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Expert Session 2

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Motto - Meeting of two worlds

Industry and academia, research and business

Different „culture“ of different organisations and nations

Collaboration of different partners has always been much more complex than bringing the right partners together

Topics:

- Clustering of Competence Centres
- Large European R&D infrastructures, scientific collaboration
- Industry in the drivers seat – EUREKA Clusters

Conclusions of Expert Session 1

The concept of Competence Centres is an important tool for the long term strategic research and to follow the latest trends in R&D&I

- Importance of cooperation, evaluation, competition and internationalisation
- It is essential to push the CC to go out and source knowledge in Europe and in the whole world

Historically - countries that closed up were lost

Future Competence Centre Programmes

TAFTIE TF on CC Programmes – TAFTIE CompAct:

Internationalisation of Competence Centre Programmes is becoming an ever more important issue

The main drivers are coming from:

- various international challenges
- development within science and technology (critical mass and excellence necessary)
- the European, national and regional policy making bodies

Internationalisation of Competence Centre Programmes

Obstacles to internationalisation (as described in Future Competence Centres Programmes)

- the ability to internationalise depends strongly upon the maturity of CCs and existing network partners
- In legal terms, arranging national public funding for foreign partners is still difficult in most countries



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The main challenge is the efficient use of European centres of excellence and the Competence Centres in the Czech Republic.



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