

ADVANCED ROBOTIC TECHNOLOGY FOR HANDLING SOFT MATERIALS IN MANUFACTURING SECTORS

An industrial-end-user driven project that provides an innovative robotic system for the handling of flexible and deformable materials within labor intensive production processes.



Robotic manipulation of deformable materials is inherently challenging due to the high dimensionality of the state of the material. These applications require the control of the contact forces, shapes, and precise position of the components.

The SOFTMANBOT project proposes a holistic robotic handling ecosystem, as an integrated, scalable and yet installation-specific solution for the semi-automated manipulation of soft materials in production processes.



To design a modular and interoperable architecture
To develop a robotic perception platform
To develop a multi-sensor planning and control system
To design and develop intelligent, dexterous and lowcost grippers for deformable object handling
To deliver an environmental (LCA), economical and
social evaluation.