

ABOUT TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

The Technology Centre Prague (TC Prague) is a national information and consultation centre for the European Union Framework Programmes for Research, Development and Innovation, a leading national research centre and think-tank for research and innovation policy, and a provider of specialised services for the creation and development of innovative companies.

TC Prague was established in 1994 as a non-profit interest association of legal entities. The members of the association are five institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences and Technology Management, s. r. o.

Our mission is to support the participation of the Czech Republic in the European Research Area (ERA), to prepare strategic and system studies for the state administration to improve the quality of its decision-making in the formulation of research policy to implement international technology transfer and contribute to increasing the national competitiveness of Czech companies.



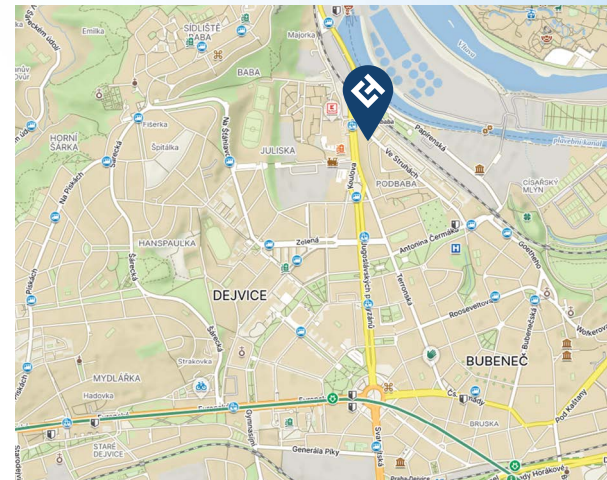
REFERENCE PROJECTS

- ▶ **CZERA (2021-2027)** - the project provides a complete portfolio of analytical, information, advisory and consultation services related to participation in the international research cooperation to all stakeholders from the R&D&I environment in the Czech Republic.
- ▶ **STRATIN+ (2021-2024)** - the aim of the project "Strategic Intelligence for Research and Innovation" is to provide analytical capacity and strategic information to public administrations and research organisations to support the implementation of research, development and innovation policy.
- ▶ **BISON3T (2022-2025)** - the project carries out the activities of the international business and innovation support network Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) in the Czech Republic. The services of the EEN, which is represented in more than 60 countries around the world, are primarily aimed at small and medium-sized enterprises.
- ▶ **ESA Technology Broker (2021-2025)** - the aim of the project is to increase the number and quality of knowledge and technology transfers from the space programmes of the European Space Agency (ESA) to non-space sectors and vice versa, to help companies bring their terrestrial innovations into the space domain.
- ▶ **CZELO (2005-2020)** - The Czech Liaison Office for Research, Development and Innovation in Brussels provided a direct contact between the Czech researchers and the key European institutions and stakeholders.

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CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN RESEARCH

The National Information Centre for European Research (NICER) provides a complete portfolio of information, advisory and consultation services essential for the involvement in the international research, development and innovation (R&D&I) collaboration. The services are provided free of charge by a team of trained National Contact Points (NCPs) in all priorities and horizontal activities of the European Framework Programmes for Research and Development.

NICER ACTIVITIES

INFORMATION AND PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Events for the wider professional public
- ▶ Information on FP's financial and legal rules
- ▶ Tailor-made workshops
- ▶ Echo magazine focused on European research and the edition of guides on FP topics - Vademecum
- ▶ E-learning videos and the Horizon Europe podcast



CONSULTATIONS

- ▶ Professional consultations for all who are interested in participating in the EU framework programs and for project managers who are at any stage of the project cycle

MONITORING AND ANALYSIS OF PARTICIPATION IN THE EU FRAMEWORK PROGRAMMES

- ▶ Continuous monitoring and evaluation of the Czech Republic's participation in the EU framework programmes
- ▶ Studies analysing individual aspects of the Czech participation

EXPERT SUPPORT OF STATE ADMINISTRATION BODIES

- ▶ Expert support of state administration bodies, delegates, and representatives of the Czech Republic in ERA bodies
- ▶ Professional analytical background for strategic decision-making of the Czech state administration in the field of development of international cooperation within R&D&I



STRATEGIC STUDIES

The Department of Strategic Studies (STRAST) is a leading national research centre and a think-tank in the field of research, development, and innovation (R&D&I) management. Its mission is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of strategic decision-making in R&D&I at the national, regional and European levels.

STRATEGIC STUDIES ACTIVITIES

SYSTEM ANALYSES

- ▶ Analytical studies in the field of R&D&I and conceptual materials for qualified decision-making by the state administration

EVALUATION OF POLICIES, PROGRAMMES AND ORGANISATIONS

- ▶ Evaluation methods, assessment of programmes and further measures to support R&D&I

FORESIGHT STUDIES

- ▶ Foresight studies used by public administration at the national and regional level for the formulation of strategies and policies in R&D&I

SCIENTOMETRICS

- ▶ Information on scientific outputs and results

TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

- ▶ Assessing the potential impacts of new technologies on society

ERGO MAGAZINE

- ▶ Publishing of the peer-reviewed journal Ergo focused on analysis and trends in the field of research, technologies, and innovation



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Business Development Department (BDD) has many years of experience in supporting the development of business and innovation of Czech companies, their expansion to foreign markets, commercialisation of the results of their research and innovation activities and intellectual property protection, and technology transfer. The department helps companies with the orientation in Czech and foreign grant programmes and with the preparation of project applications.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

- ▶ Coordination of the services of the international Enterprise Europe Network in the Czech Republic since 2008 using the international database of offers and demands

PROJECT AND FINANCIAL CONSULTING

- ▶ Offering of suitable sources of funding from national and European grant programmes for the development and innovation of companies

"SCALE-UP YOUR BUSINESS" MENTORING PROGRAM

- ▶ Programme for young innovative companies with ambitions to expand into foreign markets

"BUSINESSRUNWAY" ACCELERATION PROGRAM

- ▶ Offers space in the TC building with administrative facilities, and expert consultancy for start-up companies

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION CONSULTING

- ▶ Consulting the protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights ownership in the field of technical and industrial innovations

BUSINESS DIGITISATION CONSULTING

- ▶ Evaluating of digital capacities of companies and the planning of further development in the use of digital technologies

ESA TECHNOLOGY BROKER

- ▶ Is a part of the ESA commercialization network and its main objective is to bring together space and non-space industries.