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Innovation Through Light

What is Photonics?

Photonics: the science of generating, controlling and manipulation light

The global market for photonics products is €350 billion, of which €65 billion is produced in Europe. The European photonics industry employs 290,000 people directly, and involves over 5,000 SMEs. Photonics is a **Key Enabling Technology** for a wide range of application areas:

Industrial Manufacturing

- In-line process monitoring
- Machine vision
- Laser cutting/welding



Sensing & Detection

- Environmental monitoring
 - Water & Soil analysis
 - Autonomous cars

Imaging & Microscopy

Information &

Communications

· Internet, BIM networks

In-car entertainment

Optical fibre comms

- · Contaminant identificaDon
 - Medical imaging
 - Chemometrics

Medical Devices & Technology

- Point-of-care diagnostics
- Cancer screening
- · Health monitoring

Lighting, Displays & Solar Cells

- TVs, cameras, phones
- Energy-efficient LEDs
- PV solar panels

The field of photonics is at the cross-roads of several disciplines including physics, electronics, mathematics and chemistry. It has revolutionised telecommunications and the internet through the development of fibre-optic networks, but is also hugely important in a diverse range of other fields. Almost all materials have a spectral response, and optical technologies have the advantages that they can be **cheap** and **compact**, usually have a small footprint so can be **integrated at-/in-line**, and are typically **non-invasive** and **non-destructive**. This makes photonics an ideal solution in industries such as **food**, **pharmaceutical**, **bio-medical** and **agriculture**.



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