

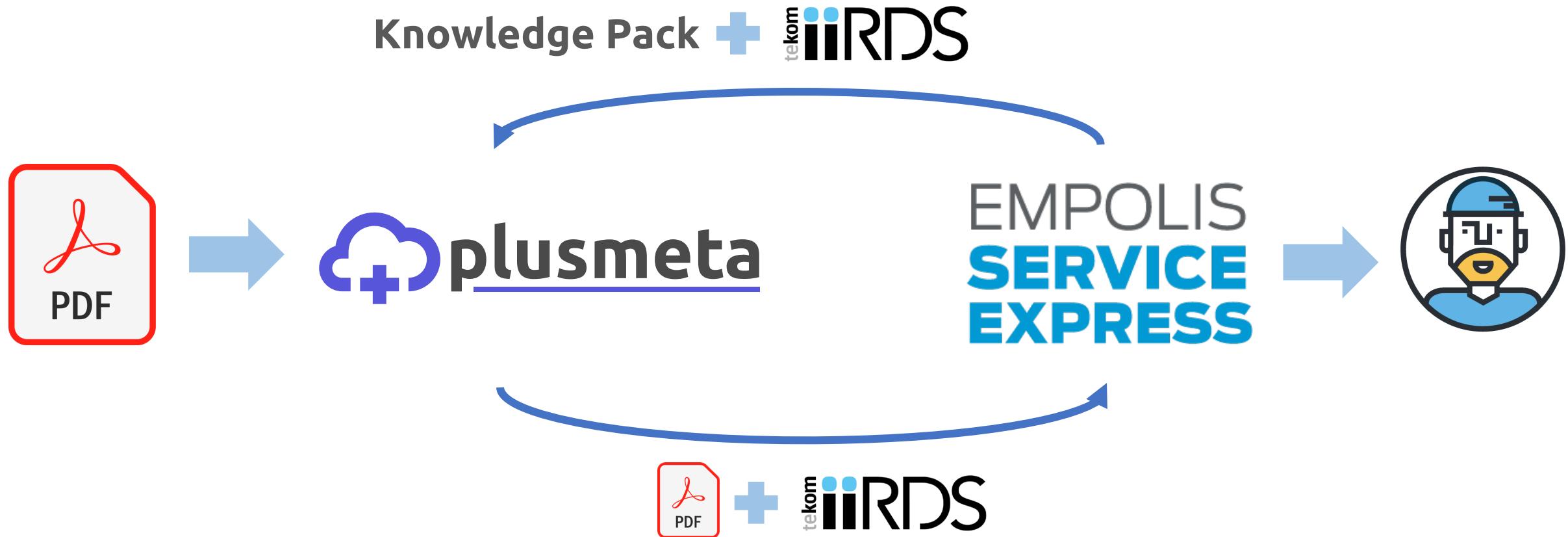
# Best Practice Example



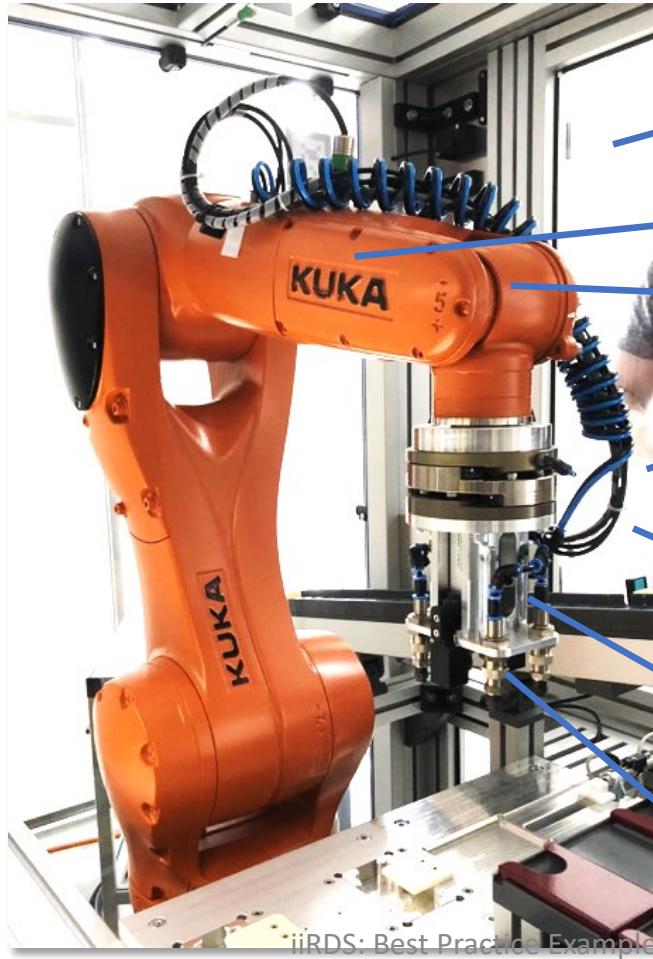
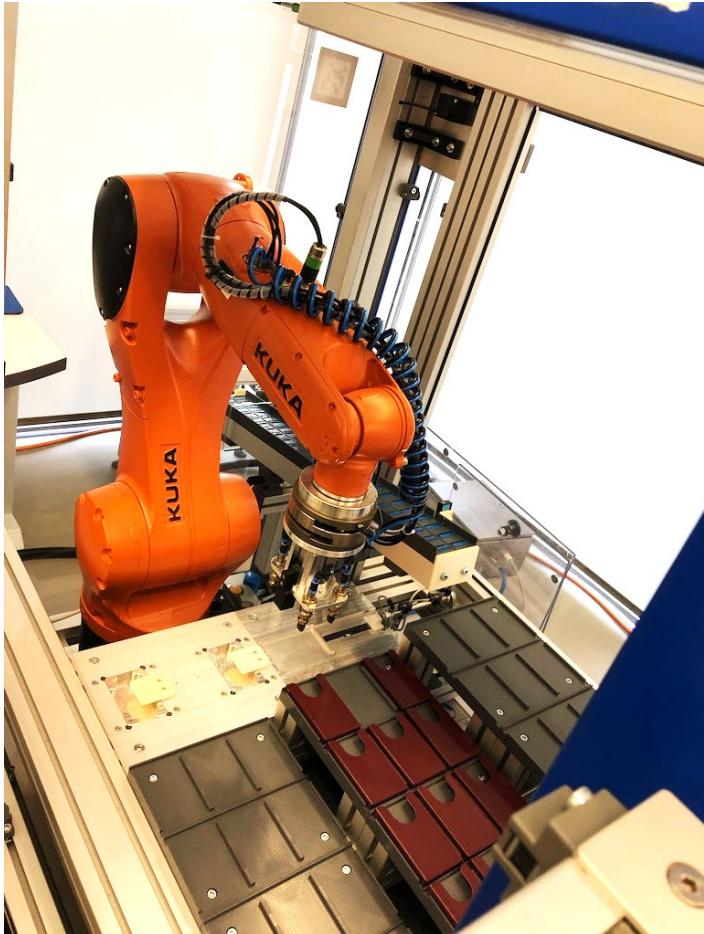
SmartFactory Industry 4.0: Integrating supplier documentation

