

VARIES

VARIability In safety-critical Embedded Systems

EXECUTIVE summary

VARIES helps embedded systems (ES) builders to unleash the full potential of variability in safety-critical ES through:

- > Variability Modelling
- > A Reference Platform
- > Centre of Innovation Excellence (CoIE)

RELEVANCE CALL 2011 objectives

Industrial priorities:

- > Reference Design and Architectures
- > System Design Method and Tools

ASP-1 objectives:

- > A model-driven process for the compositional development of safety-critical systems
- > A methodology to explore design spaces, multi-criteria constraint satisfaction and decision making, with particular regard to safety properties

MARKET innovation

VARIES aims to boost the competitiveness of the European ES industry through:

- > discovering what drives variability decisions
- > enabling variability information to be described and exchanged
- > improving variability management in safety-critical ES across the entire lifecycle

VARIES targets the following concrete industrial objectives:

- > reusability by combining product lines and variability management
- > more predictable and shorter time to market
- > improved productivity through reuse strategies adapted for ES
- > reduction of product engineering effort while delivering the functionality required and

guaranteeing reliability and quality levels

- > smooth transition to a product line approach

VARIES will enhance variability modelling concepts in the fields of ES analysis and towards product line certification.

TECHNICAL innovation

The 'variability paradox':

How can the benefits offered by introducing variability into ES outweigh the increased product complexity caused by variability?

Three key objectives:

- > Enable companies to make an informed decision on variability use
- > Provide effective variability architectures and approaches
- > Develop consistent, integrated and continuous variability management

Results:

- > Reference platform for managing variability in safety-critical ES
 - o methods, tools, models, reference architectures and relevant knowledge
 - o validating the results across industry domains will ensure broad applicability of the results.
- > Enhanced variability modeling concepts for
 - o variability analysis on ES
 - o product line certification
- > Centre of Innovation Excellence (CoIE)
 - o helping the European ES industry address its specific variability challenges
 - o access to the long tail market of variability services



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7

