Additive manufacturing helps them get a product to market faster

96% of respondents agree that additive manufacturing helps them get a product to market faster.

There is an urgent need for increased digitalization of their production workflows

63% of respondents expect to invest between €100K and €1M in digitalization of their manufacturing workflows over the next 12-month period.

AM is speeding up digitalization in their workflows, with...

97% of respondents indicate that the ability to produce parts on-demand is a key benefit of 3D printing.

83% of respondents use AM for the actual production of components and tools to make commercial products.

Improved part functionality is the primary benefit of using additive manufacturing.

61% of respondents agree that sustainability is a relevant factor driven by modern digitalization.

Surveyed European manufacturers say this is just the beginning

19 out of 20 respondents expect the use of additive manufacturing to continue to grow.

Additive manufacturing presents prolific opportunity across Europe

The largest percentage of interviewed German, Italian, and Spanish industrial parts manufacturers said part functionality is the primary benefit of using additive manufacturing.

The majority of French and British firms surveyed said the key benefit of AM is production flexibility and additive manufacturing provides a prolific opportunity across Europe.

UK and German industrial parts manufacturers are planning the most significant investments in digitalization and AM, with 50% of British and 40% of German respondents saying they intend to spend more than €1 million over the next five years.

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Research was conducted between March and June 2021 with the input of leading industrial parts manufacturers.