## Process: Add supplier documentation to a content delivery portal with service information

- Problem:
  - Legacy PDF documents are excluded from modern metadata-driven information processes
- Solution:
  - Automatically enrich legacy PDFs with iiRDS metadata and make them available for users such as operators and field service engineers
    - Use a step-by-step workflow to add metadata to supplier documentation and create iiRDS packages in plusmeta
    - Share metadata vocabularies between the systems (plusmeta and EMPOLIS Service Express) via iiRDS based „Knowledge Packs“
    - Import supplier documentation via iiRDS into the content delivery portal EMPOLIS Service Express



# smartFactory<sup>KL</sup><sup>®</sup>



KUKA  
industrial robot  
AGILUS KR 6 R900 sixx

arm

central hand

SmartFactory  
end effector

FESTO  
Pneumatic system providing  
compressed air

Bosch Rexroth  
2 finger gripper  
GSP-P-16

FESTO  
vacuum gripper ESG and  
Vacuum gripper valve ESH / ESS



- The plusmeta platform ensures that your data is ready for the future
- With the help of artificial intelligence, content is enriched with metadata and structures
- Via different step-by-step workflows many use cases can be implemented
- Plusmeta is fully compatible with iiRDS metadata



- Whether support, field service or end customer – with Service Express, you and your employees find the right solution step-by-step
- AI-based access to all relevant service information – no matter where it is located in the company
- Always the latest service information at hand, online and offline
- Easily capture and share new service knowledge
- Supports import of iiRDS packages

