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5, Jun 2014 **EU Launches \$3.9 Billion Sparc Robotics Program**

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To address European needs and with the goal of driving new developments in the robotics market, the European Commission, together with industry and research leaders, has announced the new Partnership for Robotics in Europe, code named Sparc, together with a six-year investment of \$3.9 billion (€2.8 billion).

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THE PARTNERSHIP FOR ROBOTICS IN EUROPE

SPARC

Funding

- Commitment of private side: **€2.1 billion**
- EU funding under H2020: **€700 million**

euRobotics aisbl 180 members

- Research centres
- Universities
- Industries
- SMEs

Global robotics market

- 2014: **35%** (€22 billion)
- with SPARC
- 2020: **42%** (> €60 billion)

Important application areas

- Manufacturing & industry**: assembling cars, moving palletes & other goods
- Healthcare**: minimal-invasive surgery
- Home care**: assisting elderly & disabled people
- Agriculture**: pruning, weeding, spraying, monitoring & milking
- Security**: inspection of pressure vessels & storage tanks used in oil, gas & petrochemical industry; rescue missions
- Environment**: cleaning waste, water and air
- Transport**: autonomous vehicles such as cars & drones
- Entertainment**: cinema & educational games

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