



FOURTEEN TECH INNOVATIONS IN THE RUNNING FOR 2022 ADVANCED AND DIGITAL MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES AWARD

San Sebastian, 9 June 2022.- The fourteenth edition of the National Award for Advanced and Digital Manufacturing Technologies, organised by AFM, which presents awards for innovations in machine-tools, in parts, accessories and tools and also innovations in additive manufacturing and others that integrate industry 4.0 concepts, will assess the new innovations presented by 13 companies, with a special prize for the most innovative startup in advanced and digital manufacturing. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the awards, the participating companies are also exhibiting at the 31st BIEMH international machine tool exhibition to be held in Bilbao from 13 to 17 June.

In the running for the award at the 2022 edition in the additive manufacturing category are the companies CITD, Meltio and Navantia; in the industry 4.0 category, AD² ADDvance, Hodeia Digital, Muutech, Smartpm, TicTap and Zayer; in the machine-tool category, Ibarria, Lagun Machine Tools and Zayer, and lastly, in the parts, accessories and tools category, Nicolás Correa and Soraluze.

The innovations will be assessed by a jury composed of 11 people representing Beaz, Bic Gipuzkoa, CDTI, Eide, Ergogroup, Ihobe, Mondragon Unibertsitatea, Osalan, Spri, Tecnun-University of Navarra and the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU).

There are four prize modalities in this year's edition: the award for innovation in machine-tools, the award for innovation in parts, accessories and tools, the award for innovation in additive or 3D manufacturing, and the award for innovation in integrating industry 4.0 concepts into advanced manufacturing systems. A new feature this year will be the award for the most innovative startup in the advanced and digital manufacturing field, to be selected from among all the businesses competing in all top four categories (machine-tools, parts, additive and 4.0 concepts).

The award ceremony will take place at the BEC on 16 June during the BIEMH Machine-Tool Exhibition and the prizes will be presented by the president of AFM Cluster, José Pérez



Berdud; the general manager of AFM Cluster, Xabier Ortueta; the General Director of Industry and SMEs of the Spanish Government, Galo Gutierrez; and the Bizkaia Regional Councillor for Economic Promotion, Ainara Basurko, alongside Xabier Basáñez, Managing Director of the BEC.

The presentation of the Innovation Awards will also include the presentation of two other awards, the AFM-SIF 2020- 2022 (Manufacturing Engineering Society) Awards, which are the result of close collaboration between both organisations. This is the AFM special mention for the best end-of-degree project related to the machine-tool sector.

Since its launch in 1992, the Bizkaia Regional Council, through DZ, currently BEAZ, has been collaborating with AFM and BEC (Bilbao Exhibition Centre) to organise the awards.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS 2022

- **BIEMH-ADDIT3D-BEDIGITAL:** from 13 to 17 June, BEC, Bilbao.
- **WORKINN:** from 15 to 16 June, BEC, Bilbao.
- **Presentation of the 14th National Award for Innovation in Advanced and Digital Manufacturing:** 16 June, BIEMH TV, pavilion 4A of the BEC, Bilbao.







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ABOUT AFM CLUSTER

AFM CLUSTER is the organisation that represents the interests of Advanced and Digital Manufacturing. AFM comprises five industrial associations, through which it represents close to 700 companies, which employ 16,500 people and have a joint turnover of 3 billion euros. From its headquarters in San Sebastian, and its set-up in Tianjin (China), AFM CLUSTER works to promote the internationalisation, industrial development, strategic positioning and training of people in its associated companies. The six related and synergistic sectors that AFM CLUSTER provides services to are the following:

-  Machine-tool and advanced manufacturing technologies. **AFM** is the founding association, which gives its name to the CLUSTER. With 75 years of experience, it has 128 members.
-  Additive Manufacturing and 3D Printing. **ADDIMAT** brings together 108 companies operating in this new sector, destined to be a relevant part in many industrial sectors, such as, for example, the aerospace, biomedical and automotive sectors.
-  Hand Tools, Hardware and Industrial Supply. **ESKUIN** represents 22 companies that manufacture hand tools to the highest standards of quality and safety.
-  Machining and Metal-Mechanical Transformation. With 176 member companies, **AFMEC** aims to bring visibility and services to one of the most important industrial groups in Spain.
-  Technology-based companies and startups. **UPTEK** represents 147 technological companies and startups dedicated to advanced and digital manufacturing.
-  Companies offering smart tech for advanced manufacturing. **STECH** groups together **61** businesses to form a collective with specific offerings in smart tech for manufacturing.

AFM CLUSTER also has 95 services companies for the industry as partners. AFM CLUSTER forms part of different international associations, such as CECIMO, ECTA or CEO, it is the co-organiser, along with BEC -Bilbao Exhibition Centre-, of the international fairs BIEMH, ADDIT3D, WORKINN and BEDIGITAL and it actively collaborates in the fairs INDUSTRY TOOLS and SUBCONTRATACIÓN. It is a co-organiser of CMH - Congress on Advanced and Digital Manufacturing and Machine Tools.