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**SUPPORT4SME**



# Basic information about the project SUPPORT4SME



## Partners

Lead partner: Technical University  
of Liberec

Project partner: Chemnitz  
University of Technology



## Budget

€3,052,522.28  
(of which €2,442,017.81 is a  
subsidy)



## Supported companies

SMEs in the regions of KK, UK,  
LK, and Saxony; we will support  
a total of 131+ companies



## Activities

- Services
- Development
- Preparation of project applications
- Workshops, training, professional seminars

Main objective: Development and resolution of joint research topics and provision of applied research services

# SUPPORT4SME

**creates an interdisciplinary network of experts who will support and implement innovation in small and medium-sized enterprises**

## Our services

- **Environmental and toxicological analyses**
- **Physical-chemical, mechanical, and technological analyses of materials**
- **Development activities**
- **Transfer of expertise to the industrial sector**

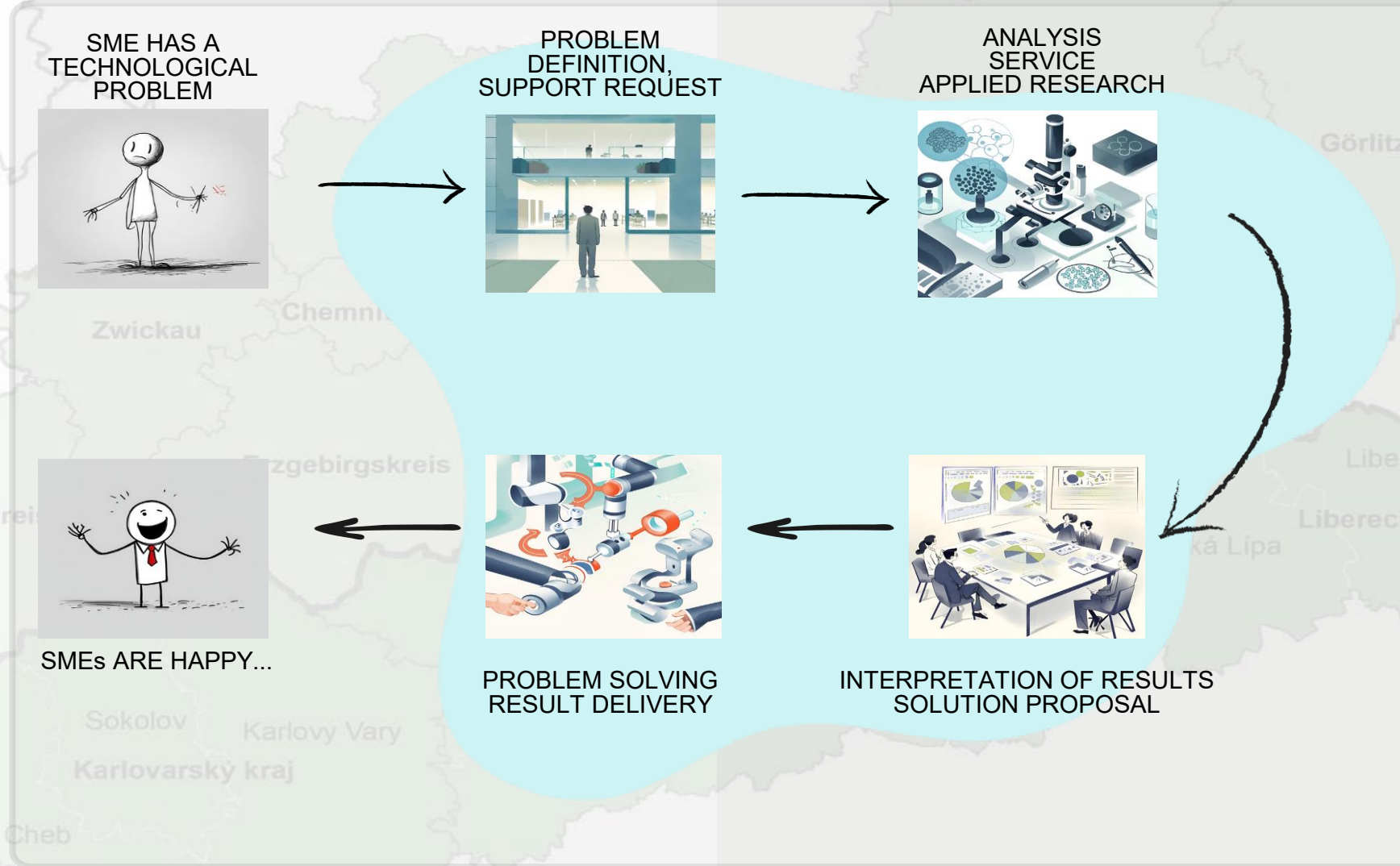
## FIB-SEM dual-beam electron microscope with plasma-focused beam



