Innovation Centers in Poland
Directory of innovative business support institutions

technology incubators

technology parks

technology transfer centers
Improving the effective application of knowledge and scientific research outputs is an important challenge for Polish enterprises. Institutions supporting innovative business by working at the intersection of science and business are one of the key factors determining success of the economy. They act as a bridge, facilitating communication between the worlds of business and science.

The Polish Agency for Enterprise Development supports technology parks, incubators and transfer centers on multiple levels. As a part of the Measure 5.3 of Operational Program – Innovative Economy and its sister endeavor, the Measure 1.3 of Operational Program – Development of Eastern Poland, PARP provides support for the infrastructural expansion of key science parks and technology incubators in the country.

In addition to the above, PARP engages in various activities financed as part of the Operational Program – Human Capital. One example is the “Effective Environment for Innovative Business” initiative, which consists of a whole range of actions designed to support the staff of technology parks and incubators and technology transfer offices (innovation centers) in their work (informative meetings, study visits at home and abroad, handbooks, best practices, training materials, assistance in formulating development strategies etc.). PARP's intention is, first and foremost, to increase the potential and the competence of these institutions and to shape favorable institutional conditions for improving the innovativeness of Polish economy.
Furthermore, the periodic benchmarking of technology parks in Poland is intended to support their management and employees, as well as the owners of the entities supervising their work in the modern governance and the strategic planning processes. Thanks to the systematized comparison of technology parks from all over the country, benchmarking helps to develop business solutions utilizing the best practices of Polish technology parks. More on these activities can be found at www.pi.gov.pl.

The catalog which you are holding in your hands has been designed primarily for entrepreneurs who are planning either to start or to further develop their businesses by utilizing the latest ideas and technology. It is also targeted at investors who seek partners for interesting and innovative projects, and finally at all potential domestic and foreign partners who are considering collaborating with Polish institutions.

I sincerely encourage you to familiarize yourselves with the catalog!

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Polish accession to the EU and the opening of foreign markets has changed the conditions under which companies previously operated. It resulted in an abundance of private enterprises and an influx of foreign investments. It also gave innovative businesses the tools needed for development.

Within the periods of 2004–2006 and 2007–2013 European funds have opened new possibilities for pro-development ventures. In 2007–2013 entrepreneurs, business environment institutions, research and development units and public administration bodies will receive more than **EUR 9.71 billion** as part of the Operational Program – Innovative Economy, financed from European funds, for projects that have been contributing to the improvement of innovativeness of the Polish enterprises and the economy.

Thanks to systemic changes and the many bottom-up initiatives, the number of innovation centers and enterprises has been growing steadily from only 195 in 1995 to 735 by mid-2010. Many of them are entrepreneurship centers: training and advisory centers, business centers, consulting centers and entrepreneurship incubators.

Simultaneously, specialized institutions for innovative business support have been filling the Polish market. Supportive, quasi-banking financial institutions like seed capital funds, business angel networks, regional and local loan funds are becoming increasingly common. Institutions enabling the introduction of novel products and services, like technology parks, technology incubators, pre-incubators, academic entrepreneurship incubators and technology transfer centers, have been undergoing intensive development.
In these crucial spaces, innovative R&D meets with the potential and expectations of business organizations and funders. It is here where small and nascent enterprises, hungry for success, get a chance to succeed and where everyone interested in innovative entrepreneurship can cooperate and flourish. All these possibilities are presented in subsequent chapters, which describe the main innovation centers in Poland: technology parks, technology incubators and technology transfer centers – 60 companies and institutions in all. Their location within Poland is presented on the map below.
Technology parks

Technology Parks are organized industrial complexes, whose primary function is to support businesses that operate in innovative sectors and offer hi-tech products and services.

The idea of creating strong bonds between all entities that support innovative enterprises is best put into practice in Technology Parks. They all have cooperation agreements with universities in place and most of them work with municipal institutions, other technology parks and R&D units, while some also cooperate with sister parks and venture capital institutions. The vast majority of Polish technology parks has decided to specialize within one or a few sectors.

For businesses, knowledge access and practical commercialization possibilities that parks provide are the most important benefits resulting from operating within parks. Entrepreneurship and technology incubators in the parks enable individuals with good ideas to start their own businesses on preferential terms. Such companies benefit from numerous training courses, consultancy, the park’s infrastructure and technical facilities, all of which increase their chances of succeeding in the market.
The number of technology parks has tripled since Poland joined the EU in 2004 and their combined physical footprint has increased tenfold. Collectively, the parks have around 1,492.2 ha at their disposal.

By mid-2010, 718 enterprises have found conditions for running their businesses in technology parks, providing 24,737 jobs. Most of them are small to medium enterprises. Around one-tenth of these were seeded with foreign capital. Eleven companies based in parks have been awarded at international fairs and competitions, while 39 have been distinguished domestically.

Polish parks represent a very good alternative for foreign investors. They provide an advanced infrastructure, links with dynamic businesses and research institutions in Poland and abroad, access to information, technology transfer, access to highly qualified workforce, help with administrative formalities and guidance during the funding process.

The next few years will bring an even more dynamic growth of technology parks. Thanks in part to the positive effects of achievements to-date, and combined with economic needs and financial conditions, several hundred million Euros will potentially become available to fund their development.
## Lower Silesian Regional Development Agency (DARR)
### Lower Silesian Technology Park T-Park

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The strategic goal of the Lower Silesian Regional Development Agency is the creation of a strong, highly competitive economy in Lower Silesia, based on diverse lines of business and the activity of small and medium enterprises. To this end, the Agency works to encourage entrepreneurs to embrace innovation and helps to improve their ability to operate in competitive markets. It further provides entrepreneurs easy access to educational support and enables them to develop skills needed to operate on EU markets, especially in new sectors and market niches. The region is an ideal location for founding modern service centers specialized in accounting and finance, human resource management, call center services, transaction management, and IT services. The Lower Silesian Regional Development Agency offers investors interested in starting such businesses in the region full support in preparing the development process, formulating feasibility studies, raising funds, cooperating with local authorities, analyzing the local employment market, recruiting staff, commercializing office space, setting up the business on the Technology Park’s premises, improving the employees’ skills and establishing business contacts at home and abroad.

The Wałbrzych region’s strategy for winning over pro-development investments involves the DARR’s initiative directed at start-up companies incubated in the Lower Silesian T-Park as well as potential investors, with particular attention to the BPO (Business Process Offshoring) sector, who are offered over 20 ha of fully outfitted investment land ready for immediate use.
The Euro Centrum Science and Technology Park has 12 partnership agreements with universities and institutions. It was also successful in integrating all the entities within the Cluster (around 60 companies). According to the Park’s expansion plan, it will possess its own office, warehouse and laboratory premises as well as a data center by 2013. It will also be leasing laboratory equipment, including “artificial sun” technology and rendering research services (within the Solar System Testing Center). The Park will also house the Training Center for Modern Heating Technologies.

The Euro Centrum Park emphasizes the development of energy-efficient technologies and power savings in buildings. It accomplishes its goals through diverse activities, offering infrastructure, financial support, training and consulting services. It also facilitates access to knowledge and the latest scientific findings in its field, and works to create favorable conditions for setting up companies within its premises. The Park’s scientific support is provided through cooperation with R&D centers, among others the AGH University of Science and Technology, the Silesian University of Technology, the Częstochowa University of Technology and the University of Silesia. The Park also coordinates the work of the Euro Centrum Cluster of Energy Saving Technologies. It unites more than 70 different entities including companies, scientific institutions and professional organizations. The Park is interested in innovative projects and investments in fields such as heat pumps, solar energy systems, heating, cooling and ventilation, IT systems and building management systems.

Its offering is directed at technology companies as well as those engaged in scientific research, R&D centers and municipal authorities.
The Pomeranian Science and Technology Park supports the region's innovative businesses through the development of the knowledge-based economy. It creates a network of effective connections between science and business in areas such as ICT, biotechnology, environmental protection, industrial design, multimedia, robotics, engineering, and automatics. Its portfolio of modern office and laboratory premises combined with a conference and exhibition center, as well as pro-innovation services, is targeted at entrepreneurs working on innovative projects, as well as academics and students. The Park includes the Pomeranian Innovation and Entrepreneurship Incubator, which supports innovative new companies with consulting and training services. The Pomeranian Science and Technology Park currently has 100 business and science partners.

Within the next five years, the Pomeranian Science and Technology Park plans to become the most rapidly developing technological park in Poland, housing globally recognized companies. The companies it hosts already receive prizes at competitions at home and abroad, create first-of-a-kind technologies and gain new customers.
The Krakow Technology Park enjoys the status of a special economic zone. The portfolio available in the package of the special economic zone – investment grounds, rental office areas and tax exemptions for investors – is supplemented by the Park’s business-related services including activities for business development. The Park has already issued over 90 permits for conducting activities in the special economic zone.

The Krakow Technology Park supports companies in every stage of their development. New enterprises can count on its help in the form of Technology Incubator services. The Incubator has already released 13 companies, 12 of which are active on the market.

The Park portfolio for businesses also includes the option of financing innovative undertakings under the Park’s Seed Fund. The companies can count on free consulting and training related to conducting business and developing the businesses’ technology profile. The Park enables developed companies who are ready to implement new investments the ability to acquire public help for investments in the zone, including a package of related services. In the coming years, the Park will supplement its infrastructure through building the Małopolska Information Technology Park (Małopolski Park Technologii Informacyjnych – MPTI). The office building that will be constructed for the MPTI will include laboratories, office space and offices for the provision of consulting, training and information services. The MPTI portfolio is designed especially for ICT companies: start-ups, small and medium enterprises as well as global corporations.
MMC Brainville is a business development center that is being established in Nowy Sącz. It facilitates and streamlines the development of companies whose activities are based on state-of-the-art technologies, as well as those which use new technological solutions available on the market.

