Respondents from France expect a Connected Industrial Workforce to drive significant new value

53% expect it to increase productivity
46% expect it to improve operational efficiency
27% expect it to enhance safety and risk management

They are investing in the Connected Industrial Workforce—though not yet implementing it with confidence

14% of their R&D budget is spent on the Connected Industrial Workforce
19% in 2020 that will rise to
65% are still piloting solutions
Only 12% have implemented them
Only 8% say they are digital leaders

They consider IT security to be their greatest challenge—closely followed by employment legislation—in adopting a Connected Industrial Workforce

72% are concerned about data vulnerability
69% are concerned about system vulnerability
63% are concerned about employment legislation

A Connected Industrial Workforce promises to transform manufacturing. But are manufacturers ready to embrace it?

French company executives reveal they need to do more to implement a Connected Industrial Workforce

Accenture research¹ shows that French companies feel they are not first movers in implementing the human-machine-centric environments of the Connected Industrial Workforce. Based on the self-perceptions of the French manufacturing executives, below are the key findings.

By envisioning the full promise of the Connected Industrial Workforce, as well as the benefits they expect it to deliver, more French manufacturers could identify what’s holding them back, and begin to define their journey and who owns it. The findings suggest that the time to start raising their game—identifying new job profiles, and dedicating higher proportions of their R&D budget to the Connected Industrial Workforce—is now.

¹Accenture surveyed more than 500 senior executives and managers in the world’s leading automotive, industrial and construction markets in December 2015.

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