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# LASHARE

## Mission and Objectives

### Mission

- LASHARE aims to share laser expertise to accelerate innovation for manufacturing SME's through Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

### Objectives

- Support 14 SME's from the supplier side to advance their lab-demonstrated laser-based equipment towards robust solutions
- Focus the laser-based equipment towards the assessment criteria and the market demand defined by the 14 industrial users
- Provide an independent source of information on laser-based equipment and its integration into manufacturing environments
- Support another 10 – 12 LEA's in a second set of assessments through an Open Call (approx. Q3/2014)

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# LASHARE – Vision and Overview

## LASHARE Assessment Framework



### Laser-based equipment

- Accelerate technological development
- Orient towards market needs
- Validate in real world scenario

### Market

- Increase transparency of cost and properties
- Establish relevant criteria

# LASHARE – Vision and Overview

## Laser-based Equipment Assessments (LEAs)



### Suppliers

- Advance in Technology Readiness Level  
TRL 4,5 → 7,8
- Realise demand oriented and robust product

### Users

- Secure the expected return on invest
- Foster European manufacturing



# LASHARE – Vision and Overview

## Dissemination



### LASHARE Competence Centers (LCC)

- Serve as entry point for external suppliers, users and interest groups
- Offer an objective source of information

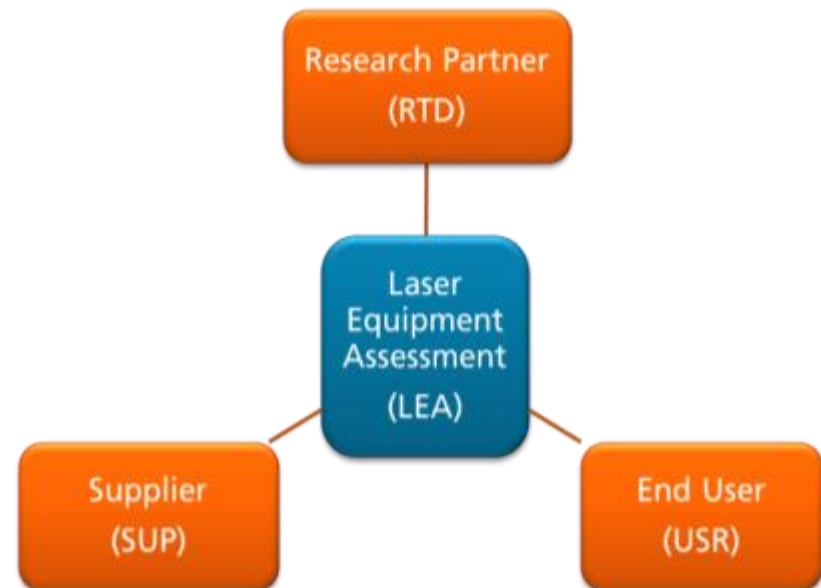
### Online Media

- Attract external interest groups such as suppliers, users and associations
- Provide information
- Interact with European ICT platform „I4MS“

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## Roles in Laser-based Equipment Assessments (LEAs)

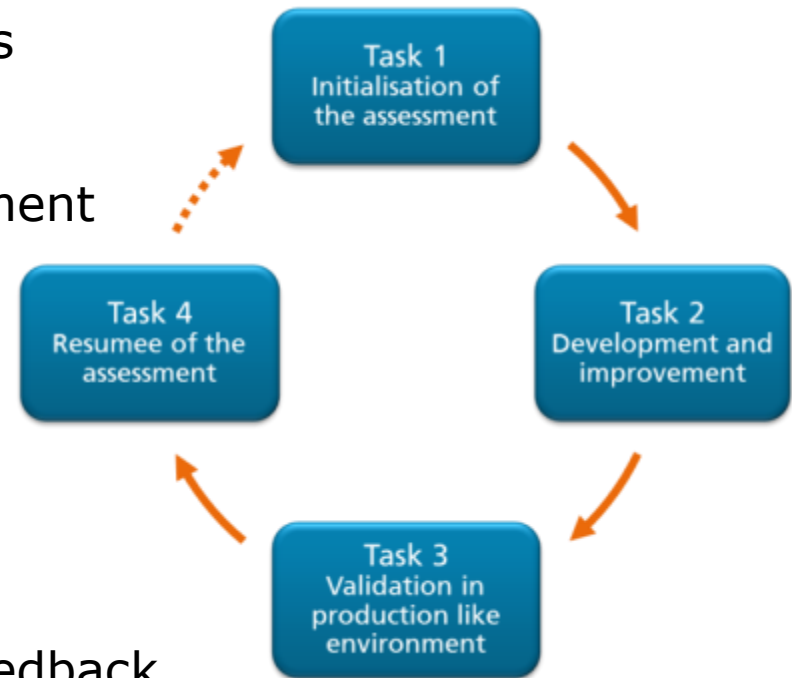
- Supplier (SUP)
  - SME company providing a laser based equipment
- End User (USR)
  - Industrial company using laser-based equipment for manufacturing
- Research Partner (RTD)
  - Research institution providing scientific support for development of laser-based equipment