MMC Brainville was established in order to support the development of ICT companies, utilize the intellectual potential of young people (students, entrepreneurs), create a network supporting the development of innovative solutions in Poland and continue to build the image of the Sądeckie region as a place where innovative projects are eagerly and quickly implemented on a global level.

Brainville’s portfolio includes five service categories: a modern office and conference center; a laboratory center; access to knowledge; access to financing and a platform of contacts between science and business. The service portfolio has been designed to inspire the entities cooperating with MMC Brainville, as well as aid in the realization of their ambitious tasks. Construction of the Park’s modern infrastructure has been co-financed with 94.9 million zlotys from the Innovative Economy Operational Program. The investment will be completed in mid-2012. The MMC Brainville building will consist of four tiers. A complex of modern IT laboratories is being built, which are designed for companies cooperating with the Park. It will house two modern server rooms with a total area of 180 m², where servers, arrays and other networking devices may be placed. The server rooms will be able to house approximately 3,000 servers.

Within five years, MMC Brainville is expected to become a place of first choice for Polish entrepreneurs and scientist-practitioners interested in the implementation of projects in the area of ICT.
NTPP is the first and the largest technology park in Poland. It focuses on supporting the development of the biotechnology and IT industry. The Park houses the state-of-the-art DATA CENTER, and in 2012 the Nickel BioCentrum, a modern center for gathering Polish and foreign companies and research teams from the bio-medical industry, will be established there.

NTPP supports the development of entrepreneurship and innovative ideas through various projects, e.g.:

- Nickel Inkubator – searching for and incubating innovative initiatives in the biotechnology, IT, construction and environmental technology industries;
- Capital_LINK – organizing business meetings aimed at bringing together companies searching for capital and potential investors;
- “Knowledge for business” – promoting pro-business attitudes among students and scientists; BIOREGION Wielkopolska Association – Nickel Technology Park Poznań coordinates the link aimed at integrating and promoting the biotechnology, medical and life science industries in the Wielkopolskie region;
- Nickel BioCentrum – state-of-the-art bio-medical area which combines a building optimized for bio-medical work with a specialized services portfolio.

NTPP offers comprehensive business services, including the rental of office, warehouse, conference and laboratory rooms (starting in 2012), Data Center services, help in financing projects, technology transfer and much more.
The Wrocław Medical Science and Technology Park conducts a range of significant projects, which will result in the establishment of the innovative Medical Data Center, e-learning laboratory and telemedical laboratory. Another project is the Academic Innovation Incubator, aimed at incubating business entities in the IT and medical sectors.

The mission of the Wrocław Medical Science and Technology Park is encouraging mutual cooperation among academics and entrepreneurs and urging increased initiative, attracting external investors from the broadly understood medical, pharmaceutical and medicine-related industries, as well as ensuring favorable conditions for the transfer of knowledge and technology from science to industry.

The Park’s strategic goal for 2007–2013 is the development of human, material, financial and information resources in Poland for an e-Health competence center. The center’s activities include the development of innovative services for medical, IT, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies all over Poland.

The Business Consulting Center operating in the Park provides broadly defined business support services. It ensures comprehensive help in the process of obtaining additional funding. The consulting services include the preparation of required documents (business plans, feasibility studies, grant applications) and full supervision over the course of the planned undertaking.
### Bełchatów and Kleszczów Industry and Technology Park

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The mission of BKPPT Sp. z o.o. is the creation of a favorable environment for the establishment and development of innovative undertakings in the Łódź region through synergistic utilization of the existing academic and economic potential. The Park provides attractive investment grounds for both domestic and foreign investors.

The Park’s investment areas devoted to industrial, manufacturing, service and logistics activities are situated in the Łódź Special Economic Zone. The well located and accessible Zone means privileges and favorable conditions for investors: attractive investment grounds, comprehensive support of the investment process and the possibility of utilizing significant tax exemptions.

The technological incubators offer, on preferential terms, rental areas including equipment, customized for specific business activities, modern manufacturing and service areas, free consulting and information services, training on topics such as how to prepare and implement projects financed from EU Structural Funds, as well as help in acquiring funds from the EU. It also provides pro-innovation services, including technology audits, technology commercialization, innovation implementation within businesses, and research and implementation services such as the technology of adding nano-crystal coal layers to medical implants.
The Silesian Industrial and Technology Park, located in two cities – Ruda Śląska and Świętochłowice – along the Katowice and Gliwice intercity road on the Krakow–Wrocław route, is the largest undertaking of its kind in Poland. Its main goal is the development of post-industrial terrain and buildings. The Park has been designed for entrepreneurs, as well as for the economic and social revival of the area.

The Silesian Industrial and Technology Park provides investors with full investment support. The “Architecture and Construction Industry” Technology and Service Innovation Incubator has a wide base of office and social spaces with an area of over 5,000 m², conference rooms, as well as an archive and warehousing area located in the buildings’ basements. The Incubator houses geodetic survey, architecture and construction companies, which ensures access to all services connected with the construction process in one place.

The offering for small and medium enterprises includes the rental of office space (30–120 m²), attractive rental rates, high room standards, exhibition areas and the proximity of other innovative companies.

During the past seven years of the Park’s operations, it has housed 35 companies employing approximately 450 persons. In 2010, the Silesian Industrial and Technology Park received the Golden Skills and Competences Laurel awarded by the Regional Chamber of Commerce in Katowice. This was awarded in the “Successful Investment” category for, among others, building the city’s new business center, constant cooperation and joint projects with scientists, graduates and students of Silesian universities, and creating attractive conditions for entrepreneurs operating in innovative and creative industries.
The Gdansk Science and Technology Park (GPN-T) is a center for promoting entrepreneurship, development and creativity, where ideas are transformed into real businesses. A platform for cooperation between science and business, the park is an undertaking implemented together with the local government of the Pomeranian Province, the city of Gdansk and the Gdansk University of Technology.

The Park’s grounds house over 60 companies based on unique ideas, which will contribute to the development of the Pomerania Province by enhancing its competitive edge and becoming the forerunners of R&D activities for the Polish economy.

The key industries supported by GPN-T include biotechnology, biomedicine, ICT, and the energy industry.

The Park supports its tenants firstly by securing public help in the form of income tax exemptions pursuant to the permission of the Pomeranian Special Economic Zone (Pomorska Specjalna Strefa Ekonomiczna Sp. z o.o.). For entrepreneurs commencing activities in GPN-T, the Park offers the highest standards of office space, specialized laboratories and modern manufacturing floors, attractive rental rates, convenient location and a prestigious address in the Tricity cluster with over one million inhabitants, assistance in implementation and transfer of new technologies in cooperation with, among others, universities and local governments, building a network between companies operating in the Park and scientific institutions from the Park’s environment, free promotion of companies and state-of-the-art technology solutions, placing the company’s offerings in databases of science and business centers cooperating with GPN-T, consulting and comprehensive legal support. The Park features a technology incubator, entrepreneurship incubator of the Pomeranian Development Agency (Agencja Rozwoju Pomorza S.A.), as well as seed funds which ensure the best development conditions for new companies based on knowledge and innovative technologies. The Park also includes a virtual office whose portfolio is designed mainly for micro and small enterprises, which are provided with services such as a prestigious address, office services and rooms for business meetings. One of the most significant benefits for companies located at GPN-T is the server room – a data center managed by specialists from the Pomeranian Data Processing Center (Pomorskie Centrum Przetwarzania Danych Sp. z o.o.). With this service, companies operating at the Gdansk Park do not need to invest in building and maintaining their own server rooms. GPN-T cooperates with many social, economic, R&D and local government entities in the fields of building and shaping information space and promoting new technology solutions. Currently, together with the Gdansk University of Technology, it is testing the functioning of the innovative system for recognizing mechanical vehicles (including cars) and directing them to proper parking spaces. A charging station for electric vehicles will also be launched in the Park.
Today, the Park boasts 365 promoted business offerings in the European Commission’s Business Cooperation Database, 23 promoted technological offerings in the Bulletin Board Service cooperation database, and 32 promoted pieces of research with market potential.

Improving the competitive edge of companies in the region, creating new jobs and facilitating contacts between science and business – these are the main goals of the Torun Technology Park.

It provides well-developed infrastructure adjusted to entrepreneurs’ needs. The Park’s tenants may use rooms for meetings with contractors, or as training and conference rooms. All rooms have access to ITC infrastructure and state-of-the-art multimedia. They also use support services in performing tasks related to innovation deployment.

The Torun Technology Park features several consulting points offering professional help in solving problems and conducting and developing business. The first is the Enterprise Europe Network which offers free information services (on law, politics and EU programs) and helps to initiate contacts with foreign partners, acquire innovative technologies, and facilitate participation in EU framework programs for research and development. The second is a consulting point which offers free information services for entrepreneurs and persons wanting to establish their own company with regard to setting up and conducting business, and includes programs with a particular emphasis on EU grants. The Park also houses the Regional Financing Institution, which manages support programs for enterprises operating in the Kujawy-Pomerania Province.

In 2009, a subsequent stage of the Park’s development was commenced, with an estimated value of over PLN 50 million. As a result of the investment, in 2013 a modern office and technological building will be operational with a total area of over 8,200 m². An innovative Data Center will be established providing services in cloud computing (with a total area of over 2,600 m²). It is estimated that this office and technological infrastructure will be used by 25 new companies, creating jobs for over 120 persons.
“Technopark Gliwice” has received many distinctions, including “Innovative Company of 2008”, “Innovative Project 2009” and “Business Partner 2010”. It has concluded agreements with 30 scientific institutions (departments and institutes), four universities, four parks in Poland as well as foreign institutions under an international project consortium. In the near future, it plans to build a new technology incubator.

