

Coatema research & development projects



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1.

Introduction



Group of companies

🗸 Located in Norderstedt

Located in Hamburg

Coatema equipment platform strategy for lab2fab

- State-of-the-art research and development equipment
- Sheet-to-sheet to roll-to-roll systems on smale scale & footprint

Pilot Production

- Proven processes for printing, coating and laminating equipment
- Highest-quality pilot lines enable stable pilot production and reduce cost of operation
- Scaling laboratory equipment to enable pilot production

Full-scale production lines

Production

 Optimize the manufacturing process, including streamlining assembly, reducing material waste, and optimizing the carbon footprint

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Our R&D mission

The exploration part of R&D services

Exploration of new technologies which can or could have an impact on Coatema

Demonstration of R&D results

Product driven engineering solutions

Development & engineering of novel equipment

Optimizing process regimes to eliminate bottle-necks in new or existing technologies

Interdisciplinary Symposia for industry & training

Mid-term branding of Coatema

Consultancy & Equipment optimization

Cost reduction & added value for endusers

Our USP – strength & expertise

- Multifunctional team of 10 including researchers, engineers and application experts
- ✓ Successful AiF, BMWiF, BMWi and European projects since 2002
- Global and strong European Network in different technology areas
- Interdisciplinary networking for innovative coating, printing and laminating solutions
- Europes biggest and most versatile R&D centre
- Engaged in currently more than 10 R&D projects
- Early market entry & know-how build up for start up companies

Our R&D process – R&D strategy

Step 1

Open minded networking with partners (listening & analysis)

- Identify high value products (product growth rates & margins)
- Innovative concept for R2R process application (first results)
- Looking for enduser with intention to start production

Step 2

- Building of consortium and finalizing ideas
- Specify funding opportunities
- Proposal preparation and submission
- Evaluation & negotiation
- ✓ → Kick-Off-Meeting

R&D centre

R&D centre USP

		 Process development ✓ Feasibility study ✓ Ink – process study ✓ Process analysis 	 Slot die coating simulations Proof of concept Small scale prototype
	• • • •	 Test production ✓ Prototyping ✓ Near to market testing 	TRL evaluationTraining of staff
	*	Education ✓ Coating conference ✓ Partner trainings	Education of studentsWorkforce training
		Development of custom-n ✓ Prototyping	nade design for equipment Proof of concept
	Ś	 Public funded research pro ✓ German funded ✓ Horizon 2020 	ojects know-how ✓ Global 2+2 projects ✓ B2B projects

R&D projects overview 2022 – 2024

Highlights of R&D Projects 2021 – 2024

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R&D customers

Actual system proven in operational environment

Developing 3rd Gen PV at Coatema

3 BMWF Projects with Ruhr Uni Bochum and ILT: FlexLAS – Photonflex – Effilayers
 1 REGAC project – LS09 Registration improvement on the MAXI Line at VTT
 <u>OPV equipment outside of funded projects</u>
 G24i, Solarpower, CSEM, VTT-LS09 MAXILINE, UNSW, CSRIO
 CSEM, Eight Nineteen, Heliatek

Developed and integrated technologies in 3rd Gen PV

- Inert pilotcoater design
- ✓ Slot die coating
- Screen printing, gravure and flexo printing
- Laser integration
- Inkjet integration
- Registration control
- Inline quality control
- Inline layer performance control
- Nanoimprint surface modification

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The next R&D frontier

What is Deep Tech?

