

Event Concept & Approach

The Industry 5.0 Summer Sessions is an immersive, practical and collaborative event enabling participants to understand, experience and apply Industry 5.0 through hands-on sessions, cross-sector dialogue and state-of-the-art demonstrations.

The 2-day, high-engagement event is designed by [PROSPECTS 5.0](#) and co-organised with [SEISMEC](#), [BRIDGES 5.0](#), and [SkillAbility](#). Its purpose is to bring together industrial leaders, technology providers and business support organisations from across Europe to:

- Exchange real-world practices, barriers and solutions across sectors
- Experience Industry 5.0 solutions through live, interactive demonstrations
- Co-create concrete transformation ideas and take-home roadmaps

Unlike a traditional conference, this gathering is conceived as a hands-on Industry 5.0 Transformation Retreat, giving participants practical insights, actionable outputs, and immediate value for their organisation.

Venue

[Flanders Make Kortrijk](#) (Graaf Karel de Goedelaan 16, 8500 Kortrijk)

Parking information will be provided to the participants arriving by car (please indicate this in the MS form that was sent with the agenda).

Agenda

1st day

9:30 – 10:00 Registration & coffee

10:00 – 11:00 Plenary Opening (Location: Lab on the ground floor)

Keynote: Why Industry 5.0 matters for Europe's competitiveness in a human-centric AI era? Dr Peter Totterdill (Director, Workplace Innovation Europe)

Expert sparks on technology acceptance, human-centric design and skills in the AI era by Sara Canella (Project Manager, NSBproject) & Jan Laurijssen (HR Evangelist & Researcher, SD Worx)

11:00 – 12:30 Hands-On Learning Lab on Technology Acceptance & Human-Centric Integration Workshop (Location: *Inspiration 2 & 3* meeting rooms on 1st floor)

Prepared and lead by [SEISMEC](#) project team

12:30 – 13:30 Networking Lunch (Bistro on 3rd floor)

13:30 – 15:00 Hands-On Learning Lab on Skills & Workforce Adaptability Scenario Game

Prepared and lead by [SkillAbility](#) project team

15:00 – 15:30 | Coffee break

15:30 – 17:30 | I.5 Demonstration Tracks@ Flanders Make: From Operational Excellence to Strategic Transformation (Location: Lab on the ground floor and KUL lab on 4th floor)

- **Quality Monitoring:** Enhance the reliability and efficiency of your quality processes – explore how advanced vision and sensing technologies can elevate performance across your production system.
- **Operator Support:** Strengthen workforce productivity and well-being – explore how virtual training, adaptive information systems and physical support technologies can transform operator performance.
- **Flexible Automation:** Increase adaptability within your production operations – explore how next-generation robotic solutions can unlock flexibility beyond traditional constraints.
- **Internal Logistics:** Optimise internal logistics performance – explore how emerging automation concepts can redefine efficiency in material handling and intralogistics.
- **Planning and Scheduling:** Improve planning accuracy and operational responsiveness – explore how advanced methodologies and interactive tools enable better decision-making in complex environments.
- **Digitalisation:** Unlock the strategic value of your product and process data – explore how virtual sensing and platforms such as Infinity generate actionable insights for your operations.

19:30 – 22:00 | Networking dinner @ [Maison Parazaar](#) (Voorstraat 37, 8500 Kortrijk)

2nd day (location: all sessions are taking place in Inspiration 2 & 3 meeting rooms on 1st floor)

9:15 – 9:45 Welcome coffee

9:45–10:00 Recap of day 1 & setting the scene

10:00–11:00 Industry 5.0 Application Clinic

Participants work in cross-sector mixed tables, each table guided by a facilitator.

Each company works on:

1. **Their pre-submitted Industry 5.0 challenge**

2. With input from:

- another company from a different sector
- project/tool experts
- human-centric and skills experts

Output per company:

- A problem statement sharpened
- Solution pathway
- Risks and enablers identified

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–12:30 Roadmap Co-Creation Workshop

Each company builds a **Mini Industry 5.0 Roadmap**, structured around:

- **Short-term (0–6 months)**
- **Mid-term (6–18 months)**
- **Long-term (18–36 months)**

Each roadmap includes:

- Key actions
- Resources needed
- Potential risks
- KPIs

12:30–13:00 Commitment & Cross-Pollination Session

Companies are invited to:

- Share **one “commitment”** publicly
- Identify **one or more peers** they want to stay in contact with
- **Flag interest** in follow-up pilots, workshops, or tools

13:00–14:00 Closing Lunch (*Bistro on 3rd floor*)