Project in a Nutshell

- **Focus Groups** around the world are created (May-June 2020)
- Each group is coordinated by a **Group Leader**
- Each group focuses on a **Specific Topic** (June-August 2020)
- Each Group Leader delivers, as output, a “**Focus Group W-Paper**” (September 2020)
- **Dedicated online events** to share the progress/anticipate the findings from groups’ activities could be organised with the support of the Foundation (September-October)
- Each deliverable will be recollected and edited (October 2020), by the World Manufacturing Foundation, in the Comprehensive White Paper “**Back to Manufacturing’s Future**” and presented at the World Manufacturing Forum (11-12 November 2020)
Background and Call to Action

The Manufacturing sector and the global economy in general are being affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

There is the need to anticipate the economic and social impact that this New Normal will have on our lives.

The World Manufacturing Foundation is calling to action its partners and players from different geographies and sectors - industrial, academy and policy - to let their voices be heard on this globally relevant topic and on its impact on the manufacturing sector and beyond.
Manufacturing as main enabler of post-crisis recovery and development

The project aims at realizing a multi-disciplinary white paper highlighting the best "back to the future" practices from the manufacturing sector after the Covid-19 outbreak. How global economy and manufacturing were impacted by the pandemic? How are the various areas of the globe planning the New Normal? Questions at stake:

- How is the manufacturing ecosystem reacting to specific critical issues due to this transformative situation?
- What are the lessons learned, best practices and recommendations to stimulate future courses of actions in a post-COVID 19 manufacturing paradigm?
- How do post-pandemic best practices and developments impact the evolution of manufacturing?
Focus Group Composition

- 8 to 12 participants per group
- Representatives from industry, policymakers, academia from all over the world (with an emphasis on diversity)
- Each Group Leader delivers, as output, a “Focus Group W-Paper” (September 2020)
- Participants listed in the final whitepaper published by the Foundation
BACK TO THE FUTURE
MANUFACTURING BEYOND COVID-19

Topics

PEOPLE
Manufacturing workers: re-imagining the workplace in a post-Covid world

PRODUCTIVITY
Leveraging on Industry 4.0 technologies to support production during and after pandemics

POLICY
Government policies to support manufacturers during and after the pandemic

PREPAREDNESS
Building the pandemic-proof supply chains of the future

Transversal Topic: Focus on Emerging and Developing countries
Topic List (and Group Leaders)

**Industrial Smart-working**

Raffaella Cagliano  
Full Professor of People Management and Organization  
Politecnico di Milano (Italy)

**Skills and Mind-set of Employees**

David Romero  
Professor of Advanced Manufacturing, Tecnológico de Monterrey,  
(Mexico), Ambassador for the World Manufacturing Foundation

**Women in Manufacturing**

Cristina Oyón  
Head of Strategic Initiatives, SPRI, Basque Business Development Agency (Spain)
Rethinking Policies, Fiscal and Monetary Responses to the Pandemic
Massimiliano Serati
Associate Professor and Director of Applied Research and Advisory, LIUC Business School (Italy)

Rethinking Strategies and Public Support at Regional Level after the Pandemic
Shira Fano, Silvia Oliva, Gianluca Toschi
Researchers Fondazione Nord Est and (Italy)

New Industrial Relations
Pierangelo Albini,
Director – Employment, Welfare & Human Capital Department, Confindustria (Italy)

Bureaucracy Efficiency
Roberto Maroni,
Business Lawyer and Senior Partner at Law firm
Former President Lombardy Region and Minister of Welfare and Minister of Interior Affairs (Italy)

Who wins and who loses? Focus on SMEs
Cinzia Guido
Coordinator Digital Economy and Business Europe Relations, Confindustria Delegation to the European Union (Belgium)
Member of the Steering Committee, World Manufacturing Foundation
Topic List (and Group Leaders)

Smart Enterprises and Services

Antonio Careddu  
President, ANIMP - Associazione Nazionale di Impiantistica Industriale  
(National Association for Industrial Plants) (Italy)

The new role of Digital Technologies

Randy Zadra  
Managing Director, Integris (Canada)  
Ambassador and member of the Steering Committee, World Manufacturing Foundation
Manufacturing Clusters

Fernando G. Alberti
Professor and Director of the Institute for Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness, LIUC (Italy)

Logistics

Robert Mansfield
Director of Strategies, IMSI – Intelligent Manufacturing Systems International (USA)
Member of the Board of Directors, World Manufacturing Foundation

Changing demand in a post Covid-19 world, how can manufacturers keep up?

Giuseppe Linati,
Director, Digital Innovation Hub (DIH) Lombardy (Italy)

Sourcing and Procurement of supplies during disruptions

Martin Sanne
Executive Manager, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, (South Africa) Ambassador for the World Manufacturing Foundation
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A more detailed description of topics is available upon request

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