



From vision to growth:  
**Role of research in building world-class  
excellence in future added value  
electronics**

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# VTT – impact from excellence

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd is one of the leading research, development and innovation organizations in Europe. We help our customers and society to grow and renew through applied research. The business sector and the entire society get the best benefit from VTT when we solve challenges that require world-class know-how together and translate them into business opportunities.

## Our vision

A brighter future is created through science-based innovations.

## Our mission

Customers and society grow and renew through applied research.

## Strategy

Impact through scientific and technological excellence.



Established in  
**1942**

Owned by  
Ministry of  
Economic  
Affairs and  
Employment

**258 M€**

Net turnover and  
other operating  
income (VTT  
Group 2017)

**2,368**

Total of personnel  
(VTT Group  
31.12.2017)

**27%**

Doctorates and  
Licentiates  
(VTT Group  
2017)

**36%**

from abroad  
(VTT Group  
2017)

# VTT strategy: we make an impact through scientific and technological excellence

## VTT LIGHTHOUSES



**Climate  
action**



**Resource  
sufficiency**



**Good  
life**



**Safety and  
security**



**Industrial  
renewal**

## VTT is a key actor in the Finnish innovation ecosystem

- **Innovation partner** to companies
- Finland's **biggest single actor** in EU's framework programmes
- Participates in ca. **30 national technology programmes** (Business Finland, Academy of Finland)
- **Strategic partnerships** with main universities
- Participates in **four Academy of Finland Centers of Excellence**

# VTT's R&D infrastructure – an essential part of the national research infrastructure

VTT's unique R&D infrastructure enables the development chain from basic research and process development up to prototyping and pilot manufacturing. Our research facilities are an essential part of the Finnish research infrastructure.

## Examples of our R&D infrastructure



### **Bioruukki**

The largest bioeconomy pilot and research facility in the Nordic countries.



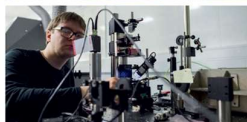
### **Biotechnology and food research piloting environment**

offers unique facilities for the development and customisation of bio and food industry technologies.



### **Micronova**

World-class cleanroom facility, fully equipped for the fabrication of silicon, glass and thin film-based microsystems.



### **VTT MIKES Metrology**

is the National Metrology Institute of Finland and performs high-level metrological research and develops measuring applications in partnership with industry.



### **Engine and vehicle laboratory**

enables research on passenger cars as well as heavy-duty vehicles up to 60 metric tons to develop energy efficiency, emissions reduction and use of 2nd generation biofuels.



### **PrintoCent**

World's first pilot factory for printed intelligence industrialisation.



### **ROViR**

Remote Operations and Virtual Reality Centre for the development of remote operations and virtual reality technology in industry.



### **A pilot-scale research environment for fibre processes**

enables the development of novel products and supports the renewal of the pulp and paper industry.

