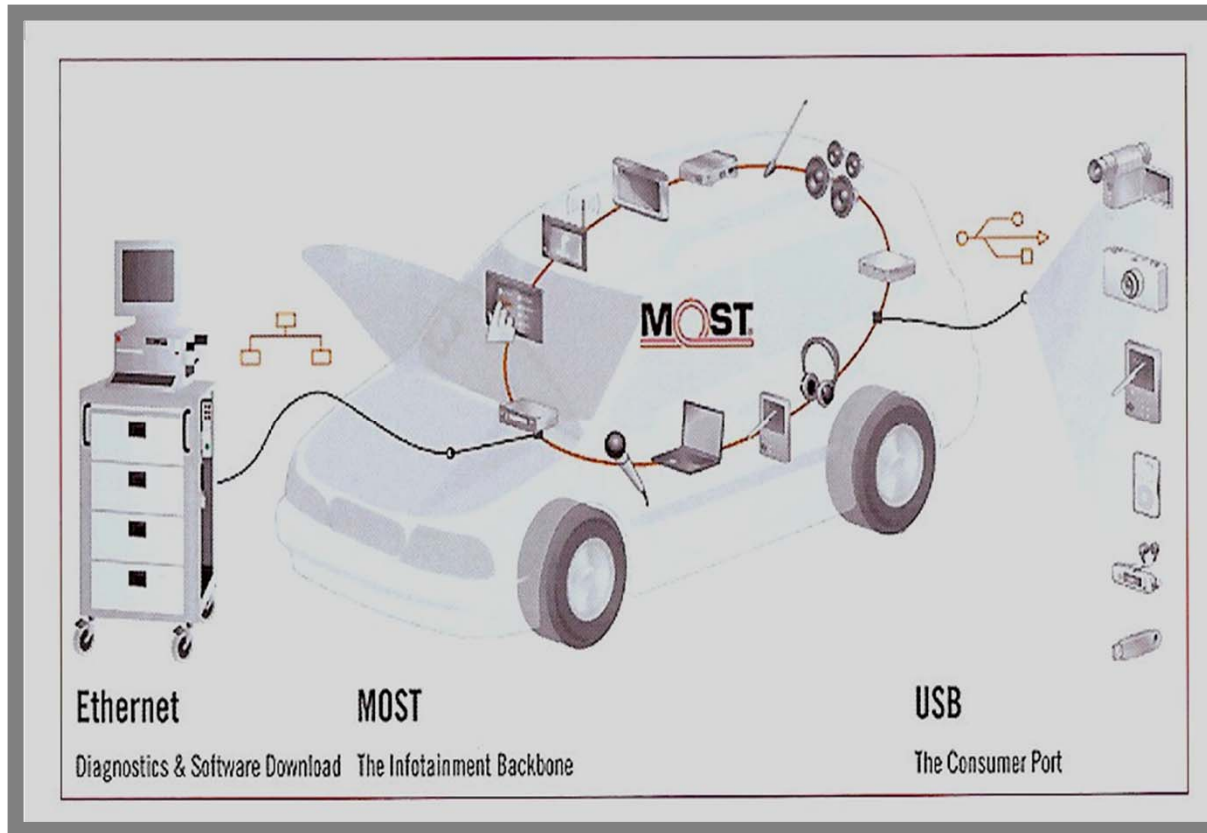


B-PHOT  
BRUSSELS  
PHOTONICS  
TEAM

# 150 MBit/s POF datacom transceiver for the automotive



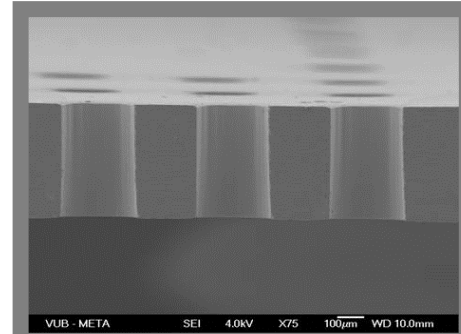
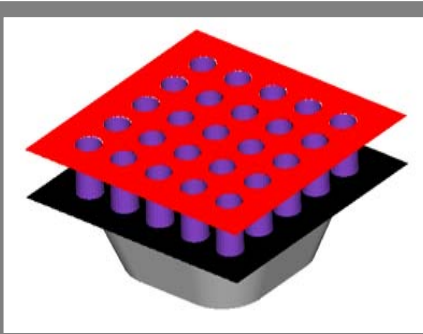
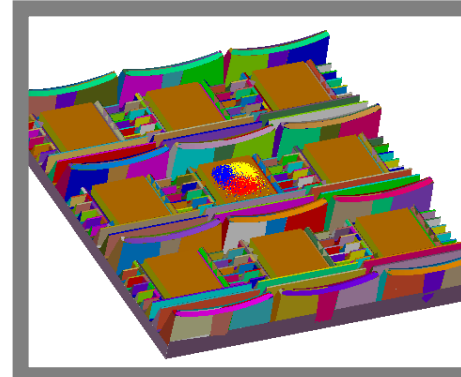
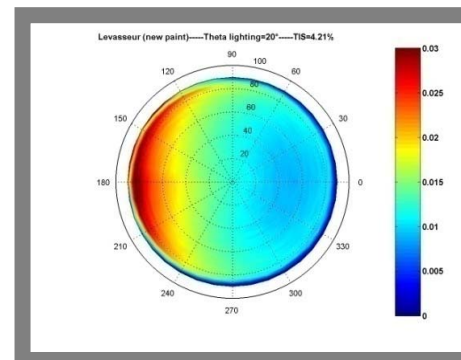
*Power budget, tolerancing analysis, automotive specs.*



(Product release MLX75605)



# High-end LED-walls for visual performance





**B-PHOT**  
BRUSSELS  
PHOTONICS  
TEAM

# Freeform optics for LED-based luminaires

