

MicroLean Lab Charter

The MicroLean Lab (hereinafter referred to as the "MiLL") has five goals:

1. to tangibly explore an imaginative new world for industry by setting up application-oriented experimentation platforms built around the concepts of autonomous, connected and modular micro-factories that are specifically adapted to suit the needs and know-how of industry in the Jura Arc Region;
2. to set up a community of interest composed of industrial partners who share this common vision and are ready to support it actively by signing a participation agreement;
3. to attract and train young engineers, managers and technicians in the roles that Swiss industry needs;
4. to help balance industrial and societal needs by developing technologies that are ecologically and economically efficient;
5. to showcase Swiss industry in the fields of micro-engineered production and Industry 4.0, and to stand out in Switzerland and elsewhere.

Businesses who sign the MicroLean Lab Charter:

- a) adhere to the goals of the MiLL;
- b) have internal strategic approaches built around innovation and experimentation;
- c) are ready to actively support the MiLL's objectives and strategy in the long term by providing the resources that are within their financial and technical capabilities;
- d) wish to work to foster and enhance the Swiss industrial place, to maintain jobs in the secondary sector as well as for the attractiveness of technical professions for the new generations;
- e) expect the HE-Arc to send them regular information concerning the projects and the use of the funds made available;
- f) undertake to co-operate openly with the other members of the MiLL community of interest, and are prepared to share scientific and technical information and results under multilateral confidentiality agreements;
- g) are ready to share, with the other members of the MiLL's community of interests, some results of their own R&D or internal experimentations if relevant to reach the MiLL's goals ;
- h) are ready to conclude preferential trade agreements with the other members of this community in a fair and reciprocal manner;
- i) agree to be visible as MiLL partners in local, national and international communication actions;



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- j) agree that all members of the community of interest may benefit in exactly the same way from the results of the MiLL and their use, as well as from the intellectual property rights generated by the MiLL, irrespective of the extent of their contribution;
- k) expect in return that the HE-Arc treats fairly all the members of the community of interest and ensures a certain consistency between the various participation agreements;
- l) do not expect direct, immediate commercial results or returns on investment as a result of their involvement with the MiLL;
- m) are prepared to propose or support student projects in the course of the MiLL's activities;
- n) and form the MiLL community of interest in accordance with the MicroLean Lab Participation Agreement.