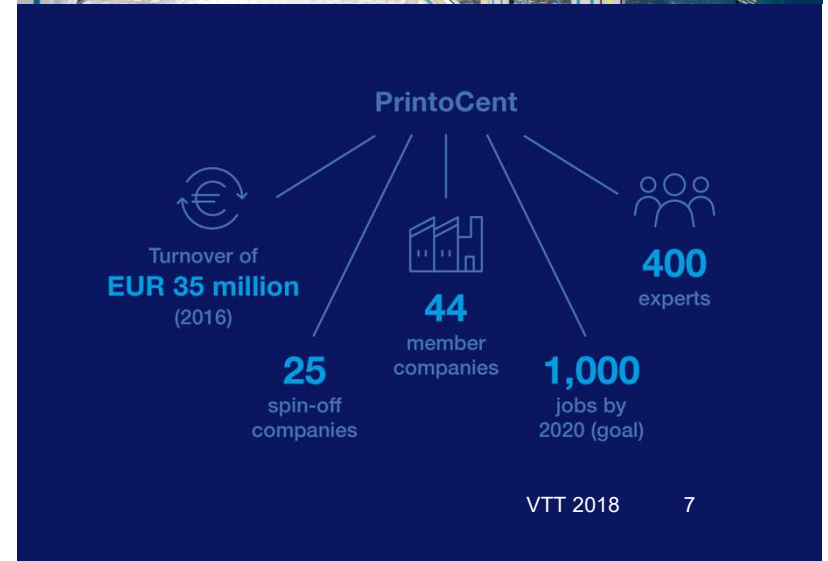


### **Centre for Nuclear Safety**

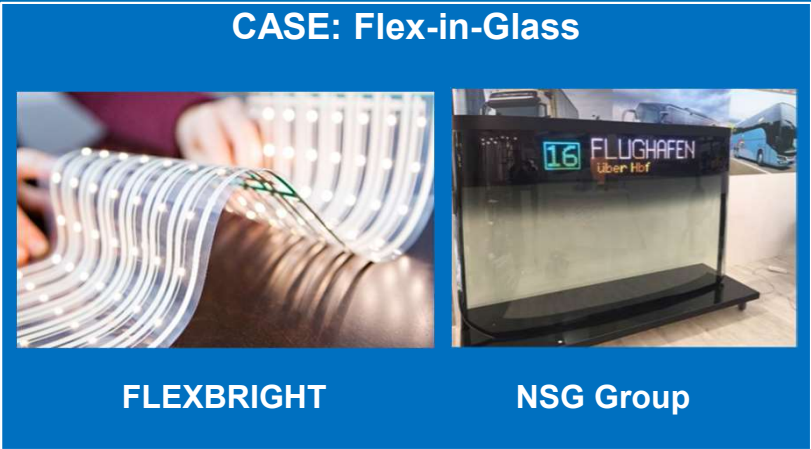
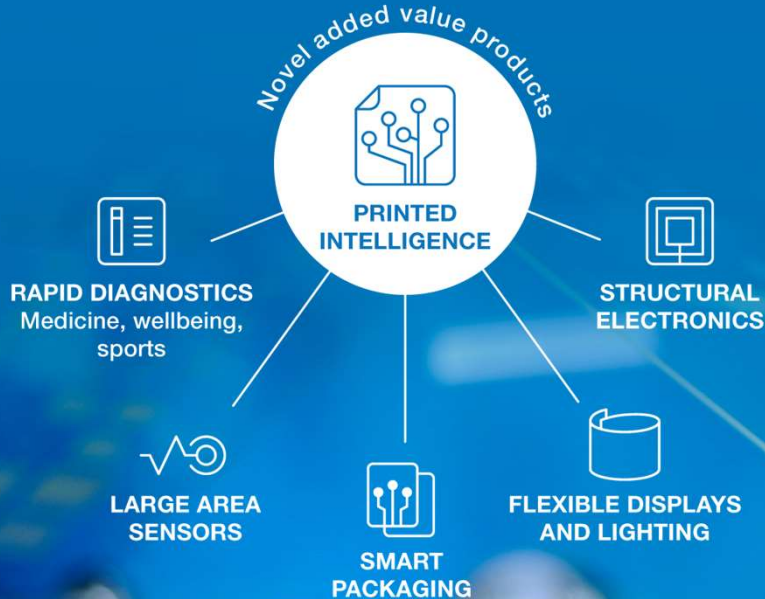
for nuclear technology safety research.

# The PrintoCent Innovation Centre is accelerating the commercialisation of printed intelligence

- Rapid transfer of research results in printed intelligence for industrial use
- Opportunity for companies to develop and experiment agilely with pilot manufacturing and product prototypes
- Surrounded by the EU's extensive cooperation network
- Entrepreneurship projects, training, innovation competitions and seminars
- With University of Oulu, Oulu University of Applied Sciences and BusinessOulu
- 10 000 new jobs within 15 years



