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The team of "Open Innovation through Shared Facilities and Facility Sharing" (SFFS) Subproject launched activities to foster better utilization of research and service technology infrastructure for collaborative R&D activities in the automotive sector in 2011.

SFFS is part of the open innovation initiatives supported by the EURIS Mini-Programme. It aims at the better understanding of frameworks and business processes for the efficient design of shared technological facilities with an automotive focus. At the same time SFFS also includes efforts for the mapping of already existing facilities with a sharing potential.

Shared Facilities and Facility Sharing do not only present an opportunity for optimal utilization of hardware / software but also serve as a basis for collaborative innovation on multiple levels of involvement. Such collaborative actions enable a more thorough access to ideas and competences otherwise deeply buried within the individual organizations.

During 2011-2012 participants of SFFS were involved in the collection of characteristic data about various research and service facilities in their region. At the same time best practices of several other European regions were identified and also visited for the better understanding of already implemented shared operations.

As a result of SFFS a Final Report has been published and is now available in the downloads section of this website. We welcome all policy makers and facility owners aiming to extend the automotive services of their regions and their respective companies. Study this report for a better understanding of development considerations and recommendations.

We encourage you to browse the content of this website to get an overview of our aims and ideas in the details section, find out more about our previous and upcoming events or contact us in case you wish to participate or receive additional content regarding SFFS!