

OSDD Lombardy 20–21 November 2024

Before: interview with the host organisation AFIL

- **What kind of a program have you planned for the OSDD?**

The two-day event in Lombardy will kick-off with the usual PLASTIX Open Seminar, hosted in Milan by Lombardy Region, the Associated Policy Authority in the project, in the morning of the 20th November 2024. The event will be an occasion for Lombardy Region to present their policy initiatives supporting sustainable industrial ecosystems, also in synergy with AFIL - Lombardy Intelligent Factory Cluster, and for Lombardy stakeholders and those coming from abroad to showcase some of the best practices in plastic sector.

In the afternoon of the first day, two site visits to the Laboratories of the Department of Chemistry, Materials and Chemical Engineering “Giulio Natta” of Politecnico di Milano and those of STIIMA-CNR (Institute Intelligent Industrial Systems and Technologies for Advanced Manufacturing of the National Research Council) will take place in Milan.

On the 21st November, PLASTIX delegation will explore MIND - Milano Innovation District and visit Elettrotecnica Rold, a company leader in the design and manufacturing of components for household appliances, that is also coordinating the Lombardy Sustainable and Smart Value Chain on Advanced Polymers. In the afternoon, AFIL will take partners and stakeholders outside Milan to visit Cannon Afros, a company part of the Cannon Group, leading supplier of dosing systems, mixing equipment and processing technologies for polyurethanes and multi-component resins.

- **How many participants do you expect?**

AFIL expects around 25 people to join the OSDD Lombardy, representing PLASTIX project partners, discovery partners and stakeholders. In particular, the PLASTIX Open Seminar taking place in Milan is expected to gather over 60 participants in total.

- **Are all partner regions joining?**

All regions representing the project and discovery partners will join the OSDD Lombardy.

- **Are there stakeholders and/or associated policy authorities attending the OSDD?**

Some stakeholders coming from the regions represented by PLASTIX Consortium will be present. In addition to them, at Lombardy level, several members of the Regional Stakeholder Group will host the site visits during the two days and will showcase their best practices and initiatives during the PLASTIX Open Seminar on the first day, hosted by Lombardy Region, the Associated Policy Authority.

- **What is the one thing you are waiting for the most to present to the partners?**

AFIL is eager to show how relevant the relationship with the Associated Policy Partner Lombardy Region is, also in relation to the Policy Instrument “Development and consolidation of advanced industrial regional value chains”, and which benefits brings to the regional manufacturing ecosystem, for what concerns the plastic sector and many others.

- **Is there a challenge or problem in your region you are planning to discuss with the partners?**

Given the dimension and the importance of Lombardy manufacturing industry, the implications related to sustainability and circular economy for companies, particularly in the field of plastic waste management, are relevant and need to be constantly taken into account. On this regard, AFIL is committed to raise further awareness on this challenge and promote best practices and innovative initiatives, also through PLASTIX.