# Printed Intelligence enables new disruptive solutions

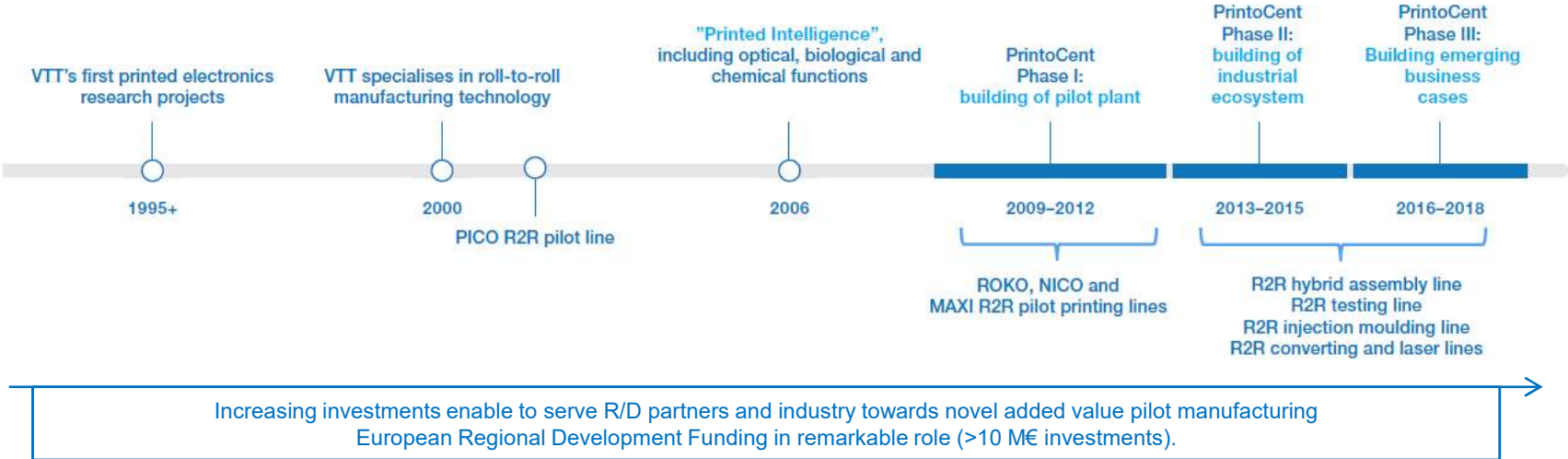




# Roll-to-roll manufacturing technology path towards new industries and business cases

The development of printed intelligence key enabling technology has taken 15+ years.

As expertise and technological capabilities grew, companies grasped the opportunities presented by printed intelligence.



