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KET4CleanProduction - Final Conference 2021

# Developing a new clean manufacturing process for ceramic pressure sensors

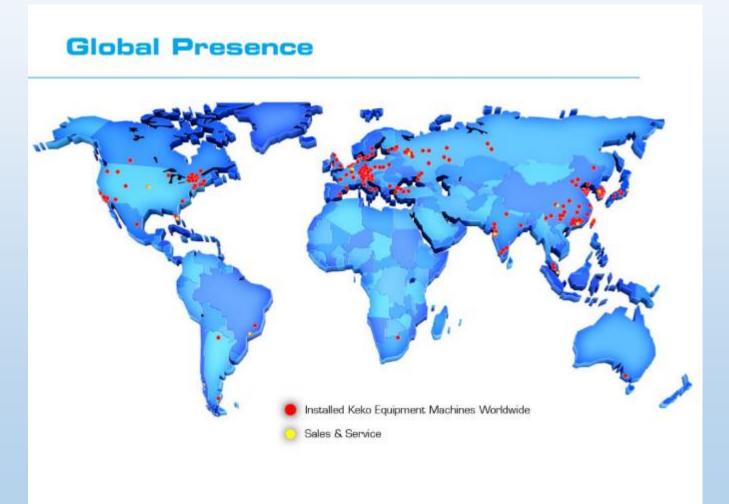
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# Introduction of the company

## KEKO Equipment company



The world-leading manufacturer of machines for the production of multilayer passive ceramic components, and also many other products, based on a tape casting process.



Almost unknown in Slovenia, but present all over the world!

### KEKO Equipment company

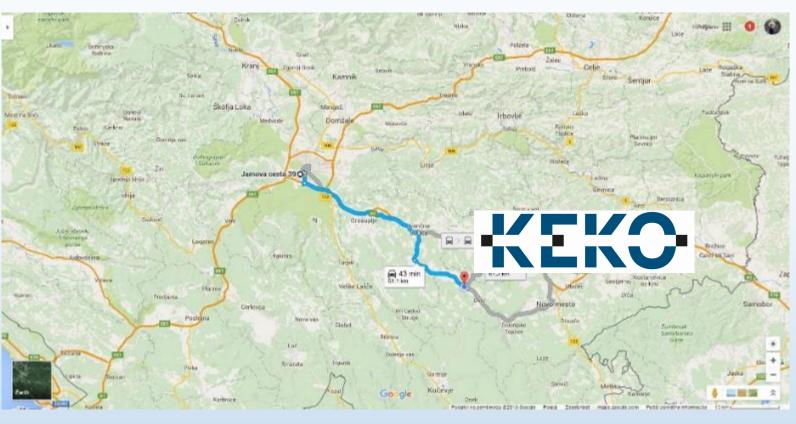
Establishment: 1995

Location: Žužemberk

50 km southeast from Ljubljana

Employees: 62

Engineers: 19







# KEK(C+ 25)

#### Facilities





Workshop – cutting, drilling, welding, milling ....



Assembly workshop



Machines before shipping

# Testing facilities and showroom also available to customers



Showroom and testing facilities



#### **Products**



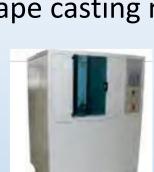
Roller benches



Screen printers



Tape casting machine



Isostatic press



Green sheet blanker



**Cutting machine** 



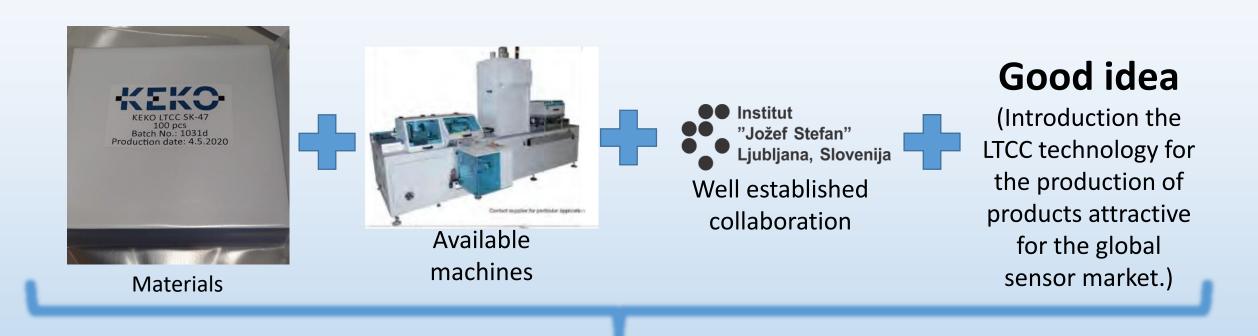
Puncher



Visual inspection machine

Complex multipurpose custom made machines – printing and stacking machine

## What needs did you have? Why and how did you contact KET4CP?



# KET4CP to connect

# How was your Microgrant project? How was your collaboration with the TCs?

- Microgrant proposal was written in collaboration with all participants effortlessly.
- All partners did their job as described in the project proposal.
- Unfortunately, we have meetings with our partners from Germany only via virtual conferences.



# Casting & drying



Firing at 1600 °C



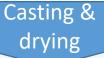
Refiring (3×) 850 °C



#### 1. Single firing only

- 2. Firing at lower temperatures and shorter time
- 3. Lower energy consumption
- 4. Passible miniaturisation lead to lower material consumption
- 5. Easier to establish large volume production
- 6. Lower costs

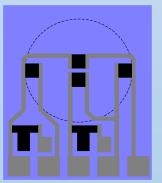
Mixing raw materials





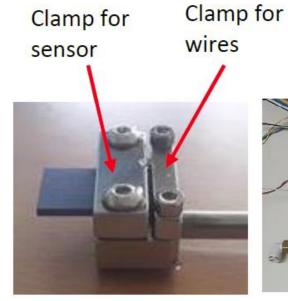
Collating, pressing, printing and cutting

Co-firing at 850 °C



CC technology

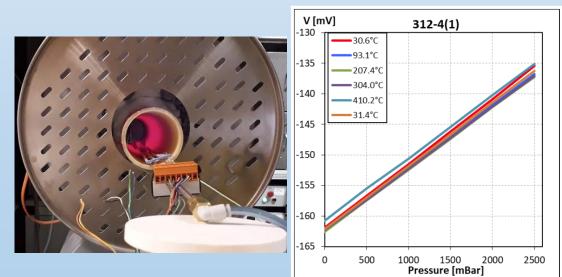
# What were the results of the collaboration?





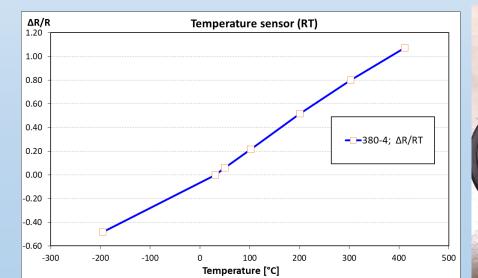
Sensor assembled in the Holder

High temperature testing of the pressure senors



Two holders

#### Low temperature testing of the pressure sensors







#### Why we like KET4 project

- Small amount of bureaucracy
- Productivity driven calls
- Good support

What we don't like

- It could be longer projects.