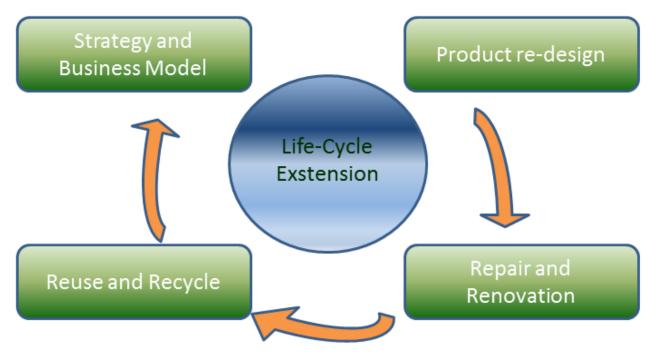
LIFECYCLE EXTENSION THROUGH PRODUCT REDESIGN AND REPAIR, RENOVATION, REUSE, RECYCLE STRATEGIES FOR USAGE&REUSAGE-ORIENTED BUSINESS MODELS



Project management

T-REX project

Lifecycle extension through product redesign and repair, renovation, reuse, recycle strategies for usage&reusage-oriented business models is the title for the European T-REX project which started one year ago with the aim to develop integrated **Product-Service Systems** (PSS), or in other words, to promote a shift from value in exchange to value in use to satisfy customer needs.

In this new landscape, manufacturers do not sell a physical product, but its usage (renting, **pay-x-use**) or its outcome (**pay-x-performance**). Companies and supply network should focus on reducing the **Life Cycle Cost** of the Product-Service Systems and extending their lifecycle in order to maximize profits, but also to increase customer utility and the lifecycle value of their offerings.

Also the current economic downturn is pushing many sectors related to manufacturing industry towards **new business models** that completely change the manufacturer's perspective over the costs and revenues arising during the product lifecycle. Such models entail environmental benefits too through increased duration, renovation and re-use of product modules.

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The aim for T-REX project

is to give support for the transition, in the capital goods industries, from the "traditional" business models to the "new" business model. Different levers will be considered for this to happen:

- A business model suited for the new landscape that changes the way products are offered and customer relationships managed;
- Product design techniques to extend the lifecycle, to foster upgrading and renovation, and to support serviceability;
- Service design methods to develop new services consistent with the business models and reengineering existing services;
- Integrated local condition-monitoring capacities and tools for asset health management, customizable to the industry requirements;

Three practical demonstrators in the transportation (forklift trucks), machine tools and robot systems domains will be experimented to show that the new business platform can reduce operational maintenance service costs, increase re-use of components and extend the life cycle, with a global reduction in the Life Cycle Cost of 25-30%.



Coming soon...













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