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Key corporate responsibility actions for the sector in the recent years:

The European Machine Tool Industry CSR Platform – DESIGN MTS:

A strategic approach to corporate social responsibility (CSR) is increasingly important to enterprises, especially SMEs, in the machine tools sector (MTS). Moreover, the MTS is a very strategic business sector from a CSR perspective, having a potential multiplying impact on several sectors of its supply chain. The project DESIGN-MTS – Defining Social responsibility Interventions for a Grounded Networking in Machine Tools Sector aims to encourage and enable the European machine tools industry and its supply chain to take a strategic and integrated approach to CSR in cooperation with relevant stakeholders. To this end, it provides a multi-stakeholder platform on corporate social responsibility in the machine tools sector. The project is endorsed and co-funded by the European Commission, and is led by the University of Macerata. Partner institutions are: CECIMO – The European Association of the Machine Tool industries, CSR-Europe, CEI – Central European Initiative, IRES and the University of Nottingham.

Blue Competence Machine Tools, operated by CECIMO:

Blue Competence offers a common sustainability platform for almost 400 Alliance Members in the mechanical and plant engineering industries. With support of some national associations, CECIMO operates the initiative European machine tool builders. Blue Competence Machine Tools is the first common European initiative which defines objectives as well as transparent criteria and standards for sustainability in the machine tool industry covering production, products and business practices. CECIMO considers the initiative as a long term commitment which will embed the principles of sustainability into the sector and, consequently, increase its competitiveness. To participate in the initiative, machine tools companies and research organizations have to meet the predefined sustainability criteria in their production and business practices. By meeting such criteria, member companies get ready to tackle the challenges facing the European machine tool industry. Through the initiative, participant machine tools companies let customers know their sustainable solutions and the economic advantages they provide, they get ready for prospective environmental regulations, and they boost their corporate image.

NAMA - Numerical Skills for Advanced Manufacturing, Erasmus+ project:

The advanced manufacturing sector is changing. New innovative and digital technologies are constantly being developed. Today's and tomorrow's employees need the right kind of mathematical skills to stay ahead of the curve and that's where NAMA help the industry. With NAMA, CECIMO and its partner develop innovative training materials for educational providers that can be accessed for free on a portal. In addition, interactive tools are being created for both learners and employees that explain how and why mathematics is required in the real world in the right context. Our goal is to improve the employability of learners who use our resources and create a highly skilled and capable workforce. NAMA is funded by Erasmus+, which is the new EU programme for education, training, youth and sport.