

# PI-Scale : European pilot line for flexible OLEDs

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# Lighting challenge



- At least half of the lighting needs are line or area sources
- Today's lighting solutions are LED based and LED is a point source
- Current solution is putting many LEDs together to make a line or area source



### **OLEDs** solution



- OLED is an area source by nature
- OLED has many additional features that allow for new applications





# Flexible OLEDs

bend & twist

## Customized Flexible OLEDs

any colour & any shape

# Transparent Flexible OLEDs

reflective or transparent

# New applications:

- Automotive
- Lighting
- Packaging
- Medical
- ... and more



# What is commercially available today



Companies:

• OLEDWorks, LG, Osram, ...

Offerings:

• Set of fixed sizes and shapes and a limited set of colors



**OLEDWorks OLED Developerskit** 



# What is <u>not</u> commercially available today

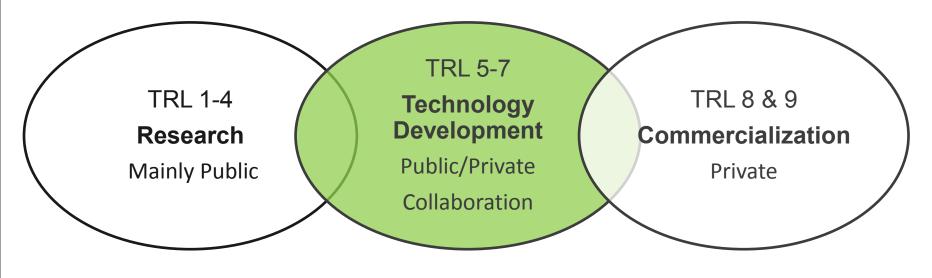


- Any shape, any size, any color
- High flexibility and small bending radius
- Long strips
- Transparent



# How to get those missing features?







# The PI-SCALE pilot line service fills that gap and helps to translate your ideas into products



# PI-SCALE: Flexible OLED pilot line service



#### **OBJECTIVE : Establish a sustainable flexible OLED industry in Europe** by the creation of a flexible OLED pilot line service





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### Consortium





Suppliers:



End users:



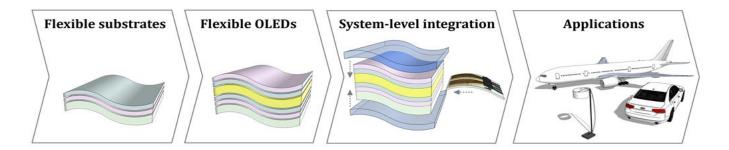






The pilot line includes all the steps required to create advanced flexible OLED product prototypes:

- High performance moisture barrier and electrode films
- Flexible OLED fabrication in sheet-to-sheet and roll-to-roll process
- Flexible device encapsulation
- Lamination, bonding and system-level hybrid integration of thin film flexible electronics





### Distributed pilot line



PI-SCALE integrated existing European infrastructure into a

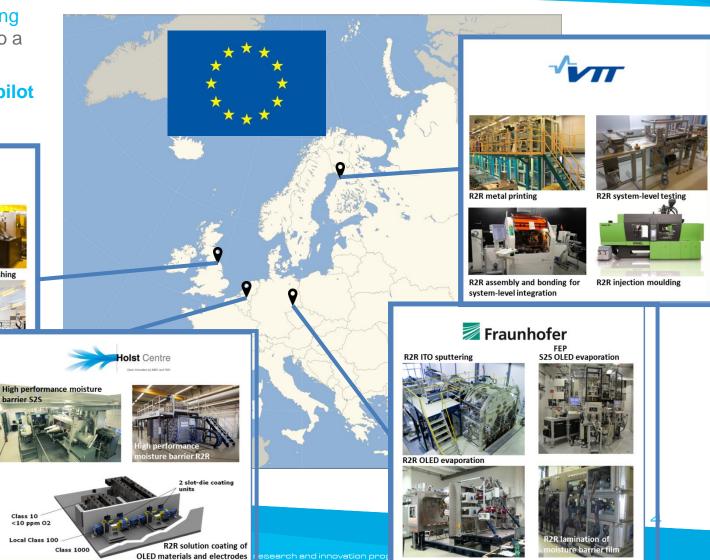
### European flexible OLED pilot line



This project has

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PHOTONICS



### R2R process movie



• Movie from Holst Centre on R2R flexible OLED production to illustrate capabilities of the partners of the PI-SCALE initiative



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### Flexible Sheet-to-Sheet OLEDs from PI-SCALE





Substrate size: 0.2 x 0.2 m

### Flexible Roll-to-Roll OLEDs from PI-SCALE

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Sample length:2 mRoll length:15 m

### Service offering



- **Prototyping and pilot production** of customized flexible OLED devices
- **System-level integration** of flexible OLEDs into prototypes
- Access to independent specialists and know-how of flexible OLED technology



### Features offered 2017



- Highest flexibility
  - Bending radius down to 10 mm
- Most colors
  - Red, Green, Blue, Orange,
    Yellow, Magenta, Cyan,
    White, ...
- Ultra-thin
  - Thickness 0.2 mm
- Any shape and design
  - Fully customized





### Features offered 2018



- Any size
  - Length >15 m
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### Contact & Questions







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