# Impact of EC funding for Printed Intelligence R/D in FP6, FP7 & H2020

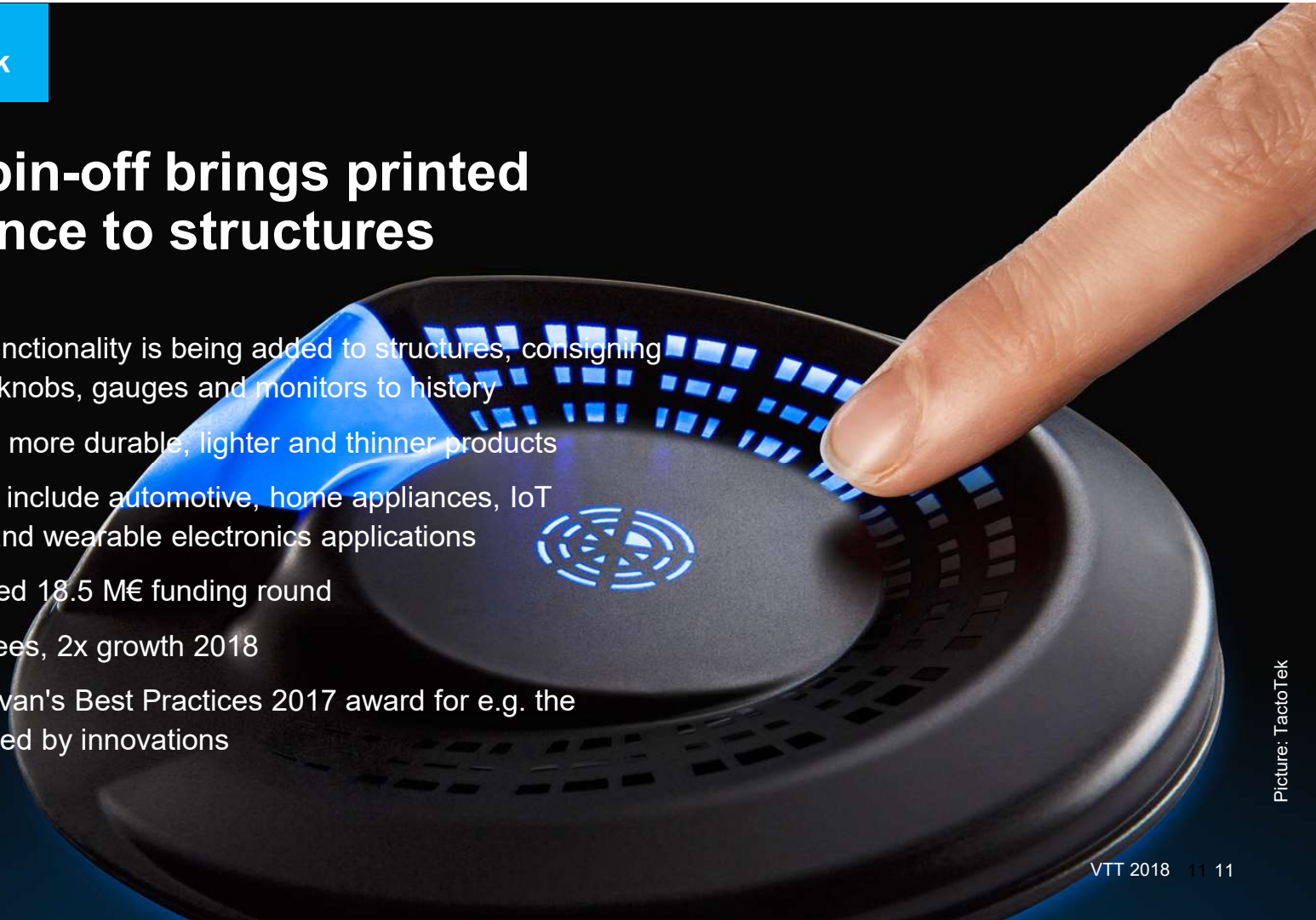


**Networking and CSA projects:** FP7-PRODI, FP7-PolyNEt, FP7-PolyMAP, FP7-OPERA, FP7-FlexNEt, FP7-COLAE



## VTT's spin-off brings printed intelligence to structures

- Electronic functionality is being added to structures, consigning mechanical knobs, gauges and monitors to history
- The result is more durable, lighter and thinner products
- Applications include automotive, home appliances, IoT equipment and wearable electronics applications
- Just published 18.5 M€ funding round
- 70+ employees, 2x growth 2018
- Frost & Sullivan's Best Practices 2017 award for e.g. the impact created by innovations



# Micronova cleanrooms for micro- and nanotechnology

**Micronova and its cleanrooms** provide unique research infrastructure in the field of microelectronics and nanotechnology for VTT, Aalto University and companies

**Micronova** is recognised as a **national research infrastructure**

- **Otanano = Micronova, Cryohall, Nanomicroscopy Centre**

**Micronova cleanroom facility** is maintained and used jointly by VTT and Aalto University. Other organisations and companies also use the facility, some have their own dedicated areas.

**Base for “Silicon to cloud” of Knowledge intensive products and services business area**

- VTT multidisciplinary environment opens up possibilities to versatile innovation
- Environment from innovation to production

