

## The European Maker Week is back! Be part of it.

The [European Maker Week](#) is an opportunity for citizens from communities across the EU to participate in local activities, raise awareness and engage in a dialogue about the maker culture and Industry 4.0, and celebrate the innovation of the Maker Movement.

The expected outcomes of #EMW18, indeed, should stretch well beyond the specific day of each event. Launched in 2016 to encourage and with more than 400 events happening in the same week across Europe, the EMW is an opportunity to convene key stakeholders in local communities to discuss the role of the Maker Movement in community-based problem solving, help build bridges between local authorities, media and the main players of their own local makers ecosystems, and develop new collaborations, partnerships and initiatives that can help grow the movement in each territory.

Makers are building the 'keys' to open the doors of the future: developing new solutions and products for pressing societal challenges; engaging students in hands-on interactive learning of STEM, arts, and design; and enabling individuals to learn new skills in digital fabrication and open manufacturing.

## OpenMaker: Hacking Policy for the Maker Movement

Within the wider scope of the EMW, the Policy Workshop organised by the H2020 project [OpenMaker](#) and hosted by Georgi Pirinski MEP will encompass a high-level session at the European Parliament on the 22nd of May from 17.00 to 20.00. The main objective of the event is to stir a debate about the European Industrial Policy Framework of the future, starting from the emerging open manufacturing paradigm and the socially-oriented and tech-driven spirit of the maker movement.

The event will kick-off by showcasing successful examples of partnerships between makers and manufacturers, currently developing cutting-edge technical solutions that can break existing barriers to social change. This will ultimately inspire a debate on policy recommendations for the relaunch of the European manufacturing industry.

The event will gather around 60 high-calibre participants and will represent a unique opportunity to engage in a forward-thinking conversation with policy-makers and visionaries from all over Europe, followed by a networking reception.

*“The Maker Movement represents a new way of allowing people – anyone - to be an entrepreneur, using the right technology even without specific training. Its approach to creativity helps to build bridges between innovators and small and medium-sized enterprises, in turn helping Europe's startups to grow, expand and succeed. I wish the makers of Europe success – and fun”*

– The Commissioner for Digital Single Market and Vice President of the EC, Andrus Ansip –

### About European Maker Week

OpenMaker is an EU-funded project that offers a unique opportunity for manufacturers and makers to test and scale new partnerships that are both tech-driven and socially-oriented, with the aim to seed and accelerate the 4th Industrial Revolution (more on [www.openmaker.eu](http://www.openmaker.eu)).

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1. The Young Foundation (United Kingdom)
2. Bogazici University (Turkey)
3. Centire (Slovakia)
4. IMT Lucca (Italy)
5. LAMA (Italy)
6. Tecnia (Spain)
7. Top-ix (Italy)
8. University of Zurich (Switzerland)
9. Accord Group (United Kingdom)
10. PlusValue (United Kingdom)

### About European Maker Week

The [European Maker Week](#) (EMW) is an initiative promoted by European Commission and implemented by Maker Faire Rome in collaboration with Startup Europe. EMW was created two years ago to encourage, promote, and highlight organizations from around the EU who are working to create more opportunities for more people of all ages to make. Makers are developing new solutions and products for pressing challenges, engaging students in hands on, interactive learning of STEM, arts, and design, and enabling individuals to learn new skills in fabrication and manufacturing.

### About Startup Europe

The [Startup Europe](#) Team works with entrepreneurs connecting them with the European ecosystem where talent, investment and learning can be easily captured. We believe Europe's growth is going to be determined by savvy startups, and we want to support the growth of these startups.

### About Maker Faire Rome

[Maker Faire Rome](#) is a celebration of innovation, open to all forms of applied creativity where startups and innovators are invited to participate to show their sense of creative entrepreneurship. It's an event created to cater to curious participants of all ages, wishing to experience first-hand the makers' inventions. Inventions that are the result of a desire to solve everyday problems, whether big or small. The watchwords of the Maker Faire Rome are: meeting, exchange, training, entertainment and interaction.