

## PRESS RELEASE

## A4BLUE SECOND YEAR PROJECT RESULTS

The EU-funded project aims at introducing a new generation of sustainable and adaptive workplaces

**Eibar, 12 December 2018** – A lot of progresses have been made by the EU-funded <u>A4BLUE project</u> since its start, two years ago. A4BLUE proposes the development and evaluation of a new generation of sustainable, adaptive workplaces that can deal with evolving requirements of manufacturing processes and human variability. For this purpose, A4BLUE is working to introduce adaptive automation mechanisms to help workers execute their tasks in a more efficient and secure way, as well as to provide them with personalized worker assistance systems - including Virtual and Augmented Reality and knowledge management systems - to help them in assembly and training related activities. The A4BLUE solution will be instantiated and validated in two real industrial scenarios (AIRBUS and CESA) and in two lab scenarios (IK4-TEKNIKER and RWTH Aachen).

The A4BLUE project has just entered its third year of project life and its solutions are taking shape:



impressive progress has been achieved so far. During the second year, partners worked on the implementation of 4 demonstrators for the validation of the envisioned concept, which focuses on three aspects of these new workplaces: Sustainability, Adaptability, and Automation Mechanism for good interactions and collaboration between workers and robots. videos available Four are at https://vimeo.com/a4blue the illustrating demonstrations of the solutions that are being developed.

On the other hand, the technical partners worked on the Reference Architecture (RA) for the A4BLUE Platform, paving the way to further implementation activities with the aim of full integration of all the technologies the project is working on.

Thirdly, a methodology for socio-economically sustainable design of optimal automation levels is being developed in order to connect economic and technical factors with usability and worker satisfaction to evaluate the optimum for adaptive and sustainable workplaces of the future.

Finally, all partners participated in the dissemination and communication activities, promoting the A4BLUE project in several international events and exhibitions, raising interest among key stakeholders. More details can be found at <u>http://a4blue.eu/results/</u>.





A4BLUE project has been funded by the European Commission in the frame of Horizon 2020 TOPIC FOF-04-2016. The 3-year project is carried out by a first-class international consortium led by IK4-TEKNIKER (Spain) and involving prestigious universities such as RWTH Aachen University (Germany) and Cranfield University (UK) and companies such as AIRBUS Operation SAS (France), Compañía Española de Sistemas Arenonauticos - CESA (Spain), Engineering-Ingegneria Informatica SPA (Italy), Illogic srl (Italy), Ingeniería de Automatización y Robótica KOMAT SL (Spain) and CiaoTech srl (Italy).

## MORE INFORMATION

Project Coordinator: Dr. **Jon Larreina** (IK4-TEKNIKER): jon.larreina@tekniker.es Dissemination and Exploitation Manager: Eng. **Chiara Zocchi** (CiaoTech srl): <u>c.zocchi@ciaotech.com</u> Project Website: <u>http://a4blue.eu/</u>

## A4BLUE CONSORTIUM



