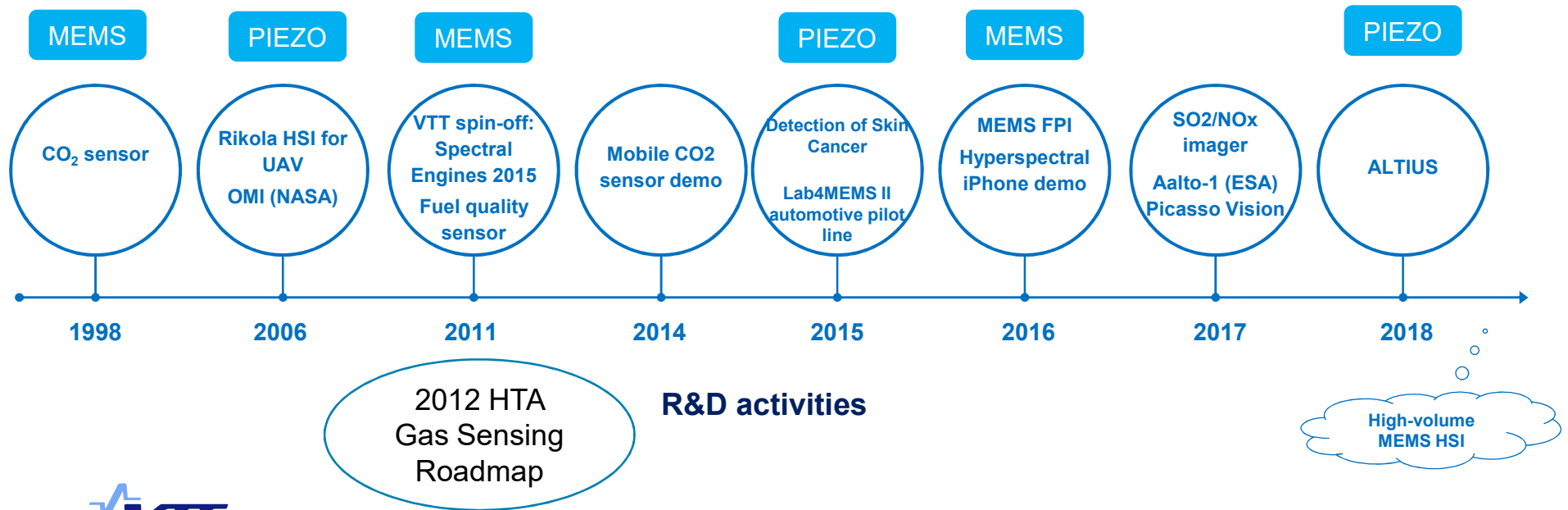


**Largest R&D cleanroom in Nordic countries fully equipped for fabrication of silicon based microstructures, including**

- MEMS
- Biosensors and photonic systems (also compound semiconductors)
- Nanoelectronic and quantum devices
- Active devices (radiation detectors, JFET)
- Millimeter wave devices, IPD

# VTT's journey in microspectrometers

- **Technology development in research projects**
- **Customisation** of novel application solutions in contract projects
- **Several successfully commercialised sensing technologies**



# VTT's 'deep tech' spin-offs during past 5 years

IMAGING & OPTICS  
[www.focalspec.com](http://www.focalspec.com)  
**FocalSpec**  
 Non-contact measurement of surface microstructure

IOT & ELECTRONICS  
[www.minimaprocessor.com](http://www.minimaprocessor.com)  
**Minima Processor**  
 Sub-threshold low-energy processor design

IOT & ELECTRONICS  
[www.tactotek.com](http://www.tactotek.com)  
**TactoTek**  
 Injection molded structural electronics

IMAGING & OPTICS  
[www.dispelix.com](http://www.dispelix.com)  
**Dispelix**  
 See-through technology for smart eyewear

SENSING & DIAGNOSTICS  
[www.grainsense.com](http://www.grainsense.com)  
**GrainSense**  
 Grain nutrient measurement

IMAGING & OPTICS  
[www.asqella.com](http://www.asqella.com)  
**Asqella**  
 Stand-off screening for physical security

SENSING & DIAGNOSTICS  
[www.spectralengines.com](http://www.spectralengines.com)  
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 Intelligent spectral sensors

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**Helmee Imaging**  
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 Nanoscale optical effects on plastic and paper

