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## Newport innovator hosts EU delegates as part of Welsh Government Innovation 'Learning Journey' workshop

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The Welsh Government has hosted a workshop to share innovation and advanced manufacturing best practices with its European partners as part of the €937,661 EU-funded initiative MANUMIX and as part of it Newport Wafer Fab Ltd held a site visit.

The four-year initiative involves a consortium of four European regions - the Basque Country, Lithuania, Finpiedmonte and Wales.

It promotes best practice by undertaking, sharing and showcasing innovation policies while improving and strengthening current evaluation systems.

Wales is the fourth region in this consortium to host the 'learning journey' workshop which was attended by 20 European delegates earlier this week.

Newport Wafer Fab Ltd - the world's first ever compound semiconductor cluster - hosted a bespoke site visit as part of the workshop to demonstrate the impact of project instruments and policies.

Sam Evans, director of external affairs for Newport Wafer Fab Ltd, said: "Compound semiconductors are defining technology for the 21st century and we welcome the opportunity to share our learning experiences in advanced manufacturing with our European colleagues as part of the Manumix initiative through our partnership with the Welsh Government."

Mark Drakeford AM, cabinet secretary for finance and local government, said: "We are committed to building and maintaining our European partnerships and this learning journey workshop provides the ideal platform to showcase Wales as an outward-looking economy with the technological expertise to become a world-class hub for innovation."

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