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SMARTHANDLE: Project's General Assembly and Executive **Board meeting in Vigo**

The SMARTHANDLE project, a Horizon Europe-funded Project aimed at developing intelligent, reconfigurable robotic handling systems for the manufacturing sector, held its latest General Assembly (GA) and **Executive Board (EB) meeting in Vigo, Spain,** on 4-5 February 2025. The event was hosted by project partner AIMEN Technology Centre, bringing together key stakeholders to evaluate the project's progress and refine the roadmap for upcoming activities.



Over two days, representatives from all 14 partners of the SMARTHANDLE consortium convened to review technical developments, assess milestones, and align the remaining work with project goals. The sessions focused on the advancement of each work package, from intelligent agent design and planning systems to AI-based performance optimization and integration strategies.

Day one featured in-depth updates from each technical Work Package (WP1-WP5), as well as a guided visit to AIMEN's cutting-edge research labs. This allowed partners to witness firsthand the contributions of AIMEN to the project's physical implementation and technology development.

Day two opened with insights from WP6 and WP7, covering integration efforts and communication and exploitation strategies. A dedicated Executive Board session facilitated strategic discussions on final demonstrations, evaluating what, where, and how key outcomes will be presented in alignment with pilot use cases and KPIs. The meeting concluded with a public workshop on Fiber Optic Sensors (FOS) and Human Perception, strengthening the project's visibility and engagement with the wider community.

As the SMARTHANDLE project moves into its final phases, the Vigo meeting reinforced the consortium's shared commitment to delivering smart, adaptable robotic solutions that support Europe's transition to more flexible and resilient manufacturing.

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