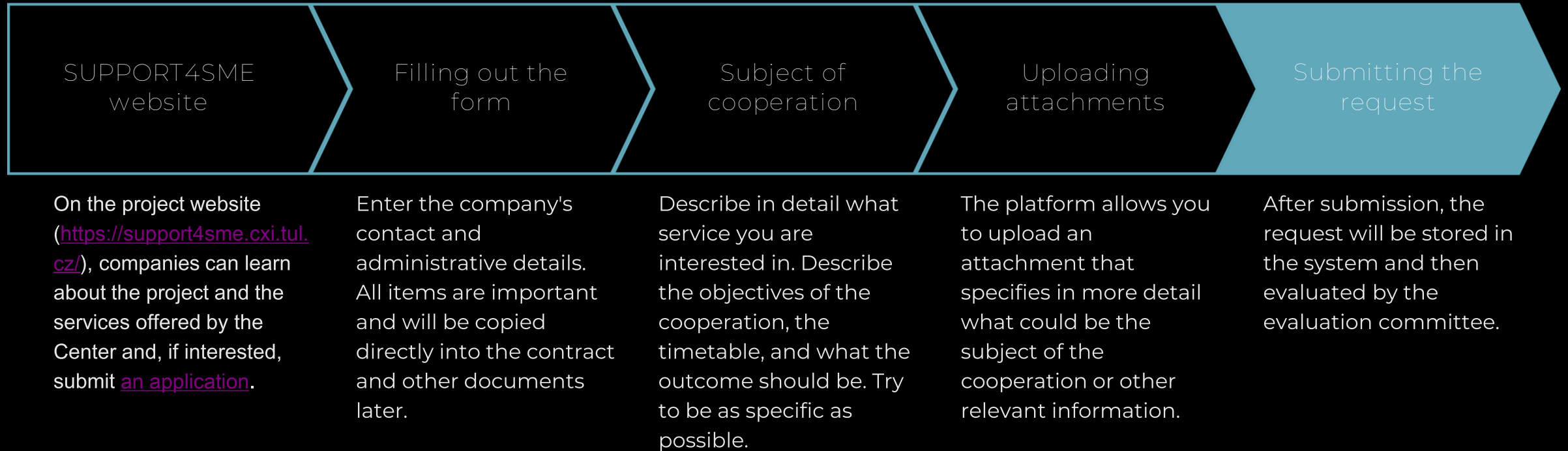
### Basic microscope parameters:

- Xe+ plasma FIB
- Micromanipulator
- Main detectors:
  - ✓ Secondary electron detector SE
  - ✓ Back-scattered electron detector BSE
  - ✓ Detector enabling detection of secondary ions emitted during the FIB process
  - ✓ STEM detector
  - ✓ Microanalysis EDS + EBSD

# PROCESS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN SMEs AND THE SUPPORT4SME CENTER



# The process of applying for support



# Evaluation criteria

- Does the SME have links to the program area? The SME must have its registered office, place of business, or key activity in the program area (Liberec Region, Ústí Region, Karlovy Vary Region, or the relevant regions of Saxony).
- Is this the SME's first application for support under the Interreg Czech Republic-Saxony – SUPPORT4SME project?  
Each SME can only receive support once.
- Does the company applying for support fall into the SME category? This is a necessary condition.
- Is the SUPPORT4SME center capable of meeting the technological requirements of the request? The content of the support must correspond to the available equipment.
- Is the service feasible within the available time frame? The service must be feasible within a time frame that corresponds to the provider's capacities.



GERMAN-CZECH HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTER  
FOR TRANSDISCIPLINARY SYSTEMS RESEARCH AND TRANSFER



# TransTech Center of Excellence

Connection of important scientific institutes:  
Fraunhofer IWU (DE)

- CxI TU Liberec (CZ)
- Fraunhofer IMWS (DE)

Our mission:

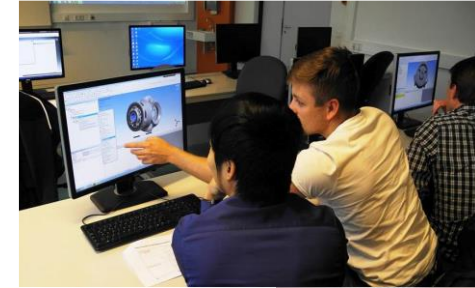
- Applied research and development for industry in the DE/CZ/PL border region and beyond



# TransTech Center of Excellence

## History of cooperation:

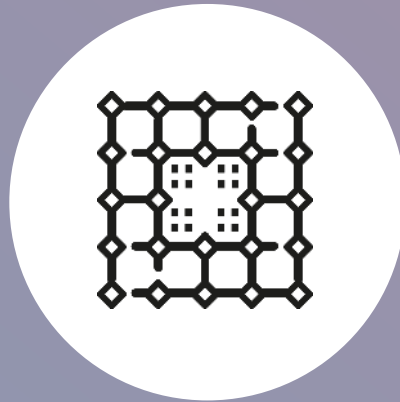
- Close cooperation between Fraunhofer IWU Zittau and TU Liberec (TUL) since 2015
- Joint projects (Interreg, BMBF/Delta), cross-border exchange of researchers, joint teaching materials/events for students, etc.
- Signing of the memorandum of cooperation by Prime Minister M. Kretschmer, A. Babiš, and R. Neugebaurem in Liberec on August 21, 2020 and R. Neugebaur, in Liberec on August 21, 2020
- Launch of cooperation between Fraunhofer Institutes IWU and IMWS and TUL through Fraunhofer funding of €1.5 million between 2021 and 2024
- Cooperation between Fraunhofer Institutes and TUL based on the Memorandum of Mutual Cooperation between the Liberec Region and TUL, supported by an individual grant of €0.2 million between 2024 and 2028 from the Liberec Region budget.



## Areas of expertise



Additive  
manufacturing



Intelligent  
Materials



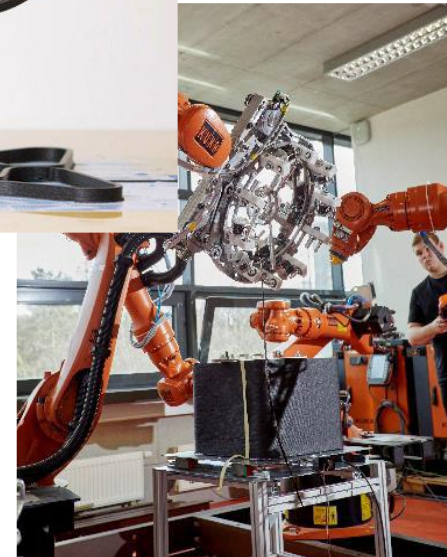
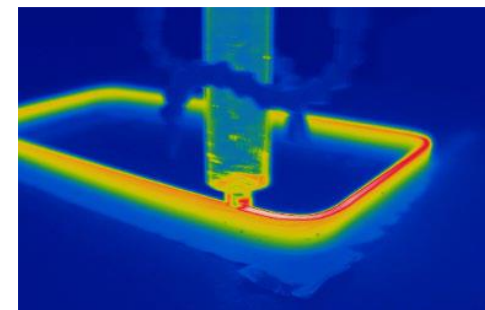
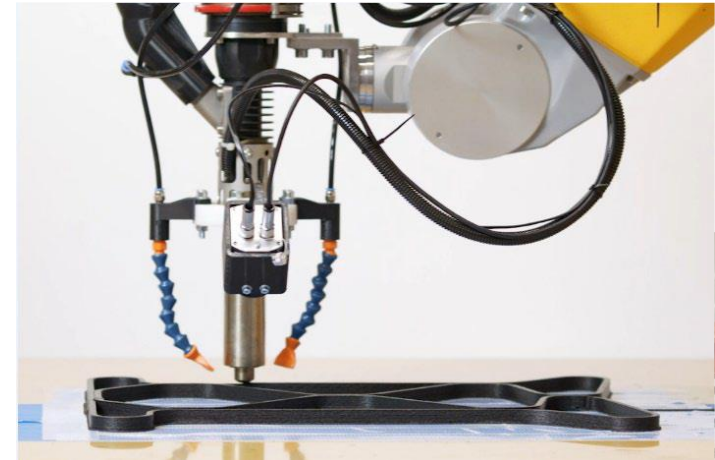
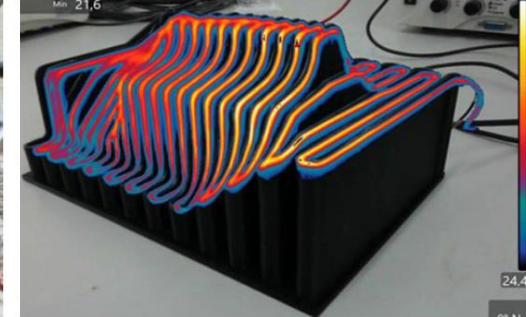
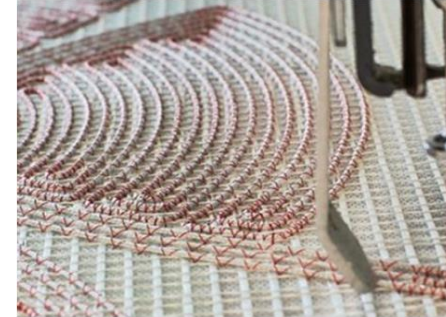
Lightweight  
construction  
technologies