Located in the center of the campus of the Silesian University of Technology in Gliwice, “Technopark Gliwice” was brought to life by the city of Gliwice, the Silesian University of Technology and the Katowice Special Economic Zone S.A. Main areas of the Park’s activities are: promoting entrepreneurship based on innovation, technology transfer, incubating new technology enterprises, supporting the process of creation and development of innovative companies mainly through financial and legal consulting, training devoted to entrepreneurship in the area of innovative technologies, help in developing business plans and acquiring grants from EU funds, as well as scientific and research services. Technopark is interested in entering into close cooperation with large economic organizations that could be potential future investors in the Park’s further development. For that reason, it offers shares in the company to large enterprises who would like to place their branches here. Thanks to the convenient location, such enterprises will have direct access to laboratories, as well as contact with scientists from the Silesian University of Technology, and perhaps most importantly, its graduates. “Technopark Gliwice” currently houses 28 technology companies, mainly from the IT industry.
The tenants of the Łódź Technology Incubator have received many valuable prizes, for example the Leader of Modern Technologies, The Innovative and Creative, National Innovation Leaders, and the Economic Prize of the Head of the Łódzkie Province. In the Incubator, three patents have been developed in the field of devices for the motor impaired; moreover, the “Decode Łódź” (Odkoduj Łódź) program has been implemented, which includes describing monuments with special photocodes. Thanks to cooperation with Orange Labs and the Łódź University of Technology, an Internet browser controlled by blinking (b-link) has been created, which was developed for paralyzed persons, and which can be downloaded free of charge from the Telekomunikacja Polska website.

The Individual Medical Implant Laboratory is the only one in Poland to construct models that allow for precise adjustment of implants in damaged bones.

By stimulating cooperation between science and business, Technopark Łódź creates conditions for enhancing the competitive edge of local companies. It is currently implementing the BioNanoPark, which includes modern bio- and nanotechnology laboratories providing research services mainly for small and medium enterprises. Research will be less expensive thanks to public aid. The laboratories plan to develop their own technologies and transfer them to interested businesses. The first laboratory, specializing in medical implants, is already in operation. The BioNanoPark will also include modern office and conference space. Office and laboratory sections will be created that are dedicated for use by small companies and equipped with laboratory equipment and media necessary for conducting their research. Technopark Łódź also includes investment parcels for companies who want to establish their own offices on its grounds. It offers long-term lease parcels with contractual right of first refusal. It is looking for investors and entrepreneurs mainly from the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, medical and food industry who could use the laboratories’ services. A Technology Incubator is already operating at the Technopark, providing excellent conditions for young entrepreneurs and offering them office space equipped with furniture and computers, free advertising as well as business consulting.
### Poznan Science and Technology Park

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The Poznan Science and Technology Park has developed numerous chemistry technologies, eight of which have been implemented. In 2012, it will launch the Advanced Technology Incubators (currently under construction) – 4,500 m² will be available for innovative companies. PPNT is an important partner of the emerging Wielkopolska Innovative Technologies Center – a multidisciplinary research center focused on developing new materials, which will gather science, life science and technology specialists. It has received many prizes for innovation activities. It has obtained the title of 2008 National Innovation Leader, Leader of Implementing Regional Innovation Strategies in Poland, Best Science Based Incubator 2009, as well as a distinction for the PPNT Regional Point of Contact for EU Framework Programs.

PPNT FUAM is the first science and technology park in Poland. It is the place where science and business meet, ideal for those who are searching for innovative solutions. The Park’s offerings are targeted at businesses, research and development entities, university research employees, as well as representatives of local governments and business support organizations.

The Park is active in several areas: providing office and laboratory infrastructure for tenants from R&D organizations; research and development – in cooperation with the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan and along with interested scientists, it creates Research Centers responsible for knowledge commercialization. At the moment, they include Research Centers in the field of chemical technologies, waste management, archeology, medical diagnostics, speech technologies, social and cultural activities as well as spatial analyses and social and economic analyses. In the area of incubation, PPNT FUAM promotes academic entrepreneurship in Poznan and supports the establishment of innovative companies, from initial conception to company establishment and development, as part of the Technology InQbator. PPNT is also active in the areas of consulting and training, supporting innovative processes in businesses, commercialization of scientific knowledge and development of support instruments implemented by the government.

The Park features the Technology Transfer Department whose main function is the provision of integrated services supporting business activities and innovations. PPNT is open to cooperation with people and institutions interested in establishing Research Centers, innovative enterprises, as well as specialists who will contribute to the knowledge commercialization offerings.
Within five years the JCI Group is due to become the manager of one of the most powerful innovation centers in the field of life sciences, in Poland and in the EU. The Group’s investment portfolio will include several innovative companies, some of which will be listed on the stock exchange in the healthcare sector. They will also be executing R&D projects for external partners.

The Jagiellonian Centre of Innovation Ltd (JCI) was founded by the Jagiellonian University in Krakow to provide support for the development of life sciences in the region of Lesser Poland. The JCI provides the laboratory infrastructure of the LifeScience Park, encourages large and medium businesses to make use of the region’s research potential, stimulates the development of small and medium enterprises in the life science sector through, for example, capital investments, and creates conditions for the commercialization of scientific findings in this field.

To fulfill these goals, the JCI has created special organizations that comprise the “JCI Group”, which manages the specialized LifeScience Park in Krakow. The Park is made up of three interconnected buildings, two of which are dedicated to large and medium enterprises, while the third, the Bioincubator, has been designated for start-up firms and scientific projects with a high commercial potential. In the laboratory area the Park’s infrastructure may be freely adapted to conduct advanced research in the fields of biotechnology, medicine, pharmacy, biology, chemistry, physics, nanotechnology and environmental protection. The laboratory space has been integrated with a shared area that acts as an organizational back office for all research activities conducted by the Park’s clients: meeting rooms, conference and video conference rooms as well as technical and social facilities.

In addition to the Park, the JCI Group also invests capital in innovative projects and enterprises from its sector. The goal is to seek out, identify and support innovative ideas and on their basis create new firms that will implement innovative technologies and ideas.
Lublin Science and Technology Park

The Lublin Science and Technology Park aims at developing the economic potential and integrating the academic environment of the Lublin region. The Park helps to commercialize research results. It actively supports companies that implement state-of-the-art technologies and solutions and performs a range of projects co-financed with EU funds, targeted at both students and scientists as well as entrepreneurs interested in investing in science.

The long-term goal of the Park is integration with an innovation network at home and abroad and the creation of a place for technology transfer for all parties to this process: academic centers, entrepreneurs, large and small companies, technology transfer centers, public agencies, foundations and investment funds.

The Park’s offerings are targeted at scientific and research entities, technology centers, business environment institutions, students and graduates of Lublin universities, training and consulting companies, companies with a high innovation potential and enterprises and institutions which are potential lessees of conference, exhibition and training area.

It covers training and consulting centers, including study visits to innovative companies at home and abroad, comprehensive organization of conferences, congresses (business, academic and medical), help in obtaining opinions of scientific and research entities about the innovativeness of a given project, as well as linking academics to entrepreneurs.
The Company focuses on preparing the grounds’ infrastructure as well as building and modernizing the LETIA BUSINESS CENTER (LBC) office, conference and exhibition building. It is also searching for new tenants. In the next few years, LBC is planned to be an important locale for conference and exhibition facilities in Poland.

The key goals of the Legnica Technology Park include acquiring innovative investors, development of entrepreneurship, providing investors with support in the development of state-of-the-art technologies, and creating new, permanent jobs.

The Technology Park offers spacious grounds together with infrastructure, rental offices, and access to specialized media. The Company’s strategy includes development in the following fields:

- Creating the proper infrastructure to provide businesses with good conditions for conducting business activities and increasing the Park’s grounds’ attractiveness for investors (LBC investment, preparing investment grounds)
- Assistance in establishing, developing and promoting economic entities using state-of-the-art technologies, especially among small and medium enterprises
- Stimulating the development of the advanced technology industry and creating favorable organizational, material and logistics conditions for the commercialization of the achievements of science and new technologies.

KGHM LETIA currently houses 27 enterprises employing approximately 200 people.
The Wrocław Technology Park (WPT) directs its offerings at new and existing companies from the hi-tech sector. The Park supports innovative solutions and cooperative organizations such as the Nutribiomed Cluster, coordinated by the WPT. It is also part of the consortium of enterprises that is building components for the international XFEL project (X-Ray Free Electron Laser).

Companies operating within the Park can work on their own projects using the hardware and equipment provided by its laboratories. University graduates can work on developing their ideas within the Lower Silesian Incubator of Entrepreneurship. Over 120 firms have already chosen The Wrocław Technology Park as their location. The Park’s offering includes access to modern premises for laboratories, offices and production space, the possibility of prototype production, an excellent ICT infrastructure, conference and training rooms, and exhibition space. The Park's laboratories provide the latest hardware, R&D, training and advisory services and they may also be hired to perform scientific analyses. The WPT also supports companies in advertising and contacting potential contractors.
Technology incubators

Technology incubators are designed to support newly founded, innovative enterprises as they mature and until they can independently operate in the market. To this end they offer both services and facilities.

The incubators’ support may extend to: preferential rent rates, access to the research infrastructure, business networks, laboratories in R&D Centers, establishing contacts with the scientific community, consulting, aid in technology transfer and commercialization as well as in fundraising.