# OPERATING PRINCIPLE

1. Add PDF document

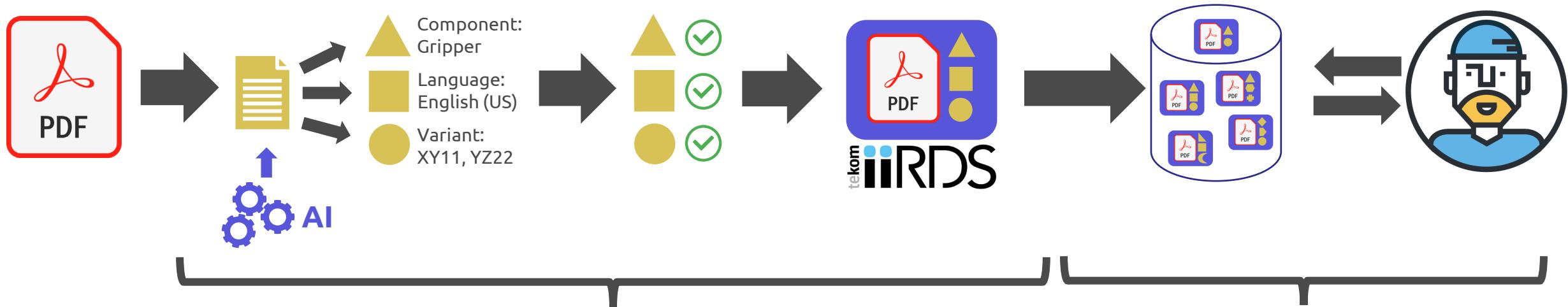
2. Extract metadata

3. Assign and approve metadata

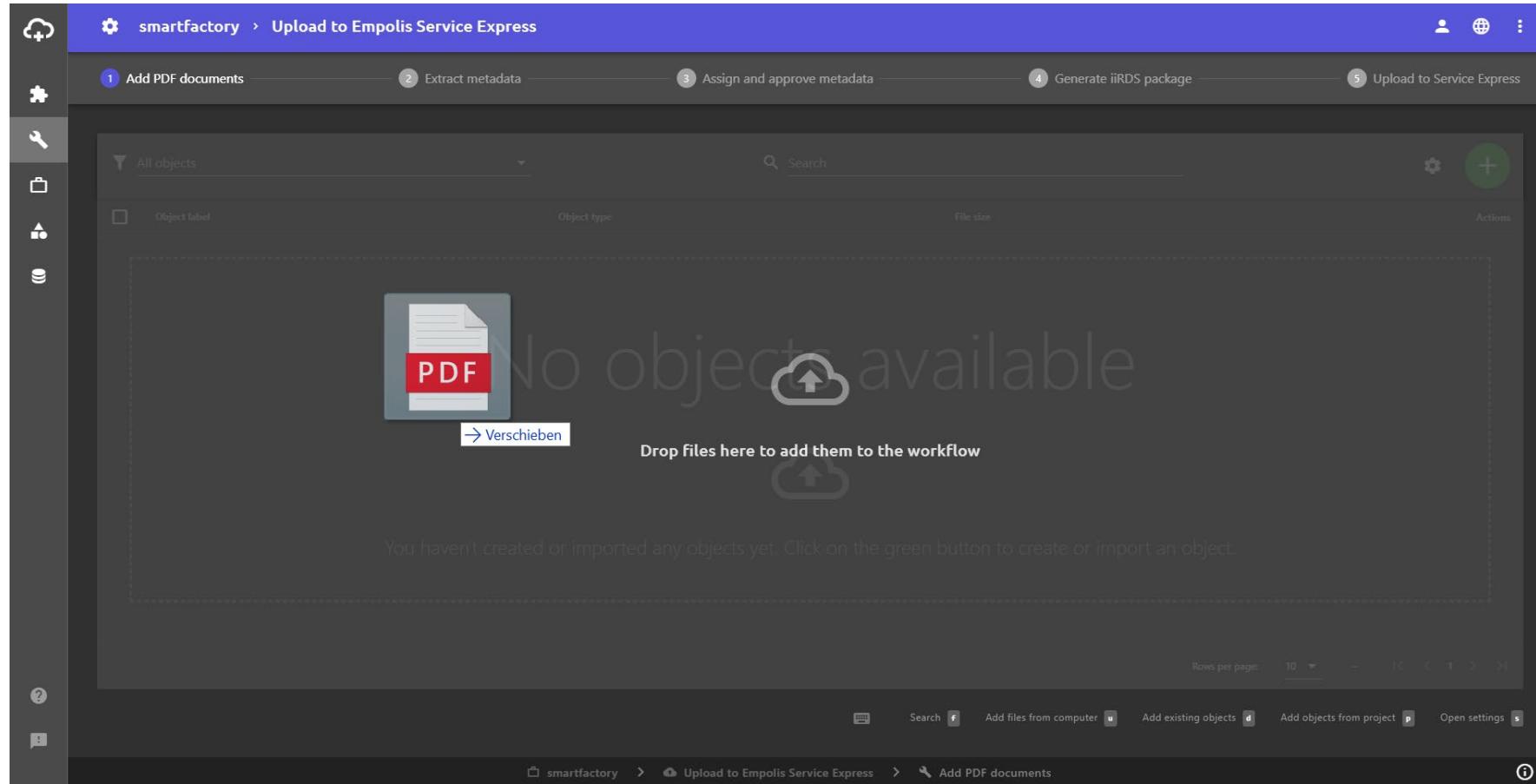
4. Generate iiRDS package

5. Upload to Service Express

6. Targeted access to information

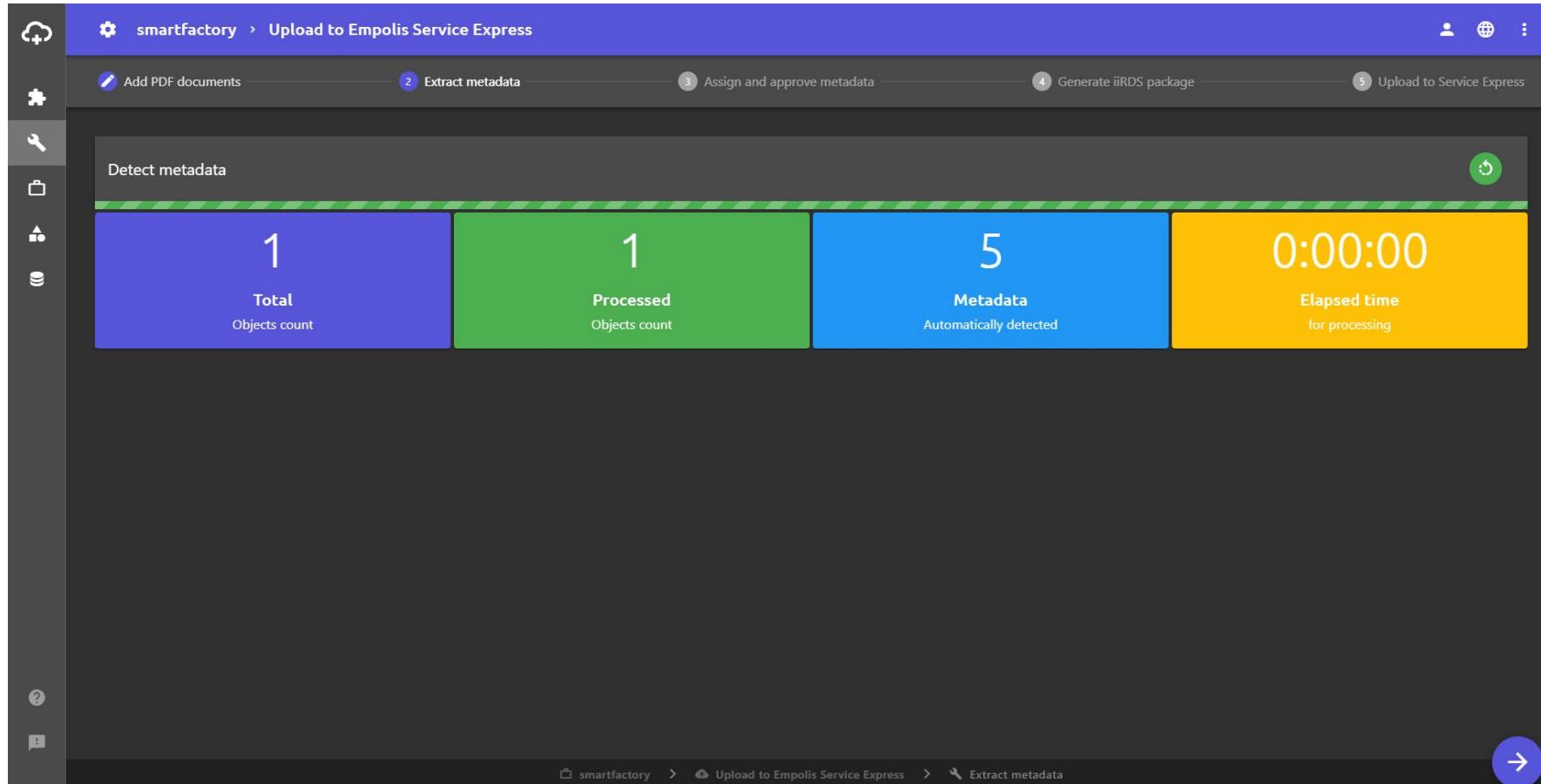


- After the workflow has been started, the supplier documentation must be uploaded



