



# NEWSLETTER

## THE FUTURE OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

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An international project  
working to build a  
sustainable future of  
Advanced Manufacturing,  
starting with the learner

### **Welcome to the final LCAMP Newsletter.**

*As the LCAMP project concludes, this edition reflects on a shared European journey strengthening collaboration between VET, industry, and innovation in advanced manufacturing.*

*We highlight the LCAMP Week & Open Days 2026 in Vitoria-Gasteiz, which gathered nearly 700 participants from 24 countries. The event showcased project results and legacy initiatives such as the LCAMP Observatory, Skills Finder, Learning Factories, and the future LCAMP Alliance.*

*We also look back at the final Transnational Project Meeting, where partners aligned on final deliverables, platform transition, dissemination, and the future of the LCAMP Alliance.*

*The edition also underlines strong engagement through the LCAMP Student Hub and Collaborative Learning Factory approach, reinforcing the link between learning and real industrial practice.*

**Thank you for being part of the LCAMP journey.**

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*LCAMP is working to provide the skills for the future of Industry 4.0, as the project aims to become the European reference platform for knowledge generation and exchange, collaboration and service provision for VET/HVET centres and companies working in the Advanced Manufacturing sector.*

# INTERNATIONAL LCAMP WEEK & OPEN DAYS 2026



From 21–23 April 2026, Vitoria-Gasteiz hosted the International LCAMP Week & Open Days 2026, bringing together **nearly 700 participants from 24 countries**. Organised by the Basque Government Education Department and Tknika in collaboration with the LCAMP project, the event marked a major milestone for the initiative as it approaches its final phase.

Following previous editions in Aalen, Germany (2024), and Finspång, Sweden (2025), this year's event focused on **international collaboration, innovation in Vocational Education and Training (VET), and the future of advanced manufacturing in the context of digitalisation, artificial intelligence, and the green transition**. Educators, policymakers, industry representatives, and international organisations gathered to exchange best practices and explore new approaches to skills development.

The programme combined keynote sessions, panel discussions, practical workshops, networking activities, and company visits. A key highlight was the **international conference “Global Connection for Local Change”**, featuring contributions from organisations such as the European Commission, OECD, European Training Foundation, and UNESCO-UNEVOC, which emphasised the importance of collaboration and learner-centred innovation in VET systems.

Participants also explored LCAMP results and initiatives, including the LCAMP Observatory, Skills Finder, Learning Factories, Open Innovation Community, and the future LCAMP Alliance. In addition, 14 hands-on workshops and visits to companies such as Mercedes-Benz, Gestamp, Basquevolt, and CIC energiGUNE provided practical insight into advanced manufacturing and Industry 4.0 and 5.0 technologies.

Running alongside the official programme, the **LCAMP Student Hub** brought together more than 30 international students, some of whom were participating in a blended mobility programme coordinated by Tknika. Their presence added a strong learner-centred dimension to the week.

The event concluded with project dissemination activities and the LCAMP Student Hub Skill Competition, highlighting the role of international cooperation in building more connected, innovative, and future-ready VET systems across Europe and beyond.


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# INTERNATIONAL LCAMP WEEK & OPEN DAYS 2026

## April 22 - International Conference “Global Connection for local Change”

The International LCAMP Week & Open Days 2026 officially opened in Vitoria-Gasteiz, bringing together nearly **700 participants from 24 countries** for a day focused on collaboration, innovation, and the future of Vocational Education and Training (VET).

The conference, held under the theme “**Global Connection for Local Change**”, gathered policymakers, educators, industry representatives, and international organisations such as the **European Commission, OECD, European Training Foundation, and UNESCO-UNEVOC**. Discussions explored how VET systems must adapt to digitalisation, artificial intelligence, and the green transition, while responding to the changing needs of industry and society.

In the institutional opening, **Begoña Pedrosa**, Minister of Education of the Basque Government, highlighted collaboration between VET centres, companies, and institutions as the foundation of the Basque VET model. She also emphasised the importance of placing students at the centre of innovation and learning.

A key highlight came from **El Iza Mohamedou**, Head of the Centre for Skills at OECD, who explained how the green transition is transforming labour markets and reshaping skills requirements. She stressed that ensuring enough qualified professionals for future industries will be one of the main challenges for VET systems across Europe.