Early-stage firms which make use of an incubator’s services benefit from regular contact with its management and employees, coaches, consultants as well as other incubated enterprises. The element of cooperation amplifies the benefits gained by all of the incubation program’s participants.

The incubator gradually acquaints new companies with the rules of the free market. Their incubation lasts on average from three to five years. In the final phase, rates offered by an incubator come close to market prices.
Some technology incubators in Poland are created from existing, traditional incubation centers, adapted to the needs of innovative enterprises, while new ones are often founded in the form of technology parks.

The average Polish incubator takes up approximately 2,929.6 m², out of which 72.2% is intended for rental by businesses and other users. All together, over 382 entities are served by technology incubators, providing nearly two thousand jobs. More than 600 companies have completed incubation programs. A single incubator gives birth to around six firms every year.

The last few years have been marked by dynamic economic changes, and technology incubators contributed to an increase in creativity and a stimulation of growth of small and medium enterprises. Technology incubators should be expected to act as a bridge between the worlds of science and industry. They already contribute greatly to the initiation of such cooperation.
The Park’s goal is to create the best conditions for the improvement of firms, in various stages of development, which emphasize the use of modern technologies, as well as promote academic entrepreneurship and aid innovative enterprises in the start-up phase.

It comprises two areas. The first is the Technology Incubator, which offers all-around professional support for start-up firms. The second is the Technology Center, which has facilities and investment land slated for domestic and foreign investors who base their development on innovative technological solutions in production and services.

The Park’s offering includes: office rental, production and laboratory space based around a system of preferential rent rates (premises anywhere between 10 and 8,000 m²) and access to investment lands, whose combined area totals approximately 20 ha, part of which has been incorporated into the Special Economic Zone – Kielce Subzone. The Park offers access to business development services (including consultancy in the form of coaching and mentoring, general and specialist training courses, aid in conducting patent processes, instrumentality in technology transfers, Quick Start, formulating requests for co-financing, preparing business plans, and search for business partners).

The Kielce Technology Park is looking for investors, foreign and domestic alike, who wish to invest their capital in the Park’s modern infrastructure. Since March of this year it has been actively encouraging entrepreneurs to start their businesses within its technology incubator.

The Kielce Technology Park is organizing numerous initiatives aimed at formulating lasting solutions for supporting entrepreneurship. Between 2008 and 2011 the Park initiated many projects co-financed by the EU, which contributed to the development of innovative industries. Furthermore, the Technology Park is among the most active founders and supporters of the Regional Innovation System for the Świętokrzyskie Province – a group of entities that influence innovative processes and the creation of an enterprise-friendly social climate.
Science and Technology Park Poland-East in Suwałki

The technology incubator attached to the Poland-East Park supports businesses that emphasize advanced technologies and international cooperation. Sixteen small companies conducting business in the Podlaskie Province have found a home here. Presently work is underway on a project entitled: “The construction and implementation of new facilities in the Science and Technology Park Poland-East in Suwałki.” The emerging facility comprises a technology incubator (covering 1,824 m²), laboratories, an industrial building and a conference facility. It will make up the material grounds for all of the Park’s activities. Other projects currently in progress are: “North-Eastern Digital Education Cluster” and “Knowledge Transfer Technology”.

The Park is seeking partners for cooperation in the construction of the technology incubator – entrepreneurs and individuals who provide, or are intending to provide, production, services and consulting in the field of new technologies and innovations. The Park’s facilities are due to be fully functional by the latter half of 2012. Its offering includes the rental of modern office, research and production premises under preferential conditions during the start-up period, access to the Park’s well equipped laboratories and training rooms, scientific and technological support in the completion of projects, a wide array of IT, office, legal and tax services, aid in raising EU funds and an advantageous location near central communication routes.

The Park’s strategic goal is to turn Suwałki into an attractive place for cooperation between science and business as well as a meeting place for businesses from east and west.

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It further plans to become a leader in the support of innovative ICT enterprises within the next five years by implementing an efficiently operating network of business support organizations, so as to stimulate the development of Szczecin and the entire region into becoming a place where information technologies and e-services are common.

The Pomeranian Technopark is managed by the Szczecin Science and Technology Park (Szczeciński Park Naukowo-Technologiczny Sp. z o.o.) and conducts business incubation with emphasis on young enterprises from the IT sector and other lines of business based around information and communications technologies. One of the Technopark’s buildings is currently being expanded and will contain three new facilities for the use of incubated firms.

The incubator’s offering includes advertising, information services and business advice, specialized training, and premises for conducting meetings and business activity.

In the next stages of the Technopark’s development, the Szczecin Science and Technology Park plans to support other companies from sectors deemed of strategic importance for Szczecin and the Zachodniopomorskie Province.
During the last 15 years more than 400 companies went through the Incubator, including some of the fastest developing firms in Pomerania. The Incubator won the “Regional Entrepreneurship Animator” award in 2005 and 2010, granted by the Head of the Pomorskie Province.

A non-profit organization promoting the region’s economic growth for more than 15 years and the oldest institution of its type in the country.

Since 2004 its quality management system has held a PN-EN ISO 9001-2009 certificate in the field of training and information services. The following institutions are operating within the Association: Technology Incubator, Training Center, Enterprise Europe Network Center, Entrepreneurs’ Club for Students and Graduates and Social Integration Center.

The Association offers a comprehensive set of services directed towards the SME sector, including: office space for enterprises as well as information and consulting services in matters of raising EU funds, managing an enterprise and supplying services in other European countries. It also aids in searching for trade and technology partners, organizes cooperation and technology forums, training courses and audits.
Within 5 years the Incubator will increase its area twofold, also doubling the number of clients.
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In 2007 the Foundation for Support of Entrepreneurship and Science won first prize in the “Modernization of the Year” competition for adapting and modernizing a factory building to serve as a television studio.

In five years the Foundation’s TV studios will be used as training facilities for future television and film industry employees by the “On Air” Post-Secondary Film and TV School, which is due to be opened in 2011. They will also find use in film and TV productions, utilizing the latest technologies.

The Foundation’s goal is to aid entrepreneurs who have interesting ideas but lack the necessary experience and resources to enter the market on their own. Newly founded firms receive a 50% discount on office rental rates for the first year of incubation. The premises come with a full set of furniture, a multifunction printer, telephone and Internet access. Incubated firms also have access to conference rooms.

Furthermore, the Foundation would like to support the media and film industry in Łódź by providing a modern television studio located in the city center.

Presently, the Foundation is looking for an institution that would cooperate in the utilization of the TV studio infrastructure. Its activities further extend to renting multimedia conference rooms and providing “virtual office” services.
The Business and Sports Center
Elbląg Modern Information Technology Incubator

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During its four years of operation, the Incubator has signed agreements with 67 business entities. There are plans to expand the array of services provided within the next two years and include on-the-spot marketing and advertising. The Incubator will also increase the amount of premises for rent.

The Incubator’s primary goal is the improvement of Elbląg’s economic and social cohesion, the development of its enterprises and improvement of its investment attractiveness. The Incubator stimulates the growth of small and medium enterprises, creates conditions for the development of an information society and aids in starting and maintaining new businesses. It provides services such as rental of office and service space, information, consulting, organization of training courses, conferences and seminars as well as advertising and promotional activity. Its offering is directed at graduates of the Institute of Applied Informatics attached to the State School of Higher Professional Education in Elbląg, graduates of Informatics faculties of the Gdansk University of Technology as well as others willing to start up an IT business. It is also interested in cooperation with entrepreneurs working in the field of information technology and other related branches, whose businesses have been active for less than one year, as well as those whose enterprises are indirectly connected with IT services.
Rybnik Technological Incubator

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There are currently 50 SMEs working within the Incubator, mostly from the design, IT, construction and commercial-service sectors. In 2009 the company BioStat Piszczek, Wolny Sp.J. (a client of the Rybnik Technological Incubator) became one of the 27 finalists in a competition for the title of Microentrepreneur of the Year, organized by Leopold Kronenberg Foundation, attached to the Citi Handlowy bank.

The Incubator offers more than 3,000 m² of modernized office and cellar space adapted for the use of innovative technologies. Clients will find parking spaces as well as nine garages and conference rooms with audiovisual equipment. The Rybnik Technological Incubator provides services such as office management, business consulting, access to legal support, aid in fund raising, contact with technology experts, access to the laboratories and libraries of the local division of the Silesian University of Technology, and promotional activities. The Incubator also provides access to information, consulting and training services on preferential terms as well as the services of the Center for Enterprise Development (a division of GAPP).
The Western Innovation Center in Gorzów Wielkopolski supports the development of the local economy and young businesses by offering preferential terms for office space rental as well as free legal, tax and business consulting. Its offering is mainly directed at university students and graduates planning to start their own enterprises as well as newly founded business entities.

Furthermore, the company’s goal is to promote the development of entrepreneurship and services based upon modern technologies, especially those utilizing innovations in information technologies, and to aid in establishing economic cooperation. It organizes, among other things, training courses for beginning entrepreneurs.

The Western Innovation Center played a pivotal role in the development of the local economy by improving operating conditions for young enterprises. To date, more than 60 companies have made use of the Center’s rental services.
The Kalisz Business Incubator comprises 20 companies from various sectors, including innovative firms. Around 1,100 people take part in training courses every year. It is the organization’s ambition to become a dynamic technology incubator, supporting all initiatives based on innovations and the latest technologies.

In accordance with its statute, the Incubator supports the development of entrepreneurship in the city and the region, chiefly aiding entrepreneurs and the unemployed who wish to start their own companies.