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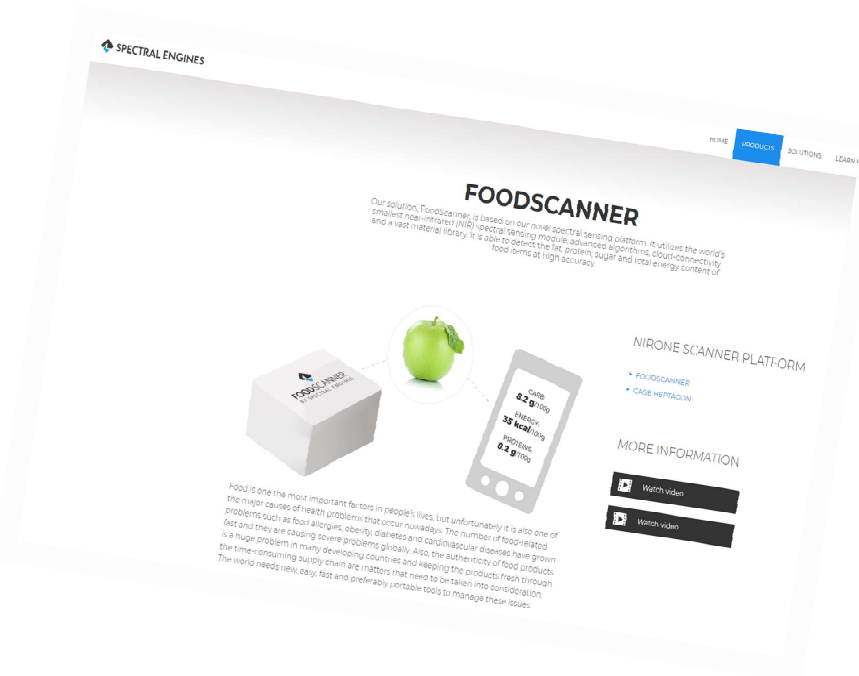
**TIKITIN**  
 MEMS based resonators for timing and frequency control applications  
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**ADVACAM**  
 Silicon sensor manufacturing and micropackaging technologies  
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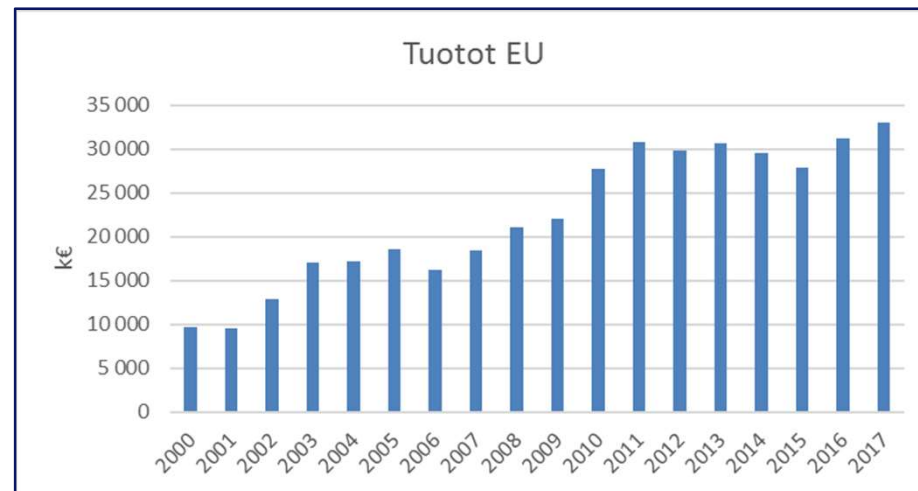
# Spectral Engines food-scanning solution takes home the 1<sup>st</sup> price from EU Horizon

- In 2017 VTT-originated **Spectral Engines won** European Commission's **Horizon Prize Food Scanner category**
- Its mobile solution analyses precisely, quickly and efficiently food composition, nutrition facts and potentially harmful ingredients such as allergens. The challenge was also be able to provide feedback to users regarding their health and lifestyle.
- **The food scanner solution concept** utilises the world's smallest true NIR spectral sensing module, advanced algorithms, cloud-connectivity and a vast material library to reveal the fat, protein, sugar and total energy content of food items at good accuracy.



# Funding trends and need for EU-wide cooperation

- During the past year the growth of EU funding has been increasing and it has an important effect in the support of long-term research and maintenance of costly R&D infrastructure and pilot environments
- EU-wide collaboration is needed even more in the future to be able to sustain high competitiveness and support the growth of new science-based innovations







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