



Constructing a Sustainably
Competitive Europe

MANUFUTURE'2007 CONFERENCE

WORKSHOP 8

East/West Synergies

Conclusions and Recommendations

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Facts

	East	West
Employment	lower	higher
Productivity	lower	higher
Wages	lower	higher
Patent application	lower	higher
No.s of students	lower	higher



Issues

- Language and culture
- Efficiencies
- Different (and complex) local regulations
- Highly competitive market
- Aggressive cost increases
- Human resources not well established



Drivers for Europe

- Business opportunities
- European market with critical mass
- Leverage synergies
- 'Low cost' supply chain
- Skills base



Education

Issue

- Shortage of science, engineering and manufacturing skills

Recommendation

- Influence education system
- Promote opportunities to young people



Labour Market

Conclusion

- Dependent on regional salaries
- Immigration is a reality
- Legal regulations can be restrictive

Recommendation

- Work to attract national people back to improve Eastern Europe, using skills learnt to advantage
- Pay market salaries to specialists



Economy & Industry

Conclusion

- Many opportunities for collaborative and industrial driven R&D

Recommendation

- Work to transform European industry to invest in R&D



Science & Technology

Conclusion

- Eastern Universities working well with Western businesses
- Eastern countries not well experienced in using EC programmes effectively

Recommendation

- Regions to form clear vision, learn from best in Europe and implement success of clusters
- Create and align regional, national and European strategies
- Manufuture to provide brokerage opportunities



Interregional Cooperation

Conclusion

- MANUNET network is good model to involve regions working together

Recommendation

- Implementation (commercialisation) must be delivered at a regional level



Thank you from WG8!