It addresses its offerings primarily to micro and small-sized enterprises located in the city or the surrounding region.

As part of its activities, the Kalisz Incubator offers consulting, information and financial services, training courses and access to well-equipped premises for businesses.

The Incubator cooperates with various domestic and foreign institutions. It works with entrepreneurs, universities, R&D centers and others to create a favorable environment for the implementation of innovations and new technologies in southern Wielkopolska Region.
**Krosno Technology Incubator**

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Most of the businesses which exited from the incubator (12 companies) are still on the market. Presently the Incubator houses nine business entities. Plans for the future include, among others, the creation of a modern Technology Park.

The mission of this non-profit company is to gather resourceful people as well as the ideas, thoughts, knowledge and resources needed for starting small and medium enterprises. The incubator provides assistance to entrepreneurs from the SME sector in starting up and managing companies that offer products or services utilizing new technologies. It also creates conditions for founding new production and service companies of small to medium size and broadens the operating possibilities for existing enterprises. Promoting the gradual and stable growth of the incubated firms is another of the incubator’s goals. The technology incubator primarily offers the following: attractively-priced premises adapted for developing enterprises, office administration, business consulting (modeling the company’s profile, legal and patent advice, aid in external fund raising, contact with technology experts), publicity for the incubated firms and a friendly environment made up of other incubated enterprises, which do not compete with each other, but do have to confront similar problems.
The institution's goal is to initiate, organize and support the restructuring and economic growth of the Podkarpackie Province by integrating people and institutions for these endeavors.

It provides professional consulting on the matters of starting and managing a business, technology audits and technology transfers, seeking and advertising technological solutions, intellectual property law, patent law, protection of intellectual property including industrial designs and trademarks. It also points out possible sources of funding. The Incubator aids in establishing cooperation with domestic and foreign universities, R&D centers, technology parks and incubators.

It conducts training courses for entrepreneurs and researchers, organizes cooperative meetings for foreign and domestic entrepreneurs and helps in obtaining low-interest loans. It further offers comfortable conditions for starting and managing an enterprise by renting production, office and laboratory space.

The incubator is always looking for people willing to cooperate with R&D centers and universities.

124 enterprises made use of the IN-MARR Business Incubator, among them 94 start-up companies. The number of jobs made available is estimated at 1,150. The MARR Agency for Regional Development (Agencja Rozwoju Regionalnego MARR S.A.), which manages the New Technology Incubator, won first place in a competition organized by the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development in the "Innovative Project" category, for the project entitled "The forming of an electric vehicle market and an appropriate loading infrastructure as a basis of energy security".

Presently work is underway on a project entitled: "The building of the IN-TECH New Technology Incubator and the expansion of the Mielec Industrial Park".

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The primary goal of the Białogard Technology Incubator is to provide premises for production and services activity as well as for advanced technology transfer. The Incubator provides assistance in the transfer of protective and decorative coating technologies as well as information and communications technologies. Its offering is directed at small and medium sized enterprises who are either starting or expanding their businesses.

The Incubator provides not only functional premises, but also modern processing lines for powder coating and a spray-painting chamber. Furthermore, a video conference room, enabling quick and efficient contact with business partners, is at the investors’ disposal. The Incubator can also lease industrial space of any size, according to the entrepreneur’s needs.

The Technology Incubator is a part of the Białogard Investment Park (www.investpoland.info), which possesses over 40 ha of fully outfitted investment lands. In May 2011, part of the land was incorporated into the Kostrzyń-Słubice Special Economic Zone. The property is ready for immediate use.

The Incubator is the only one of its kind in the Zachodniopomorskie Province. In 2009 it was recognized in a competition organized by the Polish Federation of Engineering Associations as the “Investment of 2009”.

The Incubator
Social and Economic Initiative Association

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The InQbator is the work of the Poznan Science and Technology Park AMU – a meeting place for scientists, modern industrialists and all manner of entrepreneurs. The InQbator is open to start-up firms, innovative companies seeking consultancy, modern office premises and conference rooms, enterprises planning to implement innovations and seeking access to the research potential of the academic circles of greater Poland, and businesses opened by academics who wish to commercialize their scientific accomplishments. The InQbator further provides a virtual office, enabling SMEs to rent a fully furnished office, even for a few hours a month, and to make use of shared premises. There is also a special offering for “Pre-InQbation of Ideas”. It is directed at private individuals not engaged in business activities, who are willing to start an enterprise within six months of commencing cooperation with the InQbator. As part of the pre-inQbation, they are offered aid in preparing a business plan as well as preparation for starting up an enterprise.

The InQbator is also organizing initiatives aimed at supporting academic entrepreneurship – it publishes a quarterly magazine called “IQ”, has produced a TV program called “Na Skrzydłach Biznesu” (“On the Wings of Business”), organizes the Business Summer School and (in cooperation with the Poznan City Hall and the Poznan Academic Entrepreneurship Incubator) the Poznan Academic Entrepreneurship Days. It also manages the “Virtualny InQbator” (“Virtual InQbator”) e-learning portal.

The InQbator’s achievements include:
- The “Best science based incubator 2009” award in the category “The Most Promising New Incubator”.
- The titles of “Microentrepreneur of the Year” and “Domestic Leader in Innovation 2009” for the DNA Research Center,
- The listing of INNO-GENE S.A. (http://cbdna.eu/) on the NewConnect financial and secondary trade platform for young companies with a high growth potential.

The incubated firm’s achievements:
- The “Best science based incubator 2009” award in the category “The Most Promising New Incubator”.
- The titles of “Microentrepreneur of the Year” and “Domestic Leader in Innovation 2009” for the DNA Research Center,
- The listing of INNO-GENE S.A. (http://cbdna.eu/) on the NewConnect financial and secondary trade platform for young companies with a high growth potential.
The primary function of technology transfer centers (TTC) is to create links between the worlds of science and business and to commercialize scientific outputs. They contribute strongly to the increase in innovation and competitiveness of enterprises and regional economies.

Their activities are focused on raising awareness about the research being conducted, acquiring business partners and commercializing the results of the research work.

They are often attached to academic centers and support academic entrepreneurship, deal with the universities’ innovation and patent policies as well the matters of intellectual property (copyrights, property rights). Usually, Polish TTCs are non-profit organizations.

In mid-2010, 90 technology transfer centers were active in Poland. Their key partners are enterprises seeking consultancy and training services, cooperation with the scientific community, aid in establishing and maintaining contacts, and technology transfer and commercialization. The possibilities of undertaking joint efforts with the scientific community and help in preparing grant applications are also of high importance.
On the average, a single center works with approximately 90 companies, mostly local SMEs.

Each TTC formulates around four business plans per year as well as supporting approximately nine businesses, co-financed by European and domestic funds. The number of clients for an average technology transfer center ranges from 500 to 700 people.

Increasing number of centers aid in starting academic spin-off firms. Several TTCs have successfully launched academic entrepreneurship pre-incubation programs. In total over 100 spin-offs are founded each year around the country, mostly by undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students.

The outlook for the centers’ development is optimistic. An intensification of European cooperation in innovation and research as well as in supporting local innovation capabilities in accordance with respective regional development strategies is expected. Further development possibilities for TTCs were opened by the rapidly growing NewConnect-share market, expansion of which is expected to generate demand for new projects.
The strategic goal of the Center for Medical Technology Transfer and Technological Park (CTTMPT) is to create a base for technology and science in the form of a Technology Park within the Krakow John Paul II Specialist Hospital. This will complement the Center’s mission by aiding in the transfer of knowledge and technology between scientific and R&D units and entrepreneurs.

The Center targets its services at scientific and R&D units as well as towards entrepreneurs. Services include promoting the intellectual potential of universities, research organizations and innovative life science enterprises, as well as facilitating cooperation between academic and business institutions. Additionally, it supports the process of commercializing state-of-the-art solutions, helping spin-off/spin-out companies, intellectual property management consulting which includes creating internal regulations for the protection and use of intellectual property in a research unit. The Center also provides support in obtaining funds for innovative projects with the use of European funds, government grants and private capital (seed / venture capital, business angels).

The Center is involved in implementing European projects aimed at innovation and entrepreneurship with a value of over PLN 20 million. It is the author of the first set of comprehensive rules for managing intellectual property in a healthcare organization in Poland (Krakow John Paul II Specialist Hospital). The Center participates in a renowned international IntraMed C2C project with a value of over EUR 2 million, aimed at boosting cooperation between clinics/hospitals and small and medium-sized businesses.
The Center implements a range of projects, including a technology incubator aimed at supporting the implementation of innovative ideas and helping spin-offs in the first stage of development. The “Eco-Innovations in the Mazovia region” (Ekoinnowacje na Mazowszu) project develops methods and supports the technology transfer processes in the field of environment protection in the Mazovia region.

The Center’s mission is the development of an active support system for the commercialization of knowledge and research results produced by the Warsaw University of Technology. It promotes state-of-the-art technologies, construction and programming, and aids in their implementation. The Center supports academic entrepreneurship by evaluating new ideas, helping build models or prototypes and protecting intellectual property, developing commercialization agreements and establishing new businesses. CTTiRP also advises about innovation in all technology industries, taking advantage of the University experts’ knowledge, and additionally organizes seminars and conferences. Moreover, it provides expert engineering consultations, and searches for people willing to invest in the University’s new solutions.
GAPP S.A. focuses on reviving the activities of small and medium-sized entrepreneurs and creating a favorable business climate for innovators. The organization works to increase cooperation with the R&D sector by building effective platforms for communication between science and business. It has also participated in several dozen regional, domestic and international projects.

The Regional Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer, functioning as part of GAPP S.A., provides pro-innovation consulting services for entrepreneurs and R&D organizations. This includes help in finding domestic and international partners for technological, economic and scientific cooperation by delivering databases, organizing broker meetings and conducting business trips. It helps in technology transfer, implementation, commercialization and legal protection. The organization offers pro-innovation services for businesses, e.g.: technology audits, marketing needs audits, early stage marketing audits (for companies in operation for less than 3 years), as well as strategic enterprise audits.

GAPP S.A. also provides a wide range of promotion, information, finance, consulting and training services.
Business Point: Team for Innovation and Knowledge Transfer at the Medical University of Gdańsk

In five years, it hopes to be a leading technology transfer center. Its major achievement has been the international partnership in the VALOR project (www.valor-project.org) and the related exchange of experiences in the field of technology transfer and commercialization of scientific research.

Business Point aims to use the most effective model for managing the intellectual property of the Medical University of Gdańsk which allows for enhanced application of the University’s patented knowledge. Business Point also participates in the process of commercialization of the research results conducted by the University. It fulfills its mission through a variety of means including supporting the protection of the legally protected property in cooperation with patent agents, identifying information with substantial market potential, obtaining funds for protection and commercialization, promotional activities and cooperation with experts and capital sources. Business Point hopes to find partners interested in cooperating on building optimum methodologies for use of scientific research, its promotion as well as building relations with European scientific centers. It is also interested in creating a life science network aimed at developing competencies, resources and contacts with the industry in the field of technology transfer. It is looking for companies which have specific needs in the area of life science, as well as investors interested in research commercialization.
The Center organizes periodic international ITMED forums as well as events like “Forum Science and Technology Days Poland-East,” which have resulted in over 400 concrete cooperation proposals in new projects in joint business ventures. In June 2011, MWCI received the “Podlasie Innovator 2011” statuette in the Institution Supporting Innovation category.

The Innovative Eastern Poland Association coordinates the activities of the International Innovation Centre of East (IICoE) and the Medical Cluster of Eastern Poland, operating in the fields of biomedical engineering, medical technologies, biotechnology, healthcare and ICT.

The Center’s mission consists of improving the competitive edge of the region’s businesses by developing an innovation system that facilitates the international transfer of technology and innovation. Its strategic goal is to become a leader in the field of organizing and coordinating joint economic ventures in the area of advanced technologies in Podlasie and other regions of Eastern Poland. This includes partnering with the North-Eastern macroregion which extends to Russia, the Baltic States, Belarus and Ukraine. MWCI offers opportunities to find partners for cooperation in the field of research and development, organizes meetings of professionals who are designing and implementing state-of-the-art technologies, particularly in Eastern Europe, helps find recipients for advanced technologies and innovative solutions and facilitates the process of bringing innovations to production. The center is designed for various organizations, businesses, institutions, and research centers interested in cooperation and commercialization of innovative technology solutions.
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The mission of the Świętokrzyskie Regional Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer (ŚCITT) is to support local entrepreneurship and stimulate development of the Świętokrzyskie region through transfer of scientific and research achievements, provide business information and e-learning for small and medium enterprises, as well as organize fairs and conferences. ŚCITT participates in the National Service System, innovation networks (national KSI and European EEN), and develops and implements regional development projects in three key fields: regional innovation systems, information society and renewable energy sources.

ŚCITT services, which are often offered free of charge, also include consulting with regard to applications for funding of investment initiatives from structural funds, as well as a range of other consulting services: general (e.g. possibilities of using renewable energy sources) and pro-innovation consulting services (e.g. technology audits, searching for new partners in both business and R&D), providing information and training (e.g. quality management, effective energy use, innovative problem solving, public–private partnerships and more).

ŚCITT services are implemented based on PN-EN ISO 9001:2009 standard. ŚCITT has received prestigious prizes such as Innovation Certificate 2009, Innovation Certificate 2005 and “Polish Market” CENT FOR FUTURE. Within five years ŚCITT plans to be a powerful consulting organization, offering a full range of services for businesses and local government entities. It hopes to serve the public by maintaining the highest quality standards while working for the development of the region and entrepreneurial activity.
“HORYZONTY” Association for Innovation and Technology Transfer

The “Horyzonty” Association has implemented the following projects: Academic Innovation (Innowacja Akademicka), Inno Patent as a method of innovation protection (Inno Patent jako metoda ochrony innowacji), Energy Saving (Energo-Oszczędność) and Eco-Energy (Eko-Energia) with partners from the Ukraine. In the future, it plans to conduct popularization and education projects and function as a legal patent office in the area of commercializing research results.

“HORYZONTY” Association for Innovation and Technology Transfer is a volunteer association involved in the promotion and development of innovation in South-Eastern Poland. The Association’s goal is promoting and implementing innovative solutions for the development of the Podkarpackie Province.

The Association’s activities include cooperation with local government institutions, academic institutions, student organizations, entrepreneurs, and various associations. They provide consulting and training services for economic and local government entities which help introduce and implement innovations and new technology. They also participate in publishing activities, creating publicly available technical and technology information systems, stimulating cross-regional and international cooperation in the area of technology transfer and creating a cooperation network, participation in implementing support programs co-financed from the European Union and from similar funds whose character is related to the Association’s goals, promoting the achievements of Polish science and regional academic institutions and creators of technology by organizing fairs, conferences, competitions etc.

It is currently searching for stable sources of financing along with the possibility of training resources in the field of commercializing patents and research results.

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The Sub-Carpathian Chamber of Commerce is a local economic organization comprised of over 60 businesses of various sizes from numerous industries within the Sub-Carpathian region. The Sub-Carpathian Chamber of Commerce works alongside the Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer (CIIT), which operates in the Krosno, Jasło and Brzozów districts. CIITT focuses on supporting innovation and the technology transfer processes in order to boost the competitive edge of small and medium enterprises and the region’s economic development overall.

As a part of its efforts, CIITT has successfully conducted several dozen technology audits and technology transfers. The Center’s support enabled many organizations to implement new, globally innovative technologies.

The goal is implemented through the transfer of innovative and environmentally sound technologies as well as through state-of-the-art business management methodologies. CIITT is a platform for exchanging experiences, information, results and effects of implementing modern technologies and management methods. It also acts as an intermediary, helping small and medium enterprises find domestic and international partners.

The Chamber provides services directed at entrepreneurs from the entire Sub-Carpathian region which include support for information, training, consulting, accounting and innovative activities.

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The Center organizes over 50 training courses and conferences, supports over 3,000 customers and performs nearly 10 technology transfers each year. It has helped to establish 84 new companies.

Since its establishment, the Center has worked to support innovation in the region. It implements domestic and international projects related to scientific development and boosting businesses’ competitive edge. It facilitates technological contacts between entrepreneurs and research institutes, creates partnerships and assists in preparing applications to Framework Programs and Structural Funds. Adoption of the Quality Management System accredited to the PN-EN ISO 9001:2001 standard is a guarantee of high quality services.

The Center supports information exchange as well as domestic and international transfer of innovative solutions in all branches of science and industry. It also works to increase awareness of legal protection of intellectual and industrial property. It provides information and advice to entrepreneurs and scientists as well as to academic and non-academic institutions about the possibility of commencing international cooperation in the field of research and development. It organizes training, conferences and informational days, and assists in preparing applications for funding to Framework Programs. It delivers free information about establishing and conducting business and managing an enterprise, as well as information about the rules of preparing and settling applications for grants from programs implemented with the use of budget funds and Structural Funds of the European Union.
Thanks to CITTRU activities, the number of patents registered by JU scientists has significantly increased (from 0 registered in 2006 to 26 registered in 2010 alone). Work has also commenced on launching the university’s key technology initiatives: Jagiellonian Centre of Innovation Ltd., Life Science Technology Park, Jagiellonian Centre for Experimental Therapeutics, Małopolska Centre of Biotechnology, and National Centre of Electromagnetic Radiation SOLARIS. JU inventions received awards, for instance at the Innovation Fair in Brussels in 2009, and the title of Polish Product of the Future 2010 for anti-cancer therapy using Salmonella bacteria.
University Technology Transfer Center of the University of Warsaw has received the “Innovative Organization” title and distinction in the “National Innovation Leaders” competition. It has helped in patenting and licensing solutions in the field of biology, chemistry, physics and geology.

The University Technology Transfer Center of the University of Warsaw (UOTT UW) was established in order to better utilize the University’s business potential by providing comprehensive support of undertakings aimed at practical implementation of research. UOTT ensures full protection of inventions made at the University of Warsaw, provides information about the process of protecting inventions, supports the promotion of research results, conducts workshops devoted to the protection of intellectual property, and hosts courses and classes in the field of managing research and development projects. It is also involved in modeling risk in investment undertakings of the advanced technology industry, innovative entrepreneurship, product marketing in the advanced technology industry, and also in searching for commercial partners. Entrepreneurs may receive help in developing a cooperative relationship with the University of Warsaw and research teams. UOTT also provides access to an information database including technology offers, and provides advice about technologies implemented in the economy and their level of innovation. UOTT is a member of the EEN network which supports the building of an international partnership in the field of state-of-the-art technologies under the Business and Innovation Support for North-East Poland consortium.
The main goal of the Center is the creation and development of systems of information, consulting and training services in the field of commercialization and sharing scientific and research offerings, while also stimulating the business sector’s interest in the technology and service portfolio of academic institutions.

CIiTT promotes innovations and academic entrepreneurship, organizes training in the area of technology transfer and knowledge commercialization, and cooperates with regional, national, European and global partners. It is a member of the Enterprise Europe Network, comprised of nearly 600 organizations from Europe, USA, China, Chile and Russia.