The screenshot shows the 'smartfactory' interface for the 'Upload to Empolis Service Express' workflow. The top navigation bar includes the 'smartfactory' logo, the current page title 'Upload to Empolis Service Express', and user account icons. Below the navigation is a horizontal progress bar with five steps: 1. Add PDF documents (highlighted in blue), 2. Extract metadata, 3. Assign and approve metadata, 4. Generate iiRDS package, and 5. Upload to Service Express. The main content area displays a dark-themed table with columns for 'Object label', 'Object type', 'File size', and 'Actions'. A large central area features a 'PDF' icon, a cloud icon with an upward arrow, and the text 'No objects available'. Below this, a callout says 'Drop files here to add them to the workflow' with a cloud icon. At the bottom of the screen, there is a footer with links for 'Rows per page', 'Search', 'Add files from computer', 'Add existing objects', 'Add objects from project', 'Open settings', and a help icon.

-  plusmeta analyses the document and recognizes metadata by using AI mechanisms



The screenshot shows the plusmeta smartfactory interface for the "Upload to Empolis Service Express" workflow. The main area displays the progress of a task:

| Detect metadata     |                         |                                 |                             |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1                   | 1                       | 5                               | 0:00:00                     |
| Total Objects count | Processed Objects count | Metadata Automatically detected | Elapsed time for processing |

The sidebar on the left contains the following icons:

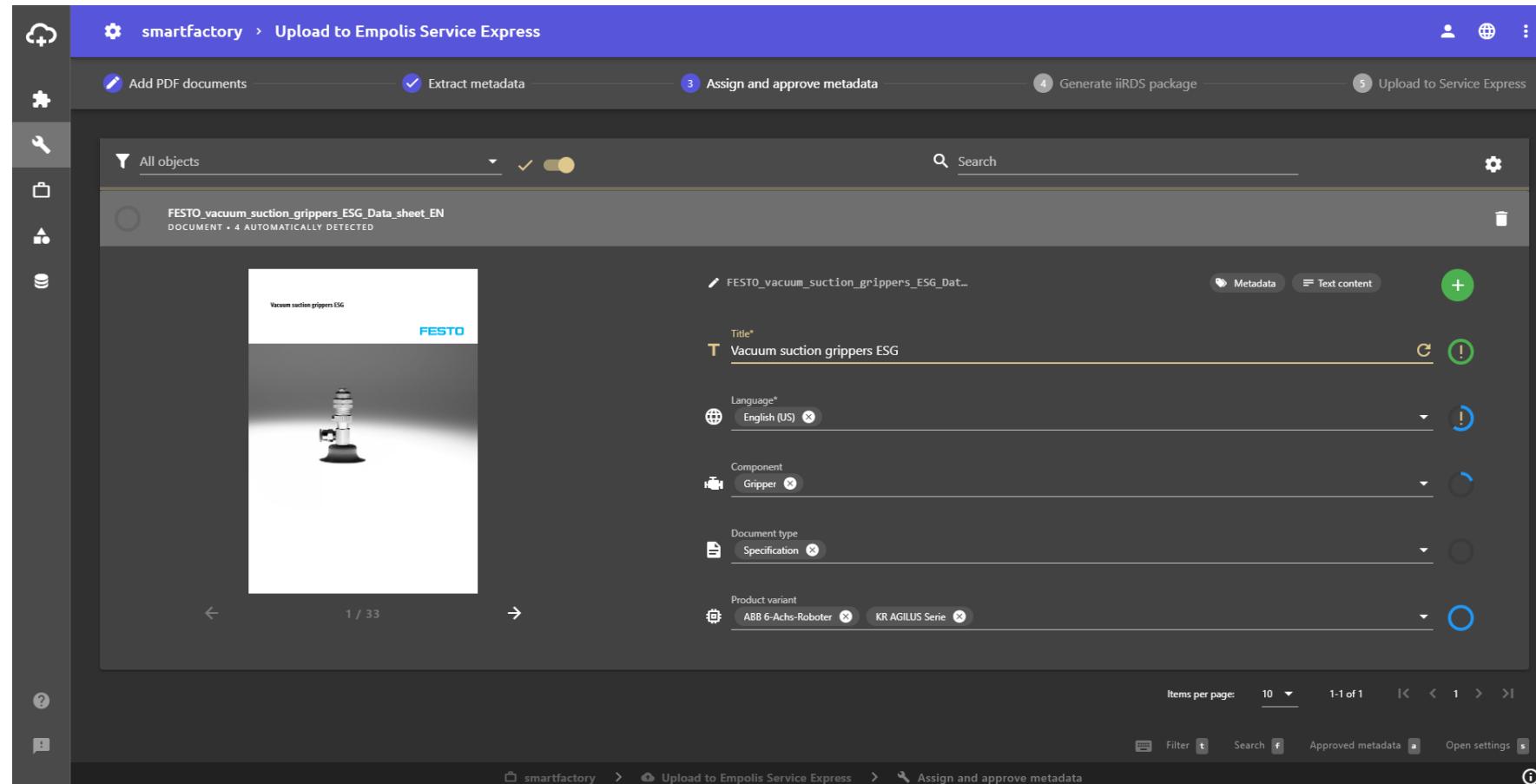
- Cloud icon: Add PDF documents
- Puzzle piece icon: Extract metadata
- Wrench icon: Assign and approve metadata
- Folder icon: Generate iiRDS package
- Cloud icon: Upload to Service Express

At the bottom of the interface, there is a navigation bar with the following items:

- smartfactory > Upload to Empolis Service Express > Extract metadata

A large blue arrow button is located at the bottom right of the interface.