# LASHARE – Vision and Overview

## Phases of the Assessment Circle

- Task 1 – Initialisation
  - Defintion of demand and objectives
  - Development plan
- Task 2 – Development and Improvement
  - Implementation
- Task 3 – Validation
  - Evaluation of objectives in a production like environment
- Task 4 – Resumee
  - Evaluation of achievements and feedback to the methodology



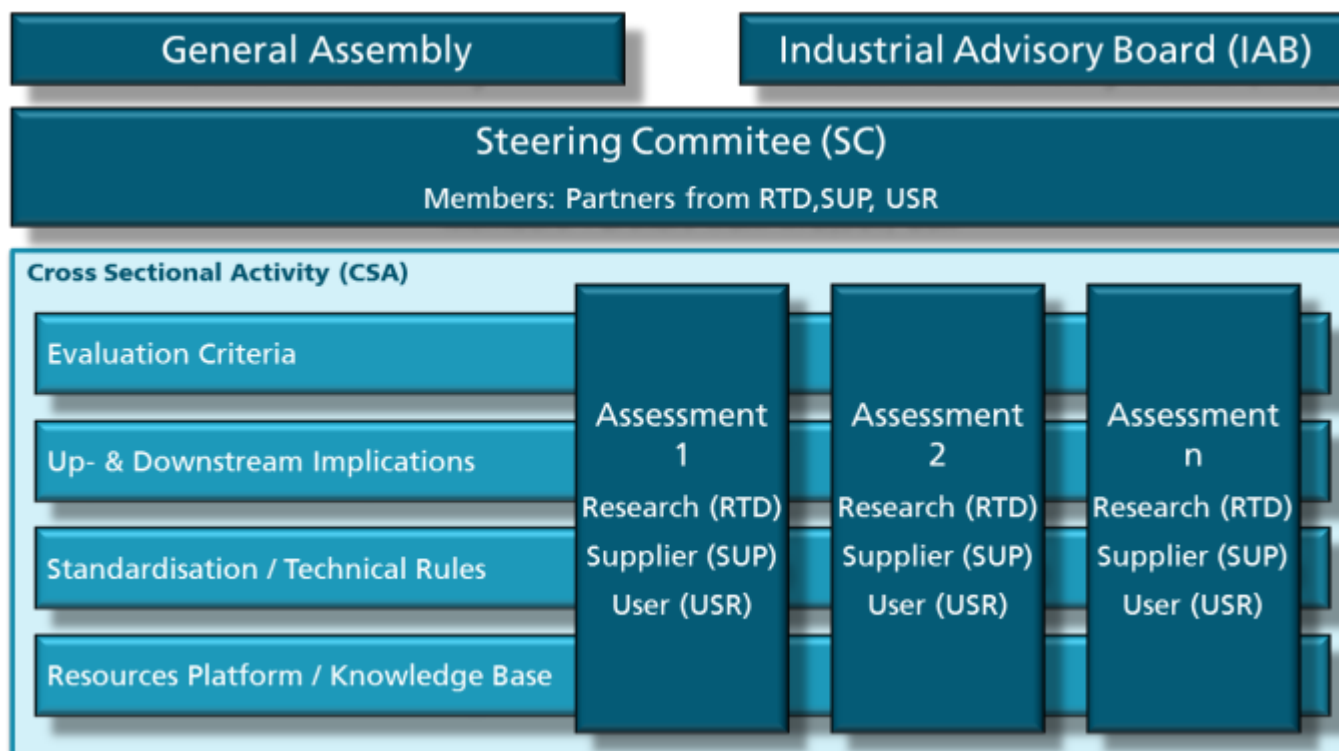
# LASHARE – Vision and Overview

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FLAT	302	Plug in laser diode module for warm sheet metal forming
LASPRO	303	Laser beam profiler for online characterization of spot properties
TEETO	304	Compact sub nanosecond laser source for thin film processing
FCPS	305	Laser system for flexible CIGS photovoltaic scribing
CUDE	306	Direct diode laser system for cutting of mild and stainless steel
MOBILLAS	307	Mobile laser system for on site material processing
TWOMICRO	308	Two micron laser source for light weight materials and medical sector
HELIDRILL	309	Helical laser drilling system for micro vents and conducts
LAP3D	310	Laser processing system for stitching structured patterns on large 3D parts
FEMPAR	311	Deep engraving system for coining dies with femtosecond laser
NEXTCUT	312	Multi wavelength diode laser source for cutting applications
PARROT	313	Parallel multi beam ablation of rotationally symmetric work pieces
INCLAD	314	Inside cladding system with integrated process monitoring

