

What is OPENNEXT?

OPENNEXT is a network of 19 EU partners working to change the future of mass production and distribution.

Why OPENNEXT?

Today's mass-produced product creation is expensive, risky and unsustainable. At the same time, the process is highly inaccessible to the consumers that have little to no say in the design and distribution of the finished product.

Now, SMEs and maker communities across Europe are coming together to fundamentally change the way we create, produce, and distribute products. By sharing ideas and knowledge openly on digital platforms, a network of 19 partners in EU-countries, called OPENNEXT, will establish new collaborations between companies and consumers.

OPENNEXT seeks to empower both companies and consumers to design and manufacture products together, based on new mindsets, new business models, and new digital fabrication technology.

What is open source?

We see open source sharing and co-creation as the natural next step in a digital transformation that is already upending global production and providing access to new, specialized knowledge everywhere.

The open-source model has the potential to transform all industries, including medical equipment, bicycles and furniture. By getting access to design processes, product design files and otherwise "walled-garden" digital fabrication systems, consumers will be able to take an active role in the design and fabrication of the things they consume. Similarly, SMEs will be able to customize products, meeting consumers' individual needs on a global scale, even with limited resources.

When is OPENNEXT?

OPENNEXT runs from 2019 to 2022.

Who is behind OPENNEXT?

OPENNEXT is made up of 19 partners from seven European countries. Our areas of expertise span business and data management, design processes, and maker spaces.

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