- The metadata found are now approved and corrected or extended if necessary

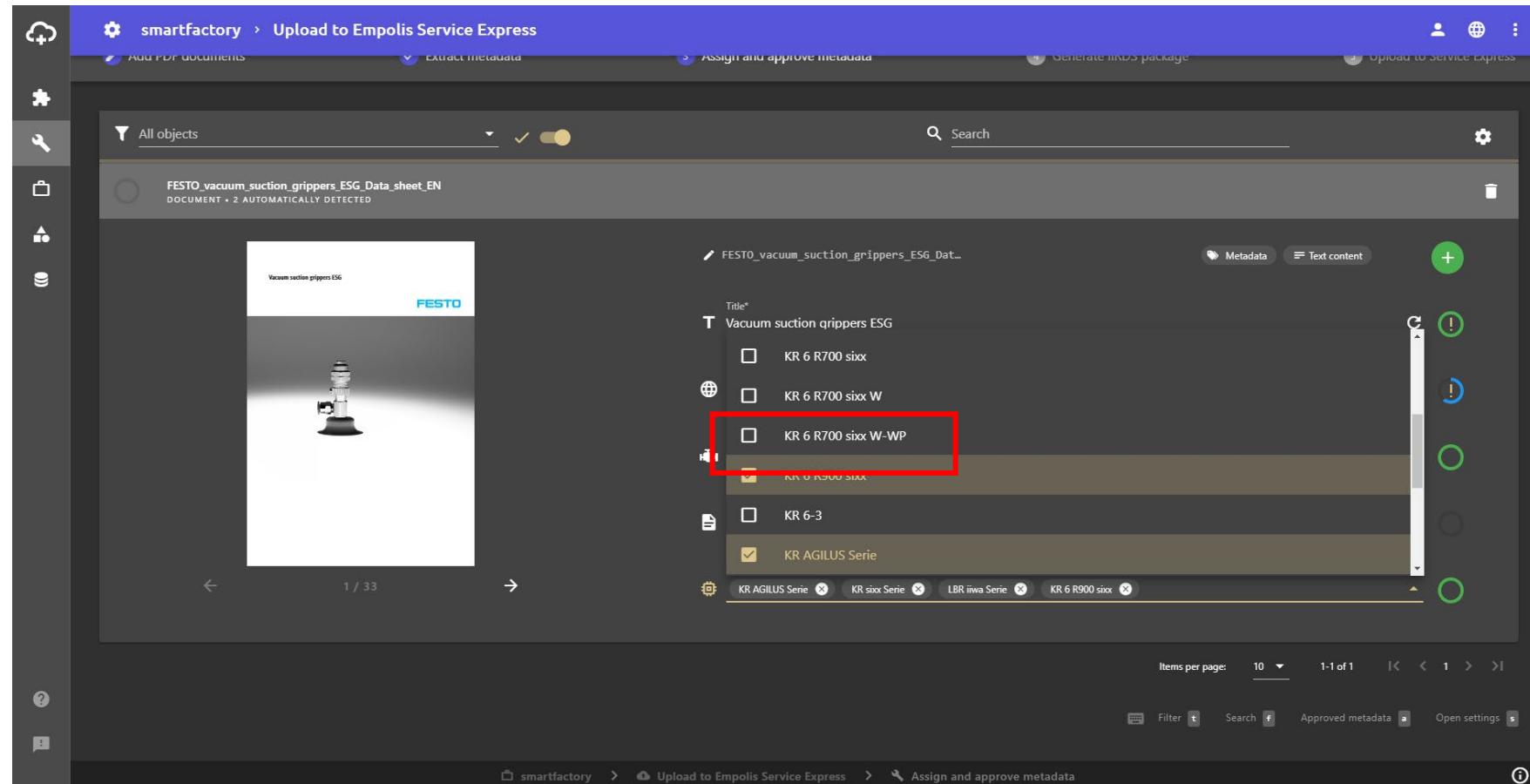


The screenshot shows the 'smartfactory' software interface for managing document metadata. The top navigation bar indicates the current step: 'Upload to Empolis Service Express' (Step 3: Assign and approve metadata). The main workspace displays a document titled 'FESTO\_vacuum\_suction\_grippers\_ESG\_Data\_sheet\_EN' with a thumbnail image of a Festo vacuum suction gripper. The metadata editor on the right side shows the following fields:

- Title\***: Vacuum suction grippers ESG (with a green status icon)
- Language\***: English (US) (with a blue status icon)
- Component**: Gripper (with a blue status icon)
- Document type**: Specification (with a blue status icon)
- Product variant**: ABB 6-Achs-Roboter, KR AGILUS Serie (with a blue status icon)

The bottom of the interface shows standard navigation and search tools.