- ...companies founded on a scientific discovery or meaningful engineering innovation. (Swati Chaturvedi, 2015)
 - This is where you're asking, "Aren't all technology companies founded on these principles?" Partly yes, but mostly no. Most technology companies these days are built on business model innovation or offline to online business model transition using existing technology. Take Uber for example Uber is built on the concept of a "sharing economy" a business model innovation enabling individuals to share existing resources. https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/so-what-exactly-deep-technology-swati-chaturvedi/
- Deep Tech has been around a very long time- just not called deep tech.
- Deep Tech can be relative: important to take societal perspective
- Current list of Deep Tech areas often includes:
- Advanced manufacturing
- Advanced materials
- ✓ Artificial intelligence
- ✓ Biotechnology
- Ø Blockchain

- Energy
- Food and agriculture
- Photonics and electronics
- Quantum computing
- Transportation/ mobility

New lab2fab process approach – Characterized by attributes

Time scale: Long

- V Over-the-Horizon time scale, measured in years and decades
- Scope from basic science to actualized implementation
- Development cycle often begins in universities or research institutes, prior to formation of start-up or inclusion in larger corporate R&D programs
- Market adoption can be lengthy

Impact: Large

- ✓ Disruptive to targeted industry represents a significant change or deviation from traditional approach
- Broad, across multiple industries and application types
- Societal: Environmental, societal and governance, plus linking to sustainable development goals is typical

Connectedness: Ecosystem

Challenges too complex for "two people in a garage"

Targeted technology?

- BCG says Yes
- Plus: design-build-test-learn cycle (DBTL) de-risks plus speeds product development and time to commercialization

New lab2fab process approach – Caveat: Convergence

Technology

Combining otherwise disparate innovations to uniquely work with each other to enable new advancements

- Materials & manufacturing
- Manufacturing & control
- Control & digital / cloud transformation
- Cloud transformation & fintech

Markets

Trends and interests aligning to create needs and opportunities

Consumer interests & corporate objectives

The vision of Coatema is lab2fab and we are the solution provider for Deep tech companies

Overview of integral planning and machine concepts

Proces feasibility study – function & design study

Process & Equipment specifications

 Suitable R2R coating and lamination solutions at COA will be defined / evaluated

Process & Ink development

- Testing defined coating/ process parameter at R&D centre COA
- Ink & Process optimization
- ✓ Defining most suitable R2R process

The next R&D frontier

Upscale to production in the Coateam R&D centre **Further optimization** Pre treatment Pilot Production \rightarrow Ink formulation → UV LED 365 & 395 nm scale scale **Pumping method Process transfer** Production **Trials** 000 **Integration lamination** \rightarrow 200 mm coating width demonstrator \rightarrow Adhesive foil \rightarrow 1 m/min \rightarrow \rightarrow Protective layer 500 mm; 3 m/min

Process integration

- ✓ Integration into a single R2R process suitable for the production of the OPV modules → Further optimization ink formulation
- The boundaries of the R2R process regarding quality, speed and costs

Demonstration and evaluation

- Production final R2R window film & comparison to the initial S2S film
- Was the transfer from lab- to pilot scale successful?
- Process equipment
- Design of a suitable R2R pilot line (500 mm)

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The R&D centre & know how base

R&D centre equipment

The R&D centre & know how base

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Printing systems

Overview of technical presentations

The R&D centre & know how base

Our work in associations – global networking

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Board Member: OE-A Advisory Board: Fraunhofer ITA 5.

Current R&D projects

Current R&D projects

Battery & Fuel cell

IDEEL

- ✓ 08/2021-07/2024 ✓ 3.62 M€
- ✓ 8 national partners
- Implementation of laser drying processes for lithium ion battery production
- Continuous and intermittent slot-die coating
- Benchmarking and upscaling of the drying process

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FKZ: 03XP0414B

NOUVEAU: Safe- and sustainable-by-

design metallic coatings and engineered surfaces

✓ 09/2022 – 08/2025 ✓ 3,88 M€ total budget

- 9 European partners
- Development of sustainable solid oxide cells (SOCs)
- Lanthanum and platinum metal group free electrode materials
- Solid electrolyte and interconnects with a reduced amount of rear earth materials and chromium

Funded by the European Union

Current R&D projects

Battery & Fuel cell

SOLID-EU:

Manufacturing technology development for solidstate batteries (SSB, Gen. 4a-4b)

✓ 09/2022 – 08/26 ✓ 7 M€ total budget

- 15 European partners
- Cost efficient manufacturing
- Pilot scale dry extrusion coating process for the NMC cathode + BSPE polymer
- Scalable thin film deposition methods for the Li anode and the interlayers
- Pilot scale slot die coating process for the solid

Funded by the European Union

Process and equipment for printed electronics

EffiLayers: R2R process optimization of organic photovoltaic cells

- ✓ 09/2019 02/2023 ✓ 1.5 M€ total budget
- ✓ 4 German partners
- Follow on project of Flexlas & PhotonFlex
- ✓ Flexible organic solarcells (OPVs)
- Process development
- ✓ Laser drying and patterning
- Equipment engineering

TIKaBe HyFAB: INK DEVELOPMENT FOR FUEL CELL CATALYST COATING - A HYFAB PROJECT (TIKABE)

- ✓ 06/2022 07/2024 76 K€ total budget
- 5 European partners
- Development of catalyst inks with optimized rheological properties for different printing coating processes (inkjet, slot-die, gravure, flexo, screen,...)

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(Opto-)electronic devices

Flex-G 4.0: Research into technologies for the manufacture of translucent and transparent roof and facade elements with integrated optoelectronic components.

- ✓ 08/2022 07/2026 ✓ 3.7 M€ total budget
- 14 national partners
- Process transfer & upscaling
- Pilot-scale manufacturing process for EC films with a process yield of 85%
- Demonstration of EC films in public building (schools)

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Nano-imprint

PEPcat: Plasmonically enhanced photocatalysis for wastewater treatment

06/2019 - 03/2023 3.0

3.0 Mio € total budget

- ✓ 5 German partners
- Novel advanced oxidation process with reduced energy consumption for wastewater treatment
- Scale-up photocatalytic nanostructures for industrial production
- Enhancing machinery accuracy to single digit micrometer range
- ✓ www.pepcat.de

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Sustainable production technology

RealNano: In-line and real-ime digital nanocharacterization for flexible organic electronics

- ✓ 03/2020 02/2023
- ✓ 4.9 M€ total budget
- 9 European partners
- Development of rapid characterization methodologies and integration in pilot-to-production lines
- Digital Intelligence to manufacturing
- http://www.realnano-project.eu/

This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement No 862442

FF2S: Creation of an open innovation test bed for
future-oriented and sustainable production
technology

- / 04/2020 04/2024
- ✓ 16 M€ total budget
- 21 European partners
- Validate and demonstrate the outstanding performance of novel nano-functionalized plastic, paper and membrane surfaces
- ✓ Upgrade existing "lab-to-fab" facilities and connect them to a unique OITB (TRL4 → TRL7)

/ https://flexfunction2sustain.eu/

This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under Grant Agreement No 862156

Sustainable production technology

Waterproof: Deploying industrial-urban symbiosis	
solutions for the utilization of energy, water,	
industrial waste and by-products at regional scale	

- ✓ 06/22-05/26 ✓
- ✓ 9.2 M€ total budget
- 12 European partners
- Convert CO2 emissions from waste(water) processing into green consumer products
- Electrochemical conversion of CO2 into formic acid used for end products

lex2Energy:								
Advanced manufacturing o	f	In	te	gı	ra	te	d	P
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01/2023

- **folgt** € total budget
- 17 European partners
- Boost Integrated Photovoltaics manufacturing and the reliability
- ✓ Integration of external hardware of partners (BST, SEMILAB, LAYTEC, ...) in Click&Coat[™] based system
- Automation, machine learning & Al
- Implement Industry 4.0 concepts

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Former R&D projects

Printed electronics & process control

Scale-Up of Printed Electronics Raw materials on of flexible organic solar cells	Advanced production for opto-electronics Towards industry 4.0	
✓ 01/2018 – 12/2020 ✓ 5.0 M€ total budget	 ✓ 09/2018 – 08/2021 ✓ 7.8 M€ total budget 	
7 EU partners	18 European partners	
Products and services for circular economy	Inline measurement and registration for OLED and	
Scale-up key materials for organic and	Solar processes on R2R	
printed electronics	In the stage of project planning and	
Enhance EU competitiveness in organic and	clarification of needs	
flexible electronics	https://oledsolarproject.eu/	
https://supersmart-project.eu/		
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Printed electronics & fabric functionalization

