

## **PostNord and GKN Powder Metallurgy collaborate to unlock the potential of 3D printing in future supply chains**

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PostNord AB, the leading supplier of communication and logistics solutions in the Nordic region, further develops their partnership with GKN Powder Metallurgy, a leading innovation development partner of the manufacturing industry. 3D-printing will revolutionize the supply chain and the joint ambition of the collaboration is to make 3D printing a more open and accessible market.

Globalization and digitalization are today's driving factors for the manufacturing industry, and time-to-market combined with high quality and efficient production are competitive factors, therefore automation is required. Looking ahead, 3D printing will become a game changer for many industry segments.

"3D printing creates enormous opportunities for companies to change the entire approach to their supply chain, from manufacturing to logistics and warehousing. We are pleased to have a strong collaboration partner in GKN who shares our vision to unlock the potential of 3D printing in future supply chains in the Nordic region", says Ylva Ekborn, CEO PostNord Strålfors Group.

Last year, PostNord launched, via its subsidiary PostNord Strålfors, a 3D portal

accessible to corporate customers and to the B2B market. The 3D portal is a tool where you can work with the entire chain in an encrypted environment, from idea to 3D production on demand. The portal enables a simple and seamless ordering process with price automating for quick price information on 3D parts. Through the collaboration with GKN it now becomes possible to print metal parts.

"Additive Manufacturing is a powerful force that redefines traditional manufacturing and supply chain strategies. We have joined forces with PostNord AB, because we believe in the immense potential of decentralized, distributed manufacturing backed by secure data transfer and secure printing, enabling companies to print complex and customizable objects autonomously on demand," says Guido Degen, President Additive Manufacturing at GKN Powder Metallurgy.

"GKN Additive controls a completely digitized value chain from powder to part and is uniquely positioned in the market with one of the first fully IATF 16949 certified AM productions and a global footprint with a worldwide print network", says Guido Degen.

On April 10, PostNord, together with GKN, will arrange a 3D Inspiration Day in PostNord's headquarters in Solna, Stockholm. Discover how 3D printing can help your business stay at the forefront. For more information: [www.postnord.se/3d](http://www.postnord.se/3d)

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