



COMPETENCE CENTRE ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Activities in the area of **FINANCING**

Provide expertise and policy support in financial instruments dedicated for technology transfer

Support programmes and projects for the design, operation and evaluation of financial instruments

Collect and share tools and results generated by EU programmes and projects

Financing is one of the main components – and main challenges – of technology transfer. From the viewpoint of traditional risk finance, the technology transfer segment is very early stage and considered very risky. The notion of the Valley of Death captures the challenge. It refers to the situation in which a technology no longer qualifies for public research funding because of its advanced development stage, but is perceived as too risky for private investment or industry uptake.

Savvy public sector intervention is required to counter this market failure. Development of adequate policy relies on profound understanding of the intricacies of technology transfer. Making funding available to technology transfer is crucial to complement decisive policies.

We offer our expertise to various EU institutions and funding agencies, as well as to managing authorities, both national and regional, that are keen to develop dedicated technology transfer financial instruments. Such instruments include Proof of Concept funds among others.

The portfolio of expertise covers not only equity and debt instruments, but also grants, innovation vouchers, IP exchanges, securitisation deals and other vehicles for financing risky early stage innovation projects.

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