Industry 4.0 &  
Automation

# Joint research areas

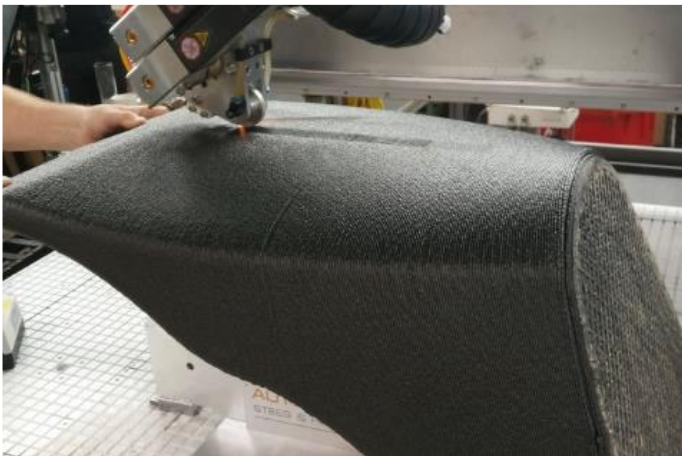
- Integration of sensors and actuators into complex components using 3D printing (smart material integration)
- Adaptive 3D printing with autonomous robots (Adaptive Additive Manufacturing)
- Machine learning and adaptive control of complex manufacturing processes
- Automated, highly flexible assembly processes for the cost-effective production of small series of products with efficient use of resources
- Development of customized lightweight structures through a combination of plastic 3D printing and 3D fiber reinforcement



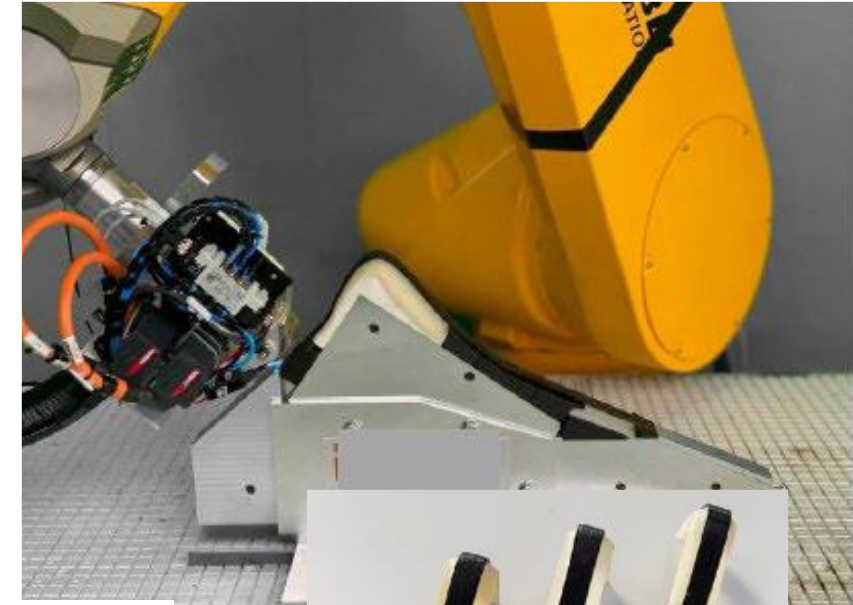
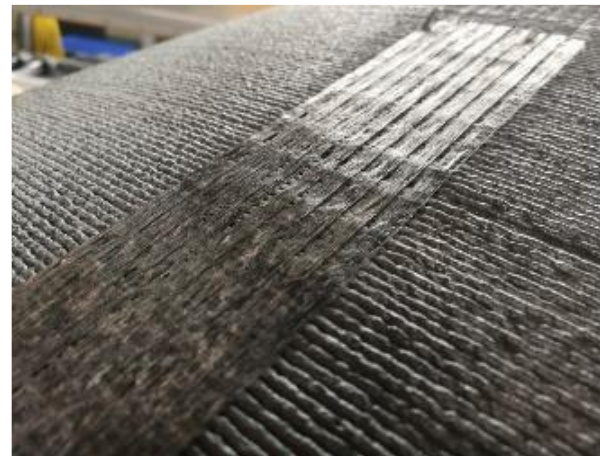


# Project example: 3D-printed components locally reinforced with fibers (UD tapes)

- Basic research in the field of 3D-printed lightweight structures with partial, local fiber reinforcement (UD tapes)
- Combination of additive manufacturing (AM) based on extruded granulate and automated tape laying (ATL)
- Production of lightweight components with high strength, stiffness, and durability in a short time



Locally reinforced 3D-printed racing seat



3D-printed orthosis reinforced with UD tapes



# Thank you for your attention

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