To date, seven international technology transfers have been completed in the fields of renewable energy sources, dairy science, machine technology, poultry farming and geodetic surveying in such countries as Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium and India. Moreover, over 270 organizational and technological innovations have been implemented in enterprises from the Warmia and Mazury region.

The Center initiated a new policy on the regulation of intangible assets which has been implemented at the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn.

In 2009, the Center’s “Regional transfer of knowledge of the University of Warmia and Mazury – placements of employees and graduates at companies” project was recognized as a leader in implementing regional innovation strategies in the “Research potential (knowledge creation and development)” category.

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Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn (CIiTT)
WIPH has received the Distinction of the Head of the Wielkopolskie Province in the “Leaders in Implementing Regional Innovation Strategies in Poland” competition (October 2009). It also received the Diploma of the Head of the Wielkopolskie Province for participation in the works of the “Strategic Ten of the Poznań Subregion” along with significant contributions to building an economic change forecast and management system under the project “AHEAD OF CHANGE – support for adaptation and modernization projects in the Wielkopolska region” (March 2011).

The Chamber’s mission consists in supporting the development of businesses and effectively representing the interests of companies in the Wielkopolska region. It provides services in accordance with the standards of the National Service System as well as PN-EN ISO 9001:2009 standard in the fields of information, consulting and training services. Since April 2008, the certificate also covers pro-innovation consulting services.

The Chamber actively cooperates with many academic institutions as well as other pro-innovation institutions at home and abroad. The exchange of experience and knowledge with partner institutions enables it to constantly broaden its range of services.

The Chamber’s pro-innovation activities include specialist consulting, technology and energy audits, supporting technology transfer and cooperation between science and business, as well as developing and coordinating cluster links.

The Chamber also conducts pro-export activities by analyzing the companies’ export potential, preparing export development plans, organizing study trips and bringing together partners.

It also helps companies in implementing EU projects and offers a wide range of training courses co-financed from EU programs.
The goal of the Provincial Technology Club is developing creative initiatives in professional and academic circles. The Club provides information support in the field of industrial property protection, vocational training, and also organizes initiatives aimed at increasing businesses’ competitive edge (promotion, technology transfer, specialist meetings, participation in fairs). Every year, the Club trains approximately seven thousand people.

It has also played the leading role in establishing the Eastern Metal Processing Cluster (www.wschodniklaster.pl) and the Regional Patent Information Center accredited by the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland.

It is the regional coordinator of the Invention Knowledge Olympics and Technological Innovation Olympics, and has established a thematic website devoted to industry property protection: www.InnowacyjnyPrzedsiebiorca.pl.

Within five years, the Provincial Technology Club will be operating a training center complemented by additional infrastructure needed for vocational training, with an enhanced offering for skills improvement. There will be more areas for cooperation with academic units aimed at benefiting entrepreneurs, including knowledge transfer. The cooperation will also feature an offering for students, adjusting their education profiles to fit business needs.
The Wielkopolska Quality Institute plans to become a leading consulting and technology implementation institution, which will differentiate itself through its offering of services and technologies.

The Wielkopolska Quality Institute is a modern consulting company specializing in investment advice, management and certification, product development and consulting in matters of communication and establishing a business’ image.

The Institute’s goal is to become a leader in the fields of technology brokering, product consulting and technology transfer.

The Wielkopolska Quality Institute supports innovation through consulting services that help businesses design new products and services as well as perfect existing ones. Thanks to the implementation of LCA (Life Cycle Assessment), the Institute’s clients can effectively reduce the detrimental effects of their products/services on the environment, regardless of the nature of their business activities.

Furthermore, the Institute offers advanced consulting services, including product and service quality optimization through studying the clients’ preferences, as well as economic optimization of products and services based on the LCC method (Life Cycle Costing).

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The Regional Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer was the first domestic institution to support cluster initiatives, and it has managed them to good effect, while coordinating new projects. It creates and develops competence center branches which provide scientific support and consulting services to enterprises in their respective sectors. Plans are in place to expand the Center’s rental services and employ consulting experts who will work as a one-stop shop.

The Regional Center for Innovation and Technology Transfer successfully supports innovative initiatives that promote the development of the West Pomerania region.

It engages in service and promotional activities in the fields of intellectual property protection, research and development, technology transfer, knowledge commercialization, entrepreneurship and innovation stimulation. It provides companies with comprehensive market analyses, organizes training courses, supports research and innovation and aids in raising European funds. The Center is a member of the international Enterprise Europe Network, which gathers knowledge on the needs of European enterprises. It participates actively in the development of technology clusters and the Center’s Entrepreneurship Incubator supports companies in their start-up period. Specific services provided by the Center include technology audits, professional advice on innovativeness, market analyses, and aid in finding international partners for trade cooperation. Scientists benefit from easier access to funds for research and development.

The Center’s offering is directed at students, postgraduates and academics from the West Pomeranian region as well as SMEs.
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In the 10 years of the Clean Business Program’s existence nearly 5,000 companies participated in it, attaining tangible economic advantages. During the latest edition of the program in 2007-2011 nearly 150 innovative, low-cost operations were put forward, out of which 100 were actually implemented. The Foundation strives to become a leader in ecological and innovative solutions for Polish firms, primarily SMEs.

The Foundation’s mission is to support balanced development by promoting partnership, civil society, novel solutions and proven standards for environmentally conscious activities. One of the Foundations key programs entitled “Clean Business” combines innovative solutions with environmental awareness. It is the only ecological program in Poland conducted on such a large scale, with the goal of increasing the ecological awareness of Polish entrepreneurs and offering support and consultancy in reducing negative environmental effects. The Clean Business Clubs located all over Poland comprise of over 500 companies. Thanks to specialized assistance from consultants and auditors, Club members are implementing changes to manage their firms in an environmentally friendly manner. The Clean Business Program is directed at small and medium enterprises as well as large firms which treat environmental protection as not simply an expense, but as a key to effective enterprise management. The Program’s offering is also aimed at municipal authorities. As part of the Clean Business Program, the Foundation offers, among others, the appraisal of a firm’s innovativeness in products and technology, environmental audits, finding solutions to ensure tangible financial advantages, consultancy and training, advertising, aid in finding financing mechanisms for environmental projects, and tools for monitoring the firm’s own influence on the environment.
The Foundation for the Promotion of Entrepreneurship in Łódź is a strong advisory, informational, and training center. It works for the integration of business society, innovation, cooperation between enterprises and R&D centers, knowledge and technology transfer and the development an economy based on knowledge and European integration. The Foundation is part of the Domestic Innovation Network, an Enterprise Europe Network center and a member of the European Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

As a partner and coordinator, the Foundation has been directing pilot programs for 20 years in fields such as modern management, export expansion, protection of intellectual property, promotion of science and the achievements of research teams, social responsibility of enterprises, adaptation of university programs to the needs of the economy, integration of high risk groups in enterprises and society, and employee mobility in the EU.

It provides an array of specialized consulting services to support innovation, including technology and innovation audits, establishing business and technology partnerships, as well as international and domestic technology transfer. The Agency advertises the innovative solutions of Polish companies on the European market. It further offers training courses for senior and middle management in the fields of strategic planning, innovative entrepreneurship, modern company management, management of change, and new methods of sales improvement.

As a result of participating in international projects and networks, the Foundation has developed a wide array of contacts. Since 2007 it has been representing Poland in the IPREG (Innovative Policy Research for Economic Growth Network, www.ipreg.org), which has been studying the gap between the potential for economic and scientific innovation and actual practices in European technology, as well as studying cooperation between politics, science and economics, for many years. The Foundation has won many awards and honors for its didactic, informative and training activities.
In 2010 the Department received co-financing from the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (receiving the highest award out of all the applicants) as part of the “Innovation Creator – Support for Innovative Academic Entrepreneurship” program. The funds granted to the Technical University of Łódź will be used to finance projects in the field of technology transfer, innovative technology commercialization and promotion of academic entrepreneurship.

In May 2011 the Technology Transfer Office received the ISO 9001:2008 certificate for quality management systems.

The mission of the Technology Transfer Office of Technical University of Łódź is to create an environment for innovation in the Łódź region, enabling an effective utilization of the University’s intellectual and technological potential, by advertising scientific achievements as well as establishing and supporting academic entrepreneurship in the modern economy.

The Office strives to provide the highest quality services to its internal and external clients. The implementation of a quality management system conforming to the PN-EN ISO 9001:2009 standard decisively proves that this policy is being carried out successfully.

The Technology Transfer Office aids in technology commercialization, organizes training courses and seminars, provides consulting in matters of technology transfer and intellectual property protection and cooperates with entrepreneurs interested in implementing the University’s technologies.
Since its inception, the Center has been a part of Polish and international enterprise support networks: SDOiPP, Innovation Relay Centre, Enterprise Europe Network. To date, it has implemented 20 technologies from the fields of production engineering, modern production technologies and production process automation.

The Lublin Technology Transfer Center provides various information, consulting and training services in the fields of technology, engineering and production control and management. It establishes and develops direct cooperation between the University and businesses. The Center popularizes knowledge and promotes the University’s achievements in the area of production technology and organization. It also sells and at times freely distributes research and development data to interested external entities and also works to establish and develop direct cooperation between the University and entrepreneurs in terms of technology, organization, production control and management.

