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The event "Technology transfer: paving the way for advanced manufacturing" took place on 25 February in Brussels. The workshop was organised by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) and participants exchanged views on how technology transfer activities can help EU industry, and manufacturing SMEs in particular, to adopt new advanced and clean manufacturing technologies. Advanced and clean manufacturing is a key driver of the upcoming industrial revolution. The aim of this workshop was to explore how technology transfer activities can be used as a mechanism to help EU industry, particularly manufacturing SMEs, to adopt new advanced and clean manufacturing technologies.

To support innovation in Europe, the JRC launched in 2011 the European Technology Transfer Offices (TTO) circle, which brings together the technology transfer offices of the largest European public research organisations. In this context, this workshop has been organised in close cooperation with the European Factories of the Future Research Association (EFFRA), and other European Commission's services such as the Directorate-General for Research & Innovation, which

supports R&I actions on advanced manufacturing systems under Horizon 2020, and the DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, which leads the task force on advanced manufacturing for clean production.

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You may find some of the presentations from the workshop [here](#).

