Objective

An informed view of the possible futures for manufacturing industries is essential as input for policy-making and industrial strategies while aiming at the Lisbon goals. In order to reach these objectives, multiple actors have to discuss their visions, values and expectations on the future of manufacturing establishing a knowledge community on trends, visions and alternatives in manufacturing, product and service engineering. As a tool, a pan-European Delphi expert survey will be launched in 22 states (EU-MS, ACC, EUREKA). It will cover developments in all relevant aspects of manufacturing, from technologies via organisational concerns to questions of the working environment and sustainability. Enabling technologies for developments in all these areas will be identified. Arising demands on skills and competencies will also be derived from the results. In addition, a group of international experts from all
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