The LCAMP project was presented by **Inge Gorostiaga**, Director of Digital Transformation and Advanced Learning at the Basque Government’s Department of Education, who showcased initiatives such as the LCAMP Observatory, Skills and Jobs Profiler, Open Innovation Community, and Learning Factories. Discussions throughout the day also highlighted the importance of stronger connections between education and industry, flexible learning pathways, and international cooperation.

The day concluded with **14 hands-on workshops** focused on advanced manufacturing, alongside visits to VET centres including EGIBIDE and CIFP Agrario Arkaute, where participants planted a tree as a symbol of sustainability and the lasting legacy of the LCAMP project.



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# INTERNATIONAL LCAMP WEEK & OPEN DAYS 2026

## April 23 - From Knowledge to Practice

The final day of the International LCAMP Week & Open Days 2026, held on 23 April, focused on turning knowledge into practice through industry engagement, project dissemination, and student innovation activities.

Participants chose between the “Project Dissemination Day” and visits to leading companies such as Mercedes-Benz Vitoria, Gestamp, Basquevolt, and CIC energiGUNE.

The dissemination session, opened by Jon Labaka and Georgios Zisimos (ETF), highlighted the international strength of the Basque VET system, with more than 55 Erasmus+ projects presented.

Speakers underlined the key role of teachers in shaping future skills, while also aligning the event with the upcoming European Commission VET Strategy and the broader Union of Skills initiative. A strong focus was placed on collaboration between education and industry, as well as the importance of applied, practice-based learning.

A key highlight was the LCAMP Student Hub Skill Competition, showcasing student talent and strengthening the link between learning and innovation. Company visits and activities on Industry 4.0 and 5.0 further demonstrated how advanced manufacturing and VET systems are closely connected.

The day concluded the event by reinforcing the value of European cooperation in building a skilled, future-ready workforce.



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# BEST CONFERENCE SHOOTS



Thank you for being part of this journey!

## NEWS

### FINAL TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING – LCAMP

The final Transnational Project Meeting of the LCAMP project took place on 21 April 2026 in Vitoria-Gasteiz, hosted at CIFP Mendizabala LHII. This closing partners' meeting marked an important milestone, bringing together all consortium members for one last in-person coordination session, aligned with the International LCAMP Week & Open Days 2026.

The meeting opened with a welcome from Tknika. Partners reviewed the progress of key work packages, including dissemination activities (WP9), the development of the LCAMP Alliance (WP2), and the platform and digital infrastructure (WP8), ensuring alignment as the project approaches its final phase.

The session also included collaborative preparation for the following day's conference workshops, where partners worked together on final implementation activities and dissemination contributions.

The meeting also reflected on the broader legacy of LCAMP, including the role of the Collaborative Learning Factory (CLF), student engagement through the Student Hub, and the growing importance of interdisciplinary, practice-based learning across Europe.



LCAMP Team



CIFP Mendizabala LHII Vitoria-Gasteiz.

# ACTIVITIES

 <p>a skills and jobs observatory on Advanced Manufacturing tendencies from a VET perspective</p>	 <p>an open innovation community of best practices to articulate applied research actions</p>	 <p>learner-centric training for advanced manufacturing</p>	 <p>collaborative learning factories</p>	 <p>SME – VET connection</p>
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## 👉 Collaboration Corner – Open Innovation Community

The Open Innovation Community aims to promote applied research and development projects, mainly between Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

This space is designed to foster real collaboration, bringing together education and industry to co-create solutions, projects, and innovation pathways in Advanced Manufacturing.

[Open Innovation Community](#)

## 🧠 Future Trends – LCAMP Observatory

We are also proud to present the LCAMP Observatory, a dedicated space that provides up-to-date and user-friendly insights into:

- Current skills trends in Advanced Manufacturing
- Emerging skills gaps
- Future skills predictions and labour market developments

The Observatory supports strategic planning and helps partners stay ahead of industry transformation.

[Future trends](#)

## 💡 Intelligence & Expertise Sharing

### 👤 Tools and Services for Learners

- Access Skill Profiler: Enter your goals, interests, and experience to assess your skills and receive personalised course and job recommendations.
- Browse Courses and Qualifications: Explore micro-credential courses and qualifications offered by LCAMP partners.
- Browse Advanced Manufacturing Jobs:
- Discover job opportunities in the field of Advanced Manufacturing.

### 🏢 Tools and Services for Higher Education Institutions

- Learning Factory Evaluation: Assess your institution's readiness to adopt Industry 4.0 technologies and receive a personalised improvement roadmap.
- CLF Course Catalogue: Browse and download ready-to-use teaching materials developed across the LCAMP partner network.
- Resource Library: Access technical files, digital twin models, and manufacturing documentation from the CLF network.

# PEOPLE IN FOCUS

## LEARNERS



**LCAMP ALLOWED ME TO STEP OUT OF MY COMFORT ZONE — NOT ONLY LEARNING NEW TECHNOLOGIES, BUT ALSO BECOMING MORE CONFIDENT WORKING IN AN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT.**

As part of the EU-funded LCAMP project, Curt Nicolin Gymnasiet (CNG) recently hosted an exchange student from the Basque Country. For two months, Leire Manso Hernandez from Hernani studied and worked alongside students and teachers at CNG, gaining hands-on experience with advanced CAD software and industrial additive manufacturing technologies.

**Leire is currently studying an Additive Manufacturing Specialisation at Gizarte Berrikuntzako LHII.** Before coming to Sweden, she already had solid experience with CAD tools such as SolidWorks and Fusion 360, as well as practical work with FDM and resin 3D printers. However, her exchange at CNG offered something entirely new.



**Leire Manso Hernandez**

Student  
(Additive Manufacturing Specialization) at Gizarte Berrikuntzako LHII Basque Country

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## EXPERT



**BEING PART OF THE LCAMP SKILLS AND JOBS OBSERVATORY ALLOWS ME TO CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO THE CORE MISSIONS OF THE CAMPUS: ALIGNING TRAINING PROVISION WITH COMPANIES' NEEDS, DEVELOPING FUTURE SKILLS AND JOBS, STRENGTHENING LINKS WITH RESEARCH, ENGAGING IN EUROPEAN COOPERATION, AND WORKING CLOSELY WITH COLLEAGUES FROM THE MINISTRY ON UPDATING NATIONAL DIPLOMA CURRICULA.**

Just as the French Campus des métiers et des qualifications network fosters collaboration to address complex challenges and strengthen national industrial sovereignty, LCAMP is cultivating a European mindset of cooperation to develop shared solutions for the future of Advanced Manufacturing skills.

In this interview, **Matthieu Merciecca, Head of the Education–Economy Partnerships and Campus Unit at the French Ministry of Education**, shares his perspective as a French expert involved in the LCAMP Skills and Jobs Observatory. He explains the Observatory's role, the key skills trends shaping Advanced Manufacturing, and the importance of aligning education and training systems with the evolving needs of industry across Europe.



**Matthieu Merciecca**

Head of the Education–Economy Partnerships and Campus Unit at the French Ministry of Education

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# LCAMP AROUND THE WORLD



## PARTNERS ARE SHARING THE LCAMP PROJECT AT LOCAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND VET EVENTS

### BASQUE COUNTRY

#### LCAMP Fosters Collaboration Across Basque VET Centres

On 11 March, LCAMP partners came together for an inspiring event at CIFP Armeria Eskola LHII, hosted and opened by Imanol Urreisti, Executive Director of the school. The event brought together educators and practitioners from local VET centres to share experiences, exchange best practices, and explore ways to strengthen collaboration across the Basque Country. [Read more](#)



#### Basque and Swedish VET Students Collaborate in Creative 3D Design Challenge

Students from the Basque Country and Sweden recently joined forces in an international skills project that combined digital design, creativity and intercultural collaboration. Hosted in Finspång, Sweden, the activity brought together students for a three-day challenge to design and manufacture artistic miniature cannons using advanced digital tools. [Read more](#)



### SLOVENIA

#### Advancing Slovenia's Industrial Future: Regional Stakeholders Event in Maribor

The 2nd Industry 4.0 stakeholder meeting highlighted the LCAMP project's role in strengthening advanced manufacturing and developing the talent needed for a sustainable, digital future. On March 6, 2026, the TŠC Maribor campus hosted a regional business-to-academia event bringing together key stakeholders from industry and education. [Read more.](#)



### LOMBARDY REGION

#### LCAMP joins forces with Québec and Italian stakeholders

On 22 January 2026, AFIL, together with MADE – Competence Centre Industry 4.0, took part in a workshop held in Milan and organised by AFIL for the Délégation du Québec en Italie, with the participation of Horizon Europe and International Coordinators for Québec's Industrial Research Sectoral Clusters (RSRI). [Read more.](#)