Sustainable paper-based printed electronics and biosensing platform	R2R technology for producing ECD with tunable g-values		
✓ 01/2018 – 12/2021 ✓ 8.0 M€ total budget	✓ 06/2017 – 05/2020 ✓ 2.4 M€ total budget		
🗸 11 EU partners + 2 non EU	✓ 11 German partners		
Printed electronics on paper	Follow up on EELICON		
Nano cellulose instead of "normal" paper	R2R production of ECD on EFTE		
Sensors for "drug-of-abuse" analysis	✓ R2R production of OPV		
 Recyclable, ultra-low power consumption, low 	Improved lamination		
cost, environmental friendly biosensing platform	ECD for membrane roofs		
https://www.greensense-project.eu			
Sense O	Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft		

FLEX-G

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Electrochemical related projects

Innovative solid state batteries with Sol-Ge	١,
Li anodes and 3D structuring	

10/2017 - 09/2020

- 2.1 Mio.€ total budget
- 6 German partners
- Innovative cell concepts
- All solid state batteries
- Lithium metal anode
- Sol-Gel cathode and current collectors
- Upscaling of lab processes

Electroluminescent textiles for interior and exterior decorative and advertising applications

✓ 10/2018 – 09/2020 ✓ 1.6 M€ total budget

- 🗸 2 Belgian, 4 German partners
- Illuminating wallpaper
- Process upscaling for production of EL textiles

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(Opto-)electronic devices

Bringing flexible organic electronics to Pilo	t
innovation scale	

✓ 01/2016 - 12/2018

✓ 14.0 M€ total budget

- ✓ 14 EU partners
- Flexible organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs)
- ✓ Open access Pilot line
- Intermittent coating with low viscous inks
- ✓ www.pi-scale.eu

		Development of slotdie equipment for perovskite solar cells				
t		✓ 07/2017 – 06/2019 ✓ 0.8 M€ total budget				
		✓ 3 EU partners				
		 Ultra fast intermittent coating 				
	Piezo based technology					
		 Perovskite photovoltaics devices 				
		Improved material usage & yield				
	http://rocket-innovations.eu/laufende- innovationsprojekte/i07-icoat/					

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From 2D materials and 3D coating on fibre materials

Synthesis, properties & a materials	pplication of 2D-	Process chain of powder-coated glass-fiber reinforced compounds			
✓ 04/2016 – 03/2019	✓ 2.1 M€ total budget	✓ 12/2016 – 11/2019	✓ 0.8 M€ total budget		
🗸 6 German partners		✓ 2 German partners			
✓ Synthesis of 2-D Mate	rials such as Graphene	Homogeneous organic composites			
and MoS2		Fully coated fibers			
Trials & design study for deposition & transfer		Less production steps			
R2R and R2P processes		/ Electrostatic rollers			

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Solar cells

Production of flexible or	ganic solar cells	Multipurpose Sol-Gel films for Photovoltaic			
✓ 06/2016 - 06/2019	✓ 1.3 M€ total budget	✓ 04/2017 – 3/2020 ✓ 2.0 M€ total budget			
🗸 5 German partners		✓ 6 German partners			
Follow on project of Flexlas		Sol-Gel materials as adhesive			
🗸 Flexible organic solarc	ells (OPVs)	Sol-Gel as passivation layer			
Process development		Sol-Gel materials as Mie resonator			
Laser drying and patterning		Upscaling of nanoimprint			
Equipment engineering					

Investment for Growth and Employment

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(Opto-)electronic devices

Enhanced Energy Efficiency and Comfort by Smart
Light Transmittance Control

- ✓ 01/2014 06/2017
- ✓ 13 EU partners
- Follow-up project of Innoshade
- Lightweight electrochromic devices
- Click&Coat technology
- ✓ Scaling & automation
- Demonstration of pilot line production
- ✓ Market entry
- https://www.eelicon.eu/

