

Czech Liaison Office for European Research (CZELO) in Brussels

The TC operates the project of the Czech Liaison Office for European Research whose main mission is to support successful participation of Czech research in European research cooperation. This task is made easier by the office's strategic location in Brussels. The office provides services to all parties interested in European programmes oriented at research, development, and innovation, especially the Framework Programmes.

Core activities:

- › Provision of up to date and targeted information about opportunities for participation in international research cooperation.
- › Facilitation of consulting or personal meetings with relevant officials of the EC regarding ongoing projects or project proposals.
- › Provision of support infrastructure and assistance for meetings between Czech researchers and (possible) project partners in Brussels.
- › Organisation of presentation events on Czech research and development for representatives of European institutions, partner offices, and other organisations in Brussels.
- › Systematic promotion of Czech research, achieved results, partner capacities, and concrete cooperation offers.

Innovation Centre and Business Incubator

The TC, together with ČKD Nové Energo, a. s., and Energieteam Consult, GmbH, reconstructed an old factory hall in Prague 9 into a business incubator and innovation centre. It was the first joint utilisation of a brownfield by partners from business and academia. The incubator was inaugurated in 2008. Resident businesses are offered not just the lease of offices and laboratories, but also a comprehensive package of advisory and administrative services. Strong interest in the incubator is evidenced by the fact that it is almost totally occupied.

The TC provides businesses with many complex services:

- › Technology transfer services.
- › Facilitating participation in research and development projects.
- › Organizing participation in technology exchanges.
- › Consulting on intellectual property matters.
- › Training and information events oriented at project financing and innovation management.
- › Contact-building and foreign markets penetration events.

Reference Projects

- › **National Information Centre for European Research** NICER (2002–2012) – complete information and consulting activities for research and development.
- › **Bohemian Regional Innovation Strategy** BRIS (2001–2004) – preparation of a regional innovation strategy for the Prague region, in cooperation with Prague City Hall.
- › **Research intent of the Strategic Study for Research and Development** (2004–2010) – an analytical and conceptual study for research, development, and innovation.
- › **Proposals of National Research Programmes** NPV I (2001), NPV II (2003–2004), and NPV III (2006–2007) – priorities of oriented research for the Czech Republic.
- › **Czech Liaison Office for European Research** CZELO (2005–2012) – participation of Czech research in European research cooperation.
- › **Czech Innovation Relay Centre** (2004–2007) – international technology transfer within the IRC network.
- › **Innovation Centre and Business Incubator** ICPI (2006–2008) – establishing the incubator to foster the formation and development of innovative businesses, in cooperation with companies of the ČKD, a. s., group.
- › **Enterprise Europe Network in the Czech Republic** (2008–2012) – complete consulting for entrepreneurs and international technology transfers.
- › **VÝKON** (2009–2010) – building of an integrated innovation services centre.

How to find us:

Municipal transport:

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About

The Technology Centre ASCR (TC) is a non-profit special-interest association of legal entities – five institutes of the Academy of Sciences of the CR, and Technology Management, s. r. o. Since its foundation in 1994, the TC has quickly become a prominent national platform facilitating international research and development cooperation within the whole European Research Area.

The Centre's activities include significant support for the creation and development of small innovation businesses, and the subsequent challenging technology transfers. The TC successfully operated the first business incubator at the Academy of Sciences for several years, and has taken part in the activities of the innovation and business incubator together with the CKD group companies since 2008.

The TC specialises in analytical and conceptual work which has led to the formation of the national STRAST think-tank that tackles research, development, and innovation strategies, evaluation of research programmes as well as identification of research priorities related to the socio-economic needs of the Czech Republic.

The Czech Liaison Office for R&D, CZELO, has been operated by the TC in Brussels since 2005. It forms a connecting element between Czech research and research administration within the European Community.

Structure of Key Clients

The main target clients of the TC are the public administration (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Ministry for Regional Development), its advisory bodies (Research and Development Council), and a number of supranational institutions (European Commission, UNIDO, UNDP, Joint Research Centre of the European Commission). The TC has been involved in project cooperation with hundreds of domestic and foreign partners, prestigious universities, research organisations, and private businesses since its foundation.

Information for Research and Development

The TC uses a wide scope of information activities to contribute to a higher participation of Czech teams in European research and development, especially in the Framework Programmes (FP) of the European Community for Research and Technological Development. These activities are under the umbrella of the National Information Centre for European Research (NICER), financed by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports from the EUPRO programme, and run by a team of specialised National Contact Points (NCP) for the FP. The team is a part of the Czech National Information Network (NINET) for the FP which brings together national, professional, and regional contact organisations, and is connected to the European NCP network.

Core activities:

- Specialised consulting for Czech research institutions for the preparation and management of international research projects.
- Identification of partners for project investigation partnerships.
- Mass information activities – conferences, seminars, training.
- Operation of specialised websites.
- Publishing of electronic and printed information materials.
- Publishing of the Echo journal on European research and development.
- Monitoring and analyses of Czech participation in the Framework Programmes for the purposes of public administration.

Strategic Studies and Projects

The TC focuses on the preparation of analytical and prospective studies in the area of research, development, and innovation, while it systematically develops analytical and evaluation methods used in the preparation of conceptual materials for the public administration and its advisory bodies, and for the coordination of national and regional projects oriented at designing research priorities and strategic research directions, or preparing research and innovation policies and innovation strategies. The main clients of the TC on the national level include the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Research and Development Council, and local government authorities (in the Prague region). On the international level, the TC cooperates with a number of

foreign partners on the preparation of analytical and conceptual studies for the European Commission, UNIDO, and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.

Core activities:

- Preparation of outlook and strategic studies, analyses, background materials, and methodologies in research, development, and innovation (R&D&I).
- Evaluation of national and international programmes for the support of R&D&I.
- Participation in international projects oriented at analysing, monitoring, and formulating recommendations for R&D&I policies.
- Complex auditing of national innovation systems.
- Publishing of the Ergo journal, specialised in analyses and trends in research, technologies, and innovation.

Support for Businesses, Innovation, and Technology Transfers

The TC supports innovation and technology transfers. These activities are aided by the TC's participation in the all-European Enterprise Europe Network whose activities are coordinated by the TC in the Czech Republic through a project financed by the European Commission and the Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade. The primary mission of the network is to support entrepreneurship and innovation, especially in small and medium businesses in order to improve their competitiveness.

Core activities:

- Searching for new contacts within and outside the EU for business and technological cooperation.
- Assessment of the innovative potential of companies and assistance with technology transfers.
- Identification of research results and technologies with market potential.
- Provision of information regarding possibilities of financing business development.
- Searching for partners for joint research and development.
- Consultation on intellectual property issues.
- Publishing of the Enterprise Europe Network CR electronic newsletter.