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## Linking Assessments on Project Level



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# LASHARE – Consortium

## Partners at a glance



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# LASHARE WP301 – APLS

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

ALPS - Vision based laser cutting for patterned fabrics

- Develop fixing system for laser cutting of light deformable fabrics adaptive to different materials with inhomogeneous properties
- Invent a model based vision system for fast pattern learning to locate and cut with sub-mm accuracy without prior marking on fabric
- Increase cutting performance and overall throughput for all relevant batch sizes



Manual and automated cutting



Motivs to be detected and cut

**Supplier**



**SIMAUPRO**

**User**



**Research Partner**



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# LASHARE WP302 – FLAT

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

FLAT – Plug in laser diode module for warm sheet metal forming

- Integrate a vibration resistant laser diode module directly into a sheet forming machine
- Deliver up to 1kW@1cm<sup>2</sup> using direct regular water cooling for operation from 10 to 40°C
- Reduce forces in roll forming by 50%
- Implement a totally spring-back-free process with 100% geometric certainty after forming



Laser diode stack



Roll forming machine

**Supplier**

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**User**

Johnson  
Controls 

**Research Partner**

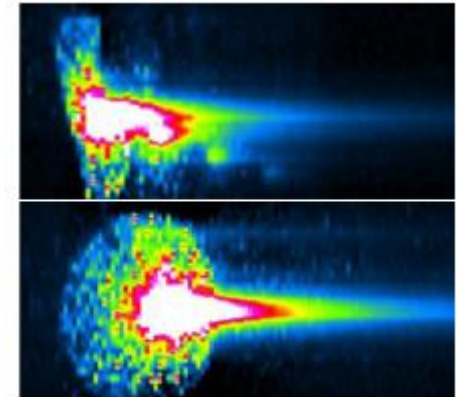
  
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# LASHARE WP303 – LASPRO

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

LAPSRO - Laser beam profiler for online characterization of spot properties

- Monitor the IR emission of the weld pool with a repetition rate of 10 kHz
- Provide a tool for online detection of process instabilities in laser beam welding
- Enable closed loop control of the laser welding process



Defocused (above) / Focused (below) laser beam images obtained with a low cost uncooled 32x32 IR array manufactured by NIT

Application and principle of multi beam processing

**Supplier**



**User**



**Research Partner**

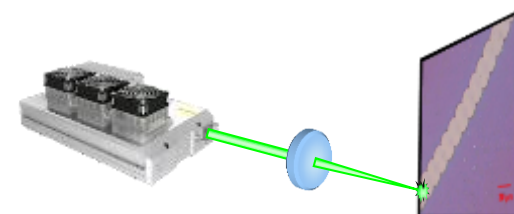


# LASHARE WP304 – TEETO

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

TEETO - Compact sub nanosecond laser source for thin film processing

- Provide a price competitive long term stable laser source
- Enhance productivity by an increase of 30% in average power
- Implement a top hat energy distribution for thin film processing



Laser source for thin film processing  
With top hat energy distribution

### Supplier



### User



### Research Partner



# LASHARE WP305 – FCPS

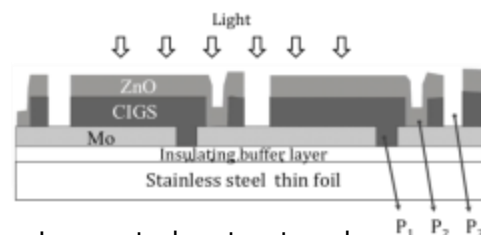
## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

FCPS - Laser system for flexible CIGS photovoltaic scribing

- Provide a process for the scribing (P1) of the molybdenum layer, without changing the underlying insulating layer
- Enable structuring of CIGS (P2), parallel to (P1), without affecting the molybdenum layer, allow parallel removal of TCO (P3) without sacrificing other layers
- The three scribing are characterized by an amplitude  $< 50\mu\text{m}$  and 2m/s processing speed