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Development of machines, OE nanomaterials	tools and processes for	
✓ 01/2013 – 12/2016	✓ 7.9 M€ total budget	
🗸 17 EU partners		
Smart nanomaterials & technologies		
🗸 Pilot line		
Upscaling of R2R process		
Production of OE devices		
✓ www.smartonics.eu		

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Electronic devices

Innovative Switchable Shading Appliances based on Nanomaterials and Hybrid Electrochromic Device Configurations

✓ 09/2008 – 08/2012

/ 10 M€ total budget

- 19 EU partners
- Large scale, cost effective and light weight, high trough put
- In-situ-polymerization
- Prototype & demonstrator
- ✓ Concept & start of Pilot line

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High-speed laser process for the production of fully integrated flexible solar cells

✓ 08/2011 - 10/2014

✓ 5 partners (Ziel2.NRW)

/ Optics

- OPV development
- Laser patterning, structuring welding

✓ Demonstration

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Organic electronics & thin film batteries

Contamination and Defect Control for Increased		
Yield for Large Scale R2R Production of OPV and OLE		
✓ 05/2012 - 04/2015	✓ 10 M€ total budget	

✓ 17 EU partners

- Detection & inspection
- 🗸 Cleaning

🗸 Repair

- Integration
- Best practice procedures

ProLiBat – Design of a continuous fabrication structure for the production of Li-Ion-Batteries
Ø8/2011 – 02/2014
7 partners
Pilot line for Li-Batteries
Concept for standardization
Production specifications
Study for production
Process for batteries

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Novel applications

ML2 – MultiLayer MicroLab

- ✓ 09/2012 08/2016
- ✓ 12 EU partners
- ✓ Click&Coat[™] Technology
- Imprint Technology
- ✓ Transfer Processes e.g. vacuum to wet R2R
- ✓ R2R-manufactoring platform
- Micro-Nano-Bio-Systems
- ✓ www.ml2.eu

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Innovation for Digital Fabrication

- / 03/2012 02/2014
- 21 EU partners
- Networking Project
- ✓ Roadmap for Digital Fabrication
- Status & evaluation of digital 3D-Manufacturing, e.g. organic Electronic

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Novel combinations

Fabric Structures for Solar power generation
✓ 11/2011 - 04/2014
8 EU partners
Tensile Membrane material that incorporates
PV modules
Qualification of principle
Demonstration of Prototype, e.g. off-Grid local
power

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Inline monitoring & thin film characterisation

Thin Film Measurements on organic photovoltaics	5
layers	

- 11/2012 10/2014
- ✓ 1.5 M€ total budget

- 8 EU partners
- Integration of in situ-metrology in manufacturing line at Coatema
- Hyperspectral Imaging
- Spectroscopic ellipsometry
- Demonstration of prototype

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Qualification of principle

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Registration Accuracy, High accuracy Registration control for roll2roll manufactured printed electronic

- ✓ 11/2013 10/2014
- AIF-Project
- 🗸 3 EU partner + 1 partner from Japan
- Integration of novel Printing Unitsin Production Line
- High registration accuracy
- Control software
- CCD-camera
- Demonstration of prototype

Former R&D projects

Inline analysis

Inline evaluation of transparent foil coating		
✓ 03/2015 - 08/2017	✓ 125.000 € total budget	
✓ 2 German partners		
Detection of organic dyes		
Small amounts of dye		
✓ Quartz light guiding		
✓ Stimulation via UV-LED		
Detection with photodiode		
Fluorescence detection		

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And many more...

Summary

Summary

Coatema is...

- ✓ A valuable partner for novel R2R-processes
- An expert in transferring processes to pilot and production lines
- Innovation leader in novel equipment
- Coordinator or partner in funded projects since 2002
- Member of the ATH Holding, a group of technology leading companies in coating, printing and laminating

Do not hesitate to contact us!

Anything missing?

Let us know and we will make it happen!

Our R&D centre is worldwide the most versatile centre for coating, printing and laminating.

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