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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A sincere thanks to our cluster members for a successful 2023!
We couldn't have done it without you all!
We look forward to rolling out some great initiatives to support your business in the New Year

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ATA are a global precision engineering company manufacturing, supplying and distributing cutting tools to leading industrial companies from our 11 facilities around the world. With a legacy based on commitment to quality, we have been serving our customers from our headquarters in Cavan, Ireland for almost 60 years.





Upcoming Events & Initiatives



2024 Action Plan!

Help shape our future initiatives by completing the survey linked below. Your insights will be vital in guiding our action plan for 2024. We want to create supports that address the needs of our membership. Don't miss this opportunity to contribute – your input makes a difference! Click now to complete the survey and be a part of our journey towards success.



[Participate in Survey](#)



 **Occupational Safety & Health**
Third Year students



EHS-Focused Student Placement Opportunity

ATU Sligo are currently seeking placement opportunities for third year Occupational Safety & Health students. Progress your ESG framework by taking on a student for 20-week work placements, starting May 7th, 2024. Students bring vital skills in teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, developed through our comprehensive curriculum. Employers benefit from committed and motivated students, contributing to organisational success. Embrace this chance to build safer and healthier workplaces and foster the next generation of Occupational Safety & Health Professionals.

[Expression of interest](#)



Celebrating the Outstanding Achievements of Dreambig 2023 Cohort!

Our Dreambig cohort of 2023 has truly shone brightly, showcasing exceptional talent and innovation. We are thrilled to introduce three dynamic teams under the Dreambig umbrella:

- Dreambig Terminal Velocity,
- Dreambig - Nano Ninjas,
- Dreambig Rapid Action.

To our remarkable students, best of luck in crafting and competing in the upcoming finals – your journey is our pride!



These teams are gearing up to compete at the regional VEX competition on January 23rd. A sincere thank you to our generous sponsors [Robotics & Drives](#), [Decotek](#), [Mergon](#), and [Offaly County Council](#) for their support and guidance in delivering this programme.



Calling Manufacturing Leaders to Drive ESG Excellence!

Due to the level of interest amongst our members, we will create an ESG Working Group within the ATIM Cluster. This group will support EHS/ESG personnel collaborate with like-minded industry peers, share insights, troubleshoot issues, engage with expert contributors.

This group will also be critical in advising on the supports the cluster can deliver to drive positive change related to the ESG agenda in your organisation. Engage in this opportunity to lead the way in ESG innovation. Join us now in redefining the standards for a sustainable tomorrow.

If you are interested in joining this group, please complete the form below:



[Join Group](#)


Summary of Recent Events



WINNER!




 **Mullingar Park Hotel**  **3rd November**

The atim (advanced technologies in manufacturing) cluster was honored to win the Business Representative Organisation of the Year award in the Mullingar Chamber Awards 2023



This achievement would not have been possible without the dedicated support from our Steering Committee, [Enterprise Ireland](#) and Technology University of the Shannon, Athlone Campus and the

tremendous support received from our each and everyone of our members.

Thank you to Allyson English, Aisling Coleman and John Geoghegan from Mullingar Chamber for their support, collaborative spirit and for hosting a great awards night.


atim start-up's thrive in Europe competitions




Mavarick wins BoostUp Europe

Congratulations to Paul Byrnes of Mavarick, victorious in the EIT Manufacturing BoostUp 2023 Competition! 🏆🌟 Mavarick's €30k-winning Net Zero manufacturing approach highlights the impact of collaboration and digital twin technology. Hosted in Brussels, the BoostUp Challenge, backed by Volkswagen Sachsen GmbH, focused on energy optimization in the automotive industry.

Kudos to all participants! Special thanks to Silvia Grätz and Christian E. from EIT Manufacturing. 🌐🚀🎉



Paul Byrnes
Co-founder &
CEO Mavarick



“ Thanks to the great support from atim cluster, Mavarick discovered the EIT BoostUp Competition. As winners, we are excited to announce the expansion of our company to Germany as we partner with renowned OEM, Volkswagen. This achievement reflects our commitment to helping manufacturers become more sustainable and also highlights the invaluable support and opportunities that come with being a member of the atim cluster. ”



Mersus Technology clinches prestigious European Award

Virtual Reality Category



The Athlone-based start-up, led by Geoffrey Allen and Dermot Condron, clinched the 'Virtual Reality Category' award for their outstanding VR training platform at the [European Technology Awards](#).



Specialising in immersive technology, Mersus Technologies has earned recognition with prior accolades, including the EIT Boost Up Competiton.

The team, proficient in software development, cloud computing, and data analytics, focuses on creating immersive VR training solutions. Their flagship product, AVATARACADEMY.IO, aims to revolutionise industry training.



Watch the video of Director Geoff Allen accepting the award:

[Watch Video](#)

On 22nd-24th November, 11 representatives from leading moulding and tooling companies travelled to Portugal with the cluster. This trip included site visits to 6 leading Portuguese companies, including MD Group and IBEROMOLDES, provided participants with unique understanding of calibre of the tooling and mould sector in Portugal and the opportunities for collaboration and mutual growth. At the International Mould Conference, we gained a global perspective and Ann O'Connell, Ibec shared insights into Ireland's prowess in the Medical Device sector. Thank you to our partners, CEFAMOL, Cluster Engineering & Tooling, and CENTIMFE, for their support. The atim continues to support the companies that travelled in developing the partnerships with companies and to explore opportunities for innovation and growth with the clusters in Portugal.



Jason McLaughlin
Chief Operating Officer

“ We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the atim cluster, and in particular Caitríona, for orchestrating an extraordinary Portugal trip. Total Plastic Solution (TPS) was immensely privileged to engage with esteemed tooling and molding companies, fostering a network of potential partners and growth avenues. This transformative journey has undoubtedly propelled TPS towards new horizons, and we remain deeply appreciative of the opportunity to expand our reach and embrace new possibilities. ”



Atim joins CIRCVET as an associated partner

The CIRCVET project aims to develop the most extensive, free, and tailor-made training in CE for plastics at the European level, according to companies needs and problems. project is an alliance of knowledge and training resources and materials, among all the stakeholders included in the proposal: trainers coming from Universities and VET centres, research centres, clusters, and SMEs representatives, etc., developing, testing, and providing the Courses. As an associated partner, atim will support Irish polymer training providers and industry test and refine the courses so needs of Irish companies are integrated into the development of these European accredited materials.

For more on CIRCVET, visit their website:

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