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Fostering Interregional Exchange in ICT Technology Transfer

European project for bridging the gap between research and business

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) are – as stated by the Lisbon agenda – a central driving force for knowledge based economy. This is not only the case in the rapidly evolving, research-driven sector itself, but also in many other technological fields that benefit from the innovative potential of ICT applications. However, for economic growth and the prosperity of society ICT innovations need to be transferred into marketable products and services.

Technology transfer – as the process of diffusing research results to the market – is crucial for successful innovations. In research, Europe is strong, but regarding its commercial exploitation, it is facing strong challenges: So far, there is

- a lack of a common language between practitioners,
- a strong need for interregional exchange between technology transfer offices and
- a need for a professional training program for coaching and consulting institutions.

FITT idea

The FITT project – Fostering interregional Exchange in ICT Technology Transfer – is tackling these challenges. Within the project different technology transfer offices dedicated to ICT are joining forces and knowledge.

By now, every region in Europe has developed its own strategy for technology transfer, but there are no interregional cooperations, exchanges of best practices and joint approaches. FITT fills in this gap developing a modular toolbox for technology transfer, which is adoptable for other European regions and sectors. For practical guidance, the toolbox will also be translated into a transnational training program for technology transfer officers.

FITT objectives

The FITT project aims to close the gap between research and business in order to maximize the exploitation of ICT innovation potentials for social and economic prosperity. To achieve this, the project enables exchange between Technology Transfer Practitioners from innovative regions in Europe.

Concrete objectives are to

- design a **practical toolbox** that offers practical guidance for technology transfer officers
- pilot a **Transnational Training Program** for technology transfer practitioners based on the FITT toolbox
- create a **Community of Practice** for fruitful cooperation

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FITT Facts

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