











# Network Collaboration Focused on Research and Development

With a view to maintaining the competitive edge of the Danish production industry, investments should be made in R & D in the materials area, which has been designated a "Key Enabling Technology" by the EU.

It is imperative that the Danish production industry switches over to a more knowledge based and innovative production through the use of the great potential inherent in materials.

The needs arising from this, relative to input of knowledge, product development, use of technology and new qualifications, constitute the key elements in the Danish Materials Network.

## Collaboration is the alpha and omega

Danish Materials Network is a unique tool for ensuring that the participating companies, through collaboration and matchmaking with knowledge institutions and institutions of higher education, achieve a technological boost and a stronger position in global competition.

Danish Materials Network's mission is to assist companies, knowledge institutions, public and private organizations, in collaboration, to solve materials related issues for the benefit of the manufacturing industry.

The collaboration between the participants takes place either through projects on specific issues or through participation in a series of knowledge disseminative and knowledge-building projects of a more informative nature. The actual project work is carried out in the networks:

### AluNet

The network focuses on communication of the newest knowledge about aluminium.

#### **PlastNet**

The network seeks to further an industrywide knowledge based and innovative use of plastics and composites in the Danish industry.

#### StaalNet

The network supports development and innovation in steel with a special focus on process technology the Danish food industry.

# Innovation and growth for Danish Materials Network's participants

Through participation in the planned activities, the involved companies get the opportunity of acquiring a more innovative mind-set, since they are in direct contact with innovative projects and initiatives generated by their own requirements.

The companies are introduced to new materials, techniques and working practices, resulting in increased knowledge and improved process utilization.

# Companies and institutions behind the Danish Materials Network

The innovation network Danish Materials Network is backed by a consortium with representatives from major businesses, leading universities, technical colleges, Research and Technology Organizations, trade organizations and by municipalities, regions and scientific organizations.

The focal point for the network is the secretariat headed up by Plast Center Danmark and by Staalcentrum.

Plast Center Danmark is the administrator and responsible to the funding authorities.

DMN - The Danish industry portal for solving materials related issues.

# The Many Advantages of the Danish Materials Network

- Access to the forum for industry-wide materials interested companies
- Access to networks where existing and developing project partnerships between industry, universities, knowledge centres and government institutions are in progress
- Sparring on drafting of applications for publicly funded projects
- Access to Danish Materials Network's members website, www.dmn-net.com
- Matchmaking
- Help to solve specific material related issues
- Skills development

Seize the future and enjoy the many advantages Become a member of the Danish Materials Network



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