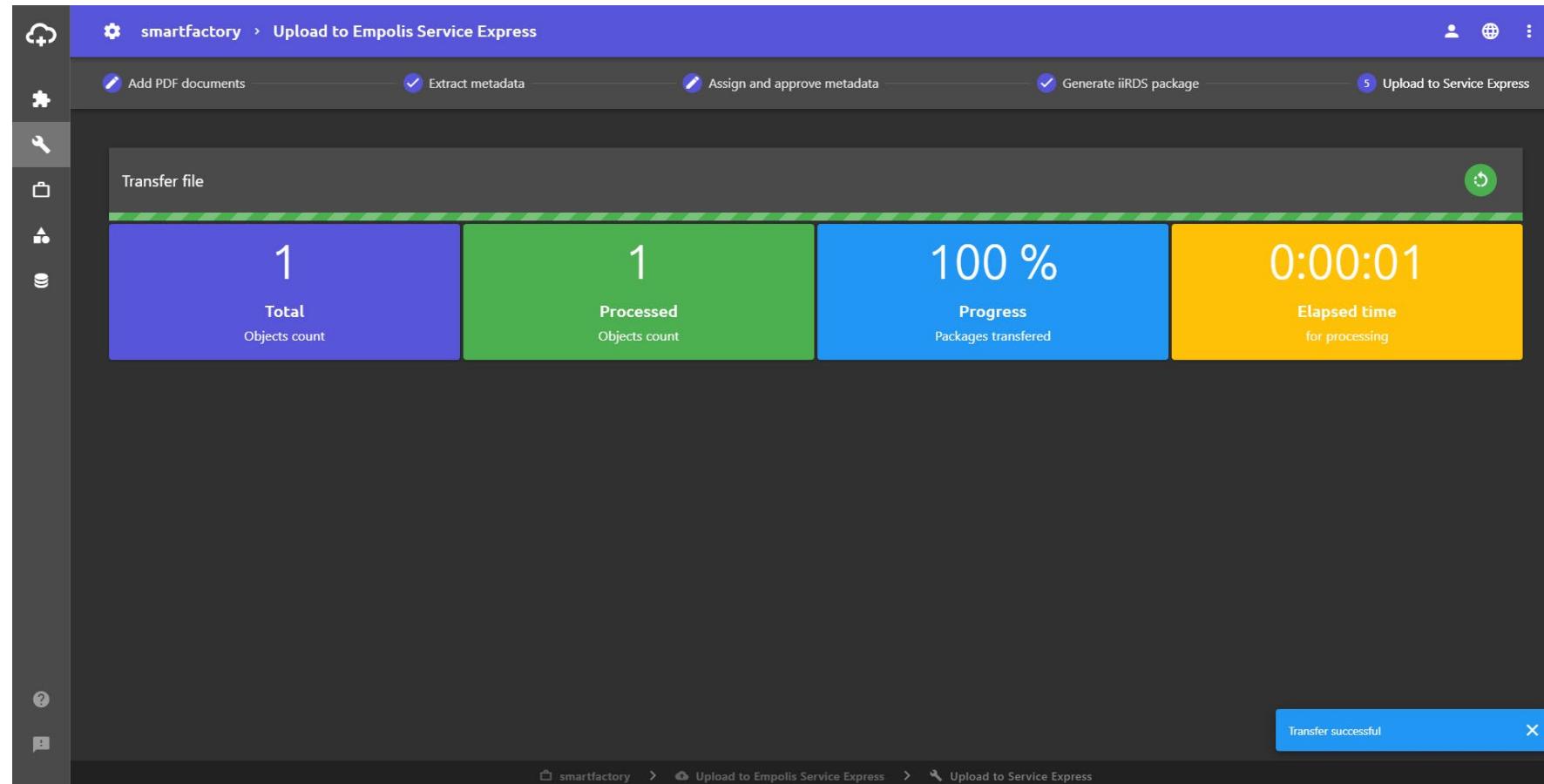
- In this example, the product variant 'KR 6 R900 six' is added manually as a metadata



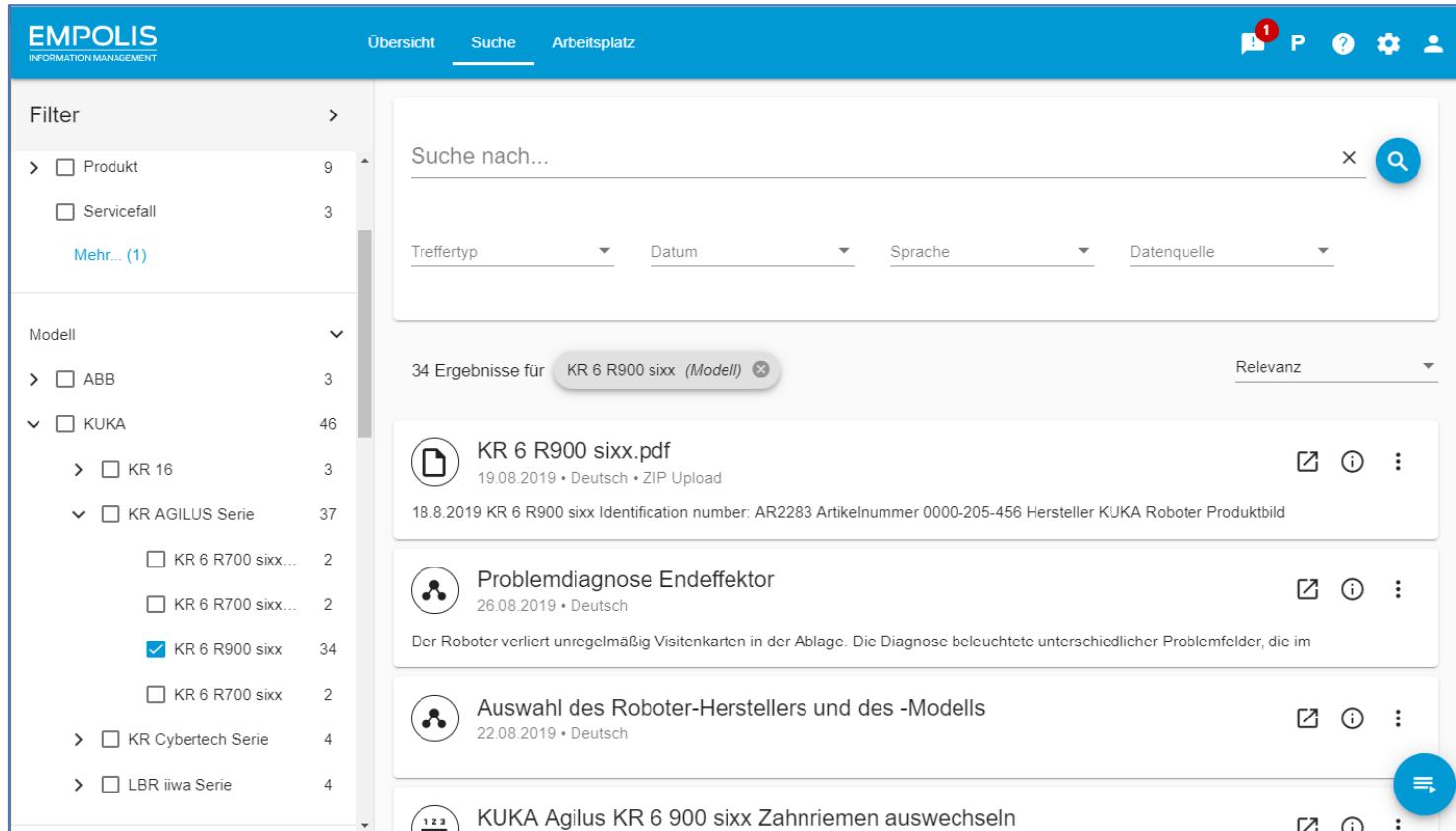
The screenshot shows the Empolis Service Express interface with the following details:

- Header:** smartfactory > Upload to Empolis Service Express
- Left Sidebar:** Icons for Add PDF documents, Extract metadata, Assign and approve metadata, Generate iiRDS package, and Upload to Service Express.
- Search Bar:** Search field with placeholder "Search".
- Object List:** FESTO\_vacuum\_suction\_grippers\_ESG\_Data\_sheet\_EN (DOCUMENT + 2 AUTOMATICALLY DETECTED). An image of a Festo vacuum suction gripper is displayed.
- Metadata Panel:** Title: Vacuum suction grippers ESG.
  - Variant Selection:** A list of variants:
    - KR 6 R700 sixx
    - KR 6 R700 sixx W
    - KR 6 R700 sixx W-WP (highlighted with a red border)
    - KR 6 R900 sixx
    - KR 6-3
  - Tags:** KR AGILUS Serie (checked), KR R900 Serie, LBR iiwa Serie, KR 6 R900 sixx.
- Bottom Navigation:** Items per page: 10, Filter, Search, Approved metadata, Open settings.

- Finally, an iiRDS package is generated that can be transferred directly to EMPOLIS Service Express



- Documentation in Empolis Service Express  
One robot model selected to filter available information



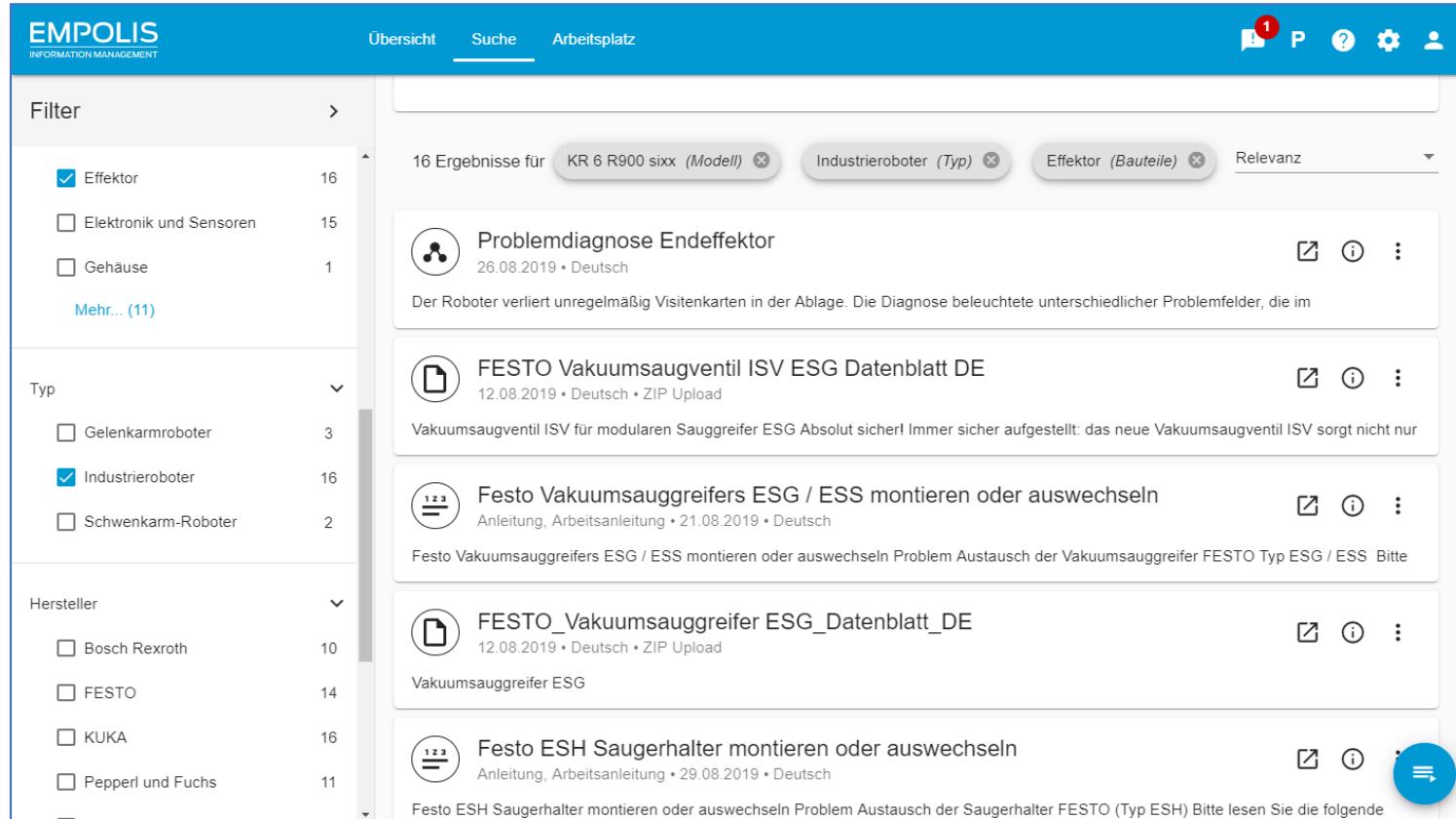
The screenshot shows the Empolis Service Express interface. The top navigation bar includes 'EMPOLIS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT', 'Übersicht', 'Suche' (selected), and 'Arbeitsplatz'. The 'Suche' tab has a search bar with placeholder 'Suche nach...', a date range selector, language, and source dropdowns. Below the search bar, it says '34 Ergebnisse für KR 6 R900 sixx (Modell)'. The results list includes:

- KR 6 R900 sixx.pdf** (19.08.2019 • Deutsch • ZIP Upload)  
18.8.2019 KR 6 R900 sixx Identification number: AR2283 Artikelnummer 0000-205-456 Hersteller KUKA Roboter Produktbild
- Problemdiagnose Endeffektor** (26.08.2019 • Deutsch)  
Der Roboter verliert unregelmäßig Visitenkarten in der Ablage. Die Diagnose beleuchtete unterschiedlicher Problemfelder, die im
- Auswahl des Roboter-Herstellers und des -Modells** (22.08.2019 • Deutsch)
- KUKA Agilus KR 6 900 sixx Zahnriemen auswechseln**

# SCENARIO: DOCUMENTATION OF A CUSTOMIZABLE PRODUCTION

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- Filtering by component „Effector“ and robot type „Industrieroboter“



The screenshot shows the EMPOLIS Information Management system interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Übersicht', 'Suche' (selected), and 'Arbeitsplatz'. The search bar displays '16 Ergebnisse für KR 6 R900 sixx (Modell) Industrieroboter (Typ) Effektor (Bauteile) Relevanz'. The left sidebar contains filter sections for 'Filter', 'Typ', and 'Hersteller'. The 'Filter' section has 'Effektor' checked. The 'Typ' section has 'Industrieroboter' checked. The 'Hersteller' section lists Bosch Rexroth, FESTO, KUKA, and Pepperl und Fuchs. The main content area shows five search results:

- Problemdiagnose Endeffektor (26.08.2019, Deutsch) - Describes a problem where the robot loses business cards in the tray. Includes a small icon of a gripper.
- FESTO Vakuumsaugventil ISV ESG Datenblatt DE (12.08.2019, Deutsch, ZIP Upload) - Describes a vacuum suction valve for modular grippers. Includes a document icon.
- Festo Vakuumsauggreifers ESG / ESS montieren oder auswechseln (Anleitung, Arbeitsanleitung, 21.08.2019, Deutsch) - Instructions for mounting or replacing Festo vacuum grippers. Includes a wrench icon.
- FESTO\_Vakuumsauggreifer\_ESG\_Datenblatt\_DE (12.08.2019, Deutsch, ZIP Upload) - Data sheet for Festo vacuum grippers. Includes a document icon.
- Festo ESH Saugerhalter montieren oder auswechseln (Anleitung, Arbeitsanleitung, 29.08.2019, Deutsch) - Instructions for mounting or replacing Festo ESH suction cup holders. Includes a wrench icon.

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- Supplier documentation available including metadata provided by plusmeta

The screenshot shows the EMPOLIS Information Management system interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with filters for 'Filter' (Effektor checked, 16 results), 'Typ' (Industrieroboter checked, 16 results), and 'Hersteller' (FESTO checked, 14 results). The main area displays a list of documents from various suppliers:

- FESTO Vakuumsaugventil ISV ESG Datenblatt (12.08.2019, Deutsch, ZIP Upload)
- Festo Vakuumsauggreifers ESG / ESS Montageanleitung (Anleitung, Arbeitsanleitung, 21.08.2019, Deutsch)
- FESTO\_Vakuumsauggreifer\_ESG\_Datenblatt (12.08.2019, Deutsch, ZIP Upload)
- Festo ESH Saugerhalter montieren oder austauschen (Anleitung, Arbeitsanleitung, 29.08.2019, Deutsch)
- Signalgeber / Endschalter am Endeffektor (21.08.2019, Deutsch)
- KUKA Greifer auswechseln (Anleitung, Arbeitsanleitung, 21.08.2019, Deutsch)

On the right, a detailed view of the first document is shown in a modal window titled 'Details'. It includes a summary of the document's purpose, its use in Funktion und Qualität, and its availability in different languages. Below this is a section titled 'Metadaten' (Metadata) which lists the following details:

- Modell: KR AGILUS Serie. KR 6 R900 sixx
- Typ: Industrieroboter
- Informationstyp: Datenblatt
- Bauteile: Effektor, Vakuumsauggreifer
- Hersteller: FESTO.KUKA
- Sprache: Deutsch
- Dateiname: FESTO\_Vakuumsauggreifer\_ESG\_Datenblatt\_DE.PDF
- Dateigröße: 449,78 KB
- Treffertyp: Dokument

This best practice example has shown that the interaction of the two tools plusmeta and EMPOLIS Service Express makes it easy to classify supplier documentation and make it available for targeted access in a Content Delivery Portal

- plusmeta automatically enriches legacy pdfs with iiRDS metadata in an easy step-by-step workflow
- iiRDS is used for storage and exchange of the supplier documentation
- The content delivery portal EMPOLIS Service Express makes the documentation accessible in a targeted manner



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