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### **AENEAS and EUREKA host panel session on Collaborative Innovation at ICT 2018 conference**

Paris, 28 November 2018 - "Collaborative Innovation for the Digital Age" is the theme for a Panel Session organised by AENEAS and the EUREKA Association in parallel with the European Union's, ICT 2018 event in Vienna, 4-6 December 2018. The topic is of vital importance as fast changing technologies and applications call for equally rapid innovation, funding support and processes. Peter Connock, PENTA Director at AENEAS, will make some opening remarks at the session, emphasizing the need to capture ideas from, and stimulate collaboration between, talented innovators and organisations of all types and sizes. In partnership with National Authorities, we must then understand how best to bring these ideas quickly to the point of commercialisation and related societal impact.

"Europe's natural strength in collaborative innovation needs to be radically updated to suit the needs of the digital age. This session is designed to debate these issues to help guide the direction of future national, trans-national and European funding initiatives. Collaborative RD&I programmes must result in functioning ecosystems that can rapidly exploit innovation in Europe," states Peter Connock.

The panel members will address key questions on how to stimulate and support collaborative innovation, including how it can be fitted to future needs and what investment might be required.

This AENEAS- EUREKA panel session at ICT 2018 is part of a global series of events in which AENEAS and EUREKA are promoting industrial engagement to develop and strengthen EUREKA funding instruments and its clusters (Celtic-Plus, EURIPIDES<sup>2</sup>, EUROGIA2020, ITEA, Metallurgy Europe, PENTA, SMART). The EUREKA programme already provides valuable tools to industry, helping businesses of all sizes with the challenges of globalisation, internationalisation, and agility and flexibility in innovation. However, these must be continually refreshed and redesigned to meet rapidly changing industry needs.

Through this current series of events, EUREKA wants to go further in promoting dialogue between industry (including companies of all sizes from multinational enterprises to SMEs), Research and Technology Organizations and academic institutions, public authorities and the European Commission around better stimulating collaborative funding. The scope of this discussion extends to defining the best environment, funding landscape and tools to enable Europe's digital transformation. The goal is to bring the benefits of the digital transformation to all stakeholders, both within industry and society as a whole.

## **ABOUT AENEAS**

**AENEAS** is an Association, established in 2006, providing unparalleled networking opportunities, policy influence & supported access to funding to all types of RD&I participants in the field of micro and nanoelectronics enabled components and systems, and its applications.

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