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## OCCITANIE

*Mecanic Vallée* launches regional AI working group inspired by LCAMP outcomes

On 13 January 2026, *Mecanic Vallée* held a press conference in Figeac (Lot, France) to present a new working group dedicated to Artificial Intelligence (AI), bringing together companies and training providers. This initiative builds on the outcomes of the LCAMP project. [Read more.](#)



## SWEDEN

LCAMP: Factories of the Future and Sustainability – The Role of New Generations

In April, the LCAMP project brought together VET school leaders and principals from across Sweden for an exchange on the future of skills, sustainability, and collaboration in vocational education and training.

The event, hosted by CNG and welcomed by its Deputy Principal Stefan, provided an opportunity to present the LCAMP Alliance and discuss its role in strengthening cooperation across regions and institutions. Participants explored how European initiatives can support the development of skills aligned with the needs of the green and digital transitions.



## TÜRKIYE

Türkiye Stakeholder Meeting Held in Gebze

The LCAMP Turkey Stakeholder Meeting was held in May 2026 at the Gebze Chamber of Commerce, bringing together key stakeholders from education, industry, and vocational training. The meeting focused on advanced manufacturing skills, digital transformation, and the sustainable development of the LCAMP platform. Participants also exchanged views on ongoing project activities and future collaboration. [Read more](#)



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### EU LEVEL

#### Advancing Vocational Excellence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the Basque Country and Europe

On 2 March 2026, the European Commission hosted the third consultation webinar in shaping the future EU Strategy for Vocational Education and Training (VET) 2026–2030. Entitled “Excellence, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in VET”, the session brought together policymakers, VET providers, social partners, regional authorities, and experts across Europe to reflect on scaling vocational excellence and strengthening VET’s role in competitiveness and innovation.

A particularly insightful contribution came from Inge Gorostiaga, Director for Digitalisation and Advanced Learning at the Basque Government. She shared the vision of the VI Basque VET Strategy 2030 (available [here](#)), positioning VET at the heart of regional competitiveness, industrial transformation, and social cohesion. LCAMP itself was highlighted as a European flagship CoVE project focused on advanced manufacturing. [Read more](#)



#### Empowering people in times of change: Skills and Human Capital at the heart of the EU Social Forum 2026

The European Employment and Social Rights Forum 2026 (EU Social Forum) brought together policymakers, social partners, businesses, academics and civil society to discuss how Europe can strengthen its social model while adapting to rapid technological change, global competition and evolving labour markets. [Read more](#)



#### Boosting Regional Talent

On 12 March 2026, experts and policymakers came together for the event “TBM Working Group Experts Share Insights: Boosting Talent Through Innovation, Skills and Quality of Life”, organised under the Talent Booster Mechanism (TBM) by the European Commission Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO). The session marked the conclusion of two and a half years of collaborative work across 88 experts from 22 European countries, representing regional authorities, research organisations, industry, and policy bodies. [Read more](#)



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## GET INSPIRED

Collaborative Learning Factories: Where learning means creating

Miguel Altuna LHII shares this video from its Ikas-fabrika (Learning Factory), where students go far beyond theory and step into real industrial processes.

From robotics and automation to administration and manual assembly, learners collaborate across disciplines to tackle real production challenges—just like in a company environment.

### 💡 The result?

A hands-on learning experience that builds teamwork, problem-solving, and innovation—turning ideas into reality.



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# MEET THE TEAM



As LCAMP reaches its conclusion, we would like to extend our sincere **gratitude** to all partners, educators, learners, and industry collaborators who have been part of this journey. Your commitment, ideas, and energy have shaped a project that goes far beyond its initial scope. LCAMP has always been about **connection**—between people, institutions, and ideas—and that connection does not end here. While the project formally closes, the tools, networks, and collaborations created together will continue to grow through the LCAMP Alliance and beyond.

Thank you for your trust, your engagement, and your shared vision for a stronger, **more connected future for Vocational Education and Training in Europe.**

The LCAMP consortium is composed of 18 full partners from 11 countries, of which 9 are educational organisations, 7 are industrial companies, and 4 are VET and industrial associations. The consortium is also supported by 61 associated partners.



[Meet the team](#)