The Lublin Technology Transfer Center cooperates with state and municipal authorities in the area of technology transfer. It organizes conferences, symposiums and fairs and participates in the gathering, processing and distribution of data regarding the development of quality, transfer of technology and entrepreneurship for the benefit of economic and scientific organizations and other institutions. In connection with the Regional Innovation Strategy being implemented in the province, the Center is monitoring and evaluating the enterprises’ technological potential and their need for innovation.
Innovation and Technology Transfer Center at the Silesian University of Technology

The Silesian University of Technology has completed 504 research projects, 398 tertiary research projects, and 74 R&D projects, among others. The Innovation and Technology Transfer Center participated in the success of the Silesian Green Power 2011 racing car (second place as well as the award for The Best Engineered Car in the Greenpower Corporate Challenge 2011 race at the Silverstone Racing Track, Great Britain). Its participation in the INTARG International Economic and Scientific Innovation Fair Katowice 2011 can also be considered a significant achievement (gold and silver medals).

The Innovation and Technology Transfer Center at the Silesian University of Technology emphasizes the creation of an effective network for cooperation with entrepreneurs to support and develop the process of transferring the University’s technology and knowledge to businesses. It organizes business meetings, training courses, and conferences and is a part of domestic and international collaboration networks. The Center carries out projects co-financed by the EU. It establishes partnership agreements with enterprises, business support organizations, financial institutions and clusters. It also promotes and advertises the technologies offered by the University. The Center is open to all manner of initiatives aimed at intensifying the cooperation between science and business, especially in terms of utilizing the scientific potential of the Silesian University of Technology.

The Technology Transfer Center’s offering includes, among other things, further developing existing technologies or introducing new ones, searching for scientific partners for conducting research and development, seeking out and establishing partnerships for cooperation in the transfer of knowledge, technology and innovations as well as business partnerships. The Center provides information on its implemented solutions and scientific achievements, including those that are patented. It cooperates in preparing studies, surveys and opinions on innovativeness. It further conducts technology and innovation audits as well as specialized training.
The Wrocław Center for Technology Transfer is a subsidiary of the Wrocław University of Technology, founded to connect the worlds of business and science. Its mission is to increase businesses’ efficiency and competitiveness through innovation. The WCTT emphasizes promoting the utilization of scientific achievements in a modern economy as well as supporting entrepreneurship.

The Wrocław Center for Technology Transfer has taken part in about 60 international technology transfer agreements. It has also conducted around 300 technology audits, trained over 33,000 people, aided in founding nearly 140 innovative enterprises and took part in about 70 projects, financed by the European Commission as well as from domestic sources.

The Wrocław Center for Technology Transfer is a member of the Enterprise Europe Network – the largest business support network in the world, founded by the European Union. For years the Center has been running the Regional Contact Point for Research Programs of the European Union, facilitating the participation of scientists and entrepreneurs in research projects and providing access to sources of funding by utilizing knowledge gained from the experience of cooperation on a few dozen projects in the EU framework programs. Its services are directed at scientists, entrepreneurs and science and business consortiums as well as R&D institutions. This includes providing knowledge and consultancy, training, aid in conducting business in foreign markets, finding partners for companies offering innovative products and services, support in preparing for international fairs, contacting potential partners and in commercially utilizing the latest scientific achievements. It also aids companies in compiling their own technological offers or demands by conducting comprehensive innovation audits and analyses of the firms’ needs. The Center also participates in seeking out sources of funding for R&D projects.
Institute of Logistics and Warehousing (ILIM) serves as a Polish competency center in the field of logistics and e-economy. It conducts research and development activities and provides consulting services which increase the effectiveness of enterprises and entire supply chains. As the national GS1 organization, it manages the GS1 system in Poland, which is comprised of eighteen thousand enterprises. It helps the system users effectively implement global standards and new technologies, including those based on barcodes.

It is active in the European research field as a coordinator and partner of projects financed from the EU funds.

It consistently develops competencies in the field of e-business and acts as the main contractor of government programs related to the development of e-commerce and e-administration in Poland. It cooperates with local and national economic institutions and is active in numerous industry associations. The Institute provides its customers with courses and trains as well as access to current knowledge and innovative solutions.

ILIM popularizes its acquired knowledge through its own “Logistyka” magazine and book publications, as well as on websites and during various seminars and training events (e.g. Polish Logistics Congress LOGISTICS). ILIM includes an EPC/RFID laboratory and an electronic appliances laboratory.

ILIM has won numerous prizes, including the Wielkopolska Quality Prize in 2003. It is the “Innovation Leader of the Wielkopolska region” and the “Leader in Knowledge and Innovation Management”. It also conducts certification of logistics specialists and has initiated the establishment of the first logistics university in Poland (Poznań School of Logistics).

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The mission of the Technology Transfer Center of the University of Łódź is to coordinate innovative activities in the scientific and business communities as well as in the public sphere, on both a domestic and international scale, by providing consulting and educational services and conducting scientific research activities. The Center aids in the transfer and commercialization of scientific achievements and new technologies. It also runs the Academic Incubator for Technology and Innovative Enterprises. The best of the incubated firms can gain access to venture capital funds.

The center has been awarded the title of “Regional Leader in Innovation and Development” in the “Domestic Leaders in Innovation and Development” competition – regional edition 2010, Łódzkie Province. The Postgraduate Studies in Technology Commercialization, organized in 2004 under license from the University of Texas at Austin (USA), were recognized in 2010 by the Polish chapter of the Funding and Science competition in the category “Support for the competence development of research workers”. The Center is the only Polish organization represented in the University of Texas at Austin Fellows Network.

Plans are in place to start licensing new technologies within five years and to include 30 companies in the expanded Technology Incubator of the University of Łódź.
Within 5 years, UCITT UAM plans to implement the rules of intellectual property management including knowledge commercialization procedures, operate two academic pre-incubators (City Campus and Morasko Campus), as well as provide consulting in the field of managing a knowledge-based business.

The mission of UCITT UAM is contributing to the improved utilization of the intellectual and technological potential of the Adam Mickiewicz University, and improving the cooperation between the academic environment and the world of business.

The Center is interested in increasing cooperation with business entities whose portfolios include services related to pre-incubation and incubation of business ideas. It is also open to cooperation with high risk capital institutions and funds who are willing to invest in projects originated by the University.

We have experience in implementing projects related to knowledge and technology transfer, commercialization of research results, and academic entrepreneurship support. Since 2009, UCITT UAM has operated the Academic Pre-Incubator – a consulting point for persons who want to set up their own business, often on the basis of knowledge gained while at the University.

Through mid-2011, UCITT UAM completed four projects financed from external funds, related to technology transfer, commercialization and intellectual property.

It is currently implementing two projects which support academic entrepreneurship: Academic Entrepreneurship (Akademik Przedsiebiorczości) and Innovation Creator (Kreator Innowacyjności).
The Foundation helps in creating and developing new, innovative companies in the area of advanced technologies. It searches for originators whose solutions have commercial potential. It helps them to acquire external sources of financing (capital and industry investors, public funds) in order to co-finance research and development activities.

The Foundation’s portfolio is targeted at entrepreneurs, individuals, academic centers and local governments. It includes consulting, information and training services for instance in the area of protecting intellectual property, acquiring financial means for undertakings based on advanced technologies, as well as assisting in the preparation of business plans and applications for grants from EU funds.

The Foundation contributed significantly to the establishment of two companies in the life-science industry. Thanks to the Foundation’s help, the companies have found investors and received grants for development activities, similar to other companies, which, through application grants prepared by the Foundation, received funds from European Union programs.
By fulfilling its mission, the Center increases awareness of mutual needs and opportunities and builds trust between academics and entrepreneurs. In 2010 alone, the Center managed to submit 120 domestic patent applications and 10 international ones. It also participated in establishing two spin-off companies and assisted in granting 25 business licenses.

The Center creates mechanisms for facilitating and intensifying the transfer of innovative technologies from the University to entrepreneurs and other external institutions. Its areas of activity include protection of intellectual property, technology transfer and cooperation with entrepreneurs, as well as working with support structures for businesses and self-governing organizations. The unit’s portfolio is targeted at all entrepreneurs who wish to use state-of-the-art technologies and knowledge in their activities, by providing them with access to modern solutions and support in cooperation with the University environment.
The Technology Partners Foundation is a scientific research and implementation organisation specialised in the performance of large-scale interdisciplinary national and international research projects and in the management of research and development, technology transfer and innovation. It is an Advanced Technology Centre, a status awarded by the Minister of Science in 2004.

The Foundation’s mission is to initiate and support processes aimed at the rational use of knowledge for innovation activity and to undertake practical actions promoting the development of Polish science and technology cooperation with Polish and international industry.

The Foundation serves as the coordinator and legal representative of the Technology Partners Consortium, which consists of nine Research and Development Institutes and two SMEs. The Consortium possesses the following potential:

- 1500 research staff;
- 900 R&D projects performed annually;
- Annual revenue of EUR 100 mln.

The Consortium’s primary objective is to provide an attractive interdisciplinary offer for industrial customers. The Consortium makes use of synergy by combining competencies, knowledge resources and equipment.

The Consortium’s activity has resulted in the performance of numerous international R&D and innovation projects – both ordered directly by industrial customers and executed within the EU’s Framework Programmes. Many of these projects concerned the aviation sector and were performed in cooperation with AIRBUS. On 30.05.2011, the Consortium’s agreement with AIRBUS was expanded to cover the whole EADS group (Airbus, Cassidian, Eurocopter, Astrium) and extended for another five years.

The Technology Partners Foundation is a member of several leading organisations active in the area of R&D management, including EIRMA, EARTO, ISPIM, and K4I. The Foundation, together with the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and K4I, is the co-organiser of the 3rd European Innovation Summit 10-13.10.2011, which will be held in Warsaw and Brussels as a flagship event of the Polish EU Presidency.