Manufacturing system for CIGS scribing



Layers to be structured in three different steps

**Supplier**

**User**

**Research Partner**

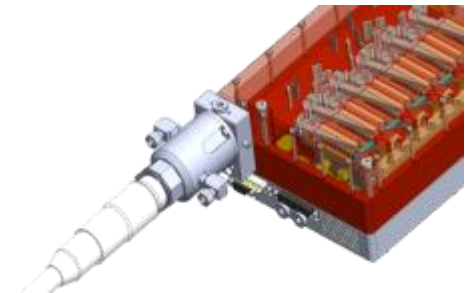


# LASHARE WP306 – CUDE

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

CUDE - Direct diode laser system for cutting of mild and stainless steel

- Pump a 9xx nm diode laser system to robustly deliver 1kW at 7.5 mm\*mrad
- Provide optical and electrical interfacing for industrial application in the area of cutting
- Demonstrate diode laser cutting of mild steel up to 6 mm, stainless steel up to 4 mm, and aluminium up to 3 mm



Diode laser module from prototype to rack version

### Supplier



### User



### Research Partner

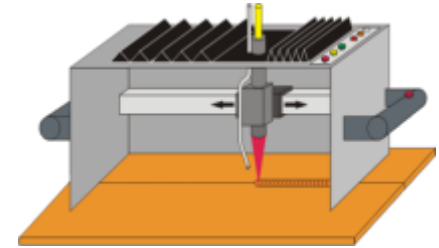


# LASHARE WP307 – MOBILLAS

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

MOBILLAS - Mobile laser system for on site material processing

- Provide a fully integrated and portable laser system for on site cutting and welding
- Allow mobile and safe operation in the field such as in ship yards
- Develop a system with minimal training requirements applicable to large structure manufacturing with thick materials



Application and principle of multi beam processing

**Supplier**



**User**



**Research Partner**



# LASHARE WP308 – TWOMICRO

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

TWOMICRO - Two micron laser source for light weight materials and medical sector

- Provide a 2 micron laser source with power and beam profile stability
- Feed 200 Watts of stable power into a 125 $\mu$ m fibre
- Demonstrate reproducibility of scribed grooves and other processes with the new laser source



Laser processing systems

### Supplier



### User



### Research Partner





# LASHARE WP309 – HELIDRILL

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

HELIDRILL - Helical laser drilling system for micro vents and conducts

- Build a high performance control system with automatic beam calibration for different hole geometries
- Support interfacing to diverse shop floor environments with control protocols and standard laser coupling
- Provide easy to use user interface (UI) with process monitoring capabilities for reliable processing



Model of the integrated drilling optics

### Supplier



### User



### Research Partner



# LASHARE WP310 – LAP3D

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

LAP3D - Laser processing system for stitching structured patterns on large 3D parts

- Develop a system to process 3D workpiece with a large working area
- Implement a machanoptical solution to allow surface curvatures of up to 270° reducing distortion
- Realise a structuring rate of 400mm/s for a 3D system based on an improved and precise control software using inputs from different CAD sources.



Sample dash board application

**Supplier**



**User**



**Research Partner**



# LASHARE WP311 – FEMPAR

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

FEMPAR - Deep engraving system for coining dies with femtosecond laser

- Provide a robust laser source with improved performances 40μJ 50W
- Develop solutions to improve the engraving process speed and quality
- Remove the “step effect” from superposition of slices and the “weaving effect”
- Obtain frosting effects on the surface



Laser source and coining die

### Supplier



### User



### Research Partner



# LASHARE WP312 – NEXTCUT

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

NEXTCUT - Multi wavelength diode laser source for cutting applications

- Combine up to four wavelengths from 808nm to 980nm in one laser system to deliver 2kW of continuous power
- Develop a suitable integrated beam delivery and beam shaping optics with a fibre of 200 $\mu$ m core diameter and NA of 0,2
- Provide a diode laser solution with 20mm mrad suitable for cutting



Image courtesy of LIMO

Rack with the laser source and complementary systems

### Supplier



### User



### Research Partner

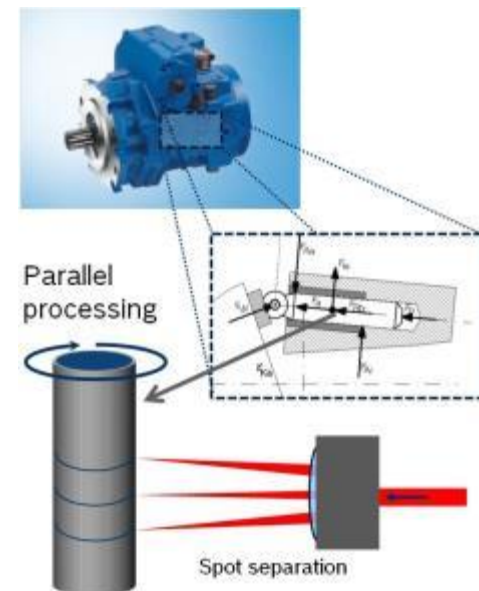


# LASHARE WP313 – PARROT

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

PARROT - Parallel multi-beam ablation of rotationally symmetric work pieces

- Modify the surface microstructure to achieve new properties
- Develop industrially robust diffractive optical elements and optics to split the laser beam into multiple spots
- Increase manufacturing efficiency by parallel processing



Application and principle of multi beam processing

**Supplier**

**HOLO/OR**

**User**

 **BOSCH**

**Research Partner**

 **Fraunhofer**  
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# LASHARE WP314 – INCLAD

## Laser-based Equipment Assessment (LEA)

INCLAD - Inside cladding system with integrated process monitoring

- Increase robustness of the beam guiding system against backscattering and powder contamination
- Implement an imaging system for coaxial remote monitoring of the melt pool
- Develop process charts to enable reviewing the course of the manufacturing process



Images of the IPO optics for cladding

**Supplier**



**User**

**SULZER**

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**Research Partner**

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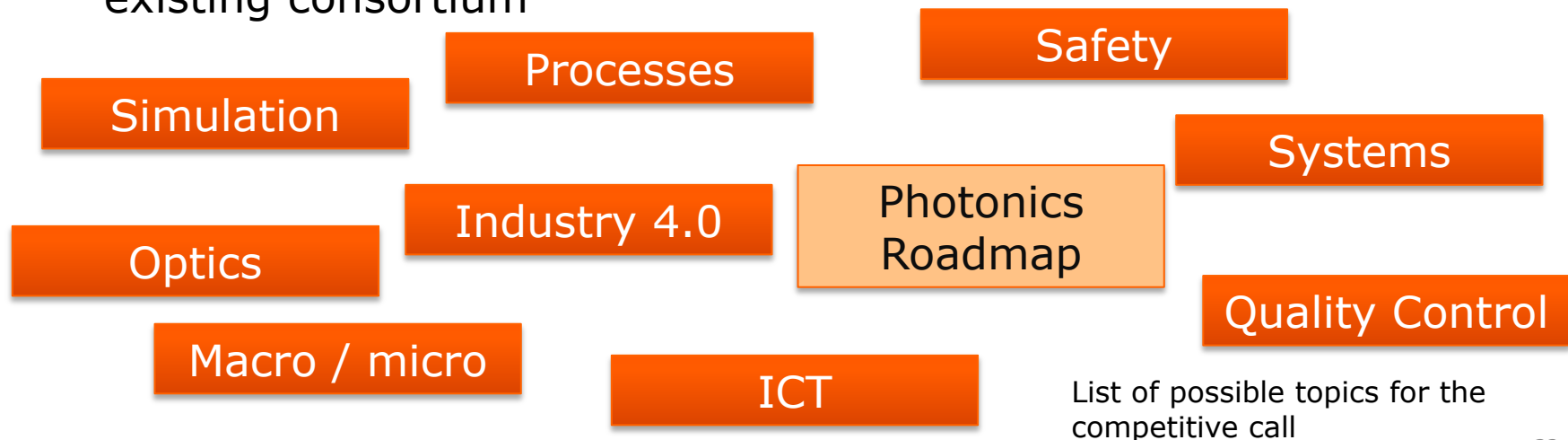
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# LASHARE – Competitive Call

## Topics and Budget

- Set of up to 12 new Laser-based Equipment Assessments (LEA's)
  - Topics published through a call for proposals in 2014/2015
  - Tentative start of new LEA's 01.09.2015
  - Support by one research partner (RTD)
  - Team of one supplier (SUP) and one user (USR) entering the existing consortium





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## Cooperation in ICT for Manufacturing SME's

### I4MS Gate

- Assistance for exchange with innovation platforms across Europe
- Provision of access to interest groups from other sectors
- Infrastructure for exchange between I4MS projects



# LASHARE – Updates and News

## Accessing resources online

### Current channels

- Web site on public level
  - Access to public information about the project and the LEA's
  - News about advances and events



Web site

### Future resources

- Option to register for additional resources (to be established)
  - Provision of training material via iApp
  - Forum for discussions and exchange through social networks



iApp for e-Learning

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## Accessing resources online

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