

THE SOUTHERN MORAVIAN INNOVATION CENTRE

Who are we?

The South Moravian Innovation Centre was established in 2003 as an interest group of corporations by the Southern Moravia Region, the Statutory City of Brno, Masaryk University and Brno University of Technology. In February 2005 the group was joined by Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry and the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Brno.

We offer:

The purpose of the South Moravian Innovation Centre is to create a suitable environment in the Southern Moravia Region for companies with an innovative potential by means of the introduction of the best possible practices in the areas of financing, co-operation between universities and the commercial sphere, establishing science and technology parks and incubators, and protecting intellectual property rights.

The SMIC supports the formation and development of innovative companies by mediating finances, consultancy services, contacts, business opportunities and business premises.

- **finances** – small loans, contacts to business angels, private and institutional investors, information on the possible use of the programmes of subsidies offered by the Czech Republic and the European Union
- **consultancy** – the establishment and development of a company, technological consultancy, marketing consultancy, patent and legal consultancy, seeking suitable subsidy programmes promotion – presentation of companies at events organised by the SMIC and its partners, possible co-operation with SMIC partners
- **contacts** – assistance in seeking suppliers and customers, investors (Business Angel Club), networking and information brokering, partner companies, co-operation exchanges
- **biotechnology** – the Central European Biotechnology Portal at www.gate2biotech.com, the international competition Best of Biotech, biotechnology companies cluster
- **premises** – advantageous leases of premises in the Technological Incubator at Brno University of Technology

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THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF SOUTH MORAVIA

Who are we?

The Regional Development Agency of South Moravia (RDA SM) is an interest group of corporations representing the interests of its founders – the Southern Moravia Region, the Association of Municipal and Local Authorities of Southern Moravia and the Regional Chamber of Commerce of Southern Moravia. The RDA SM works on a not-for-profit basis – any money it makes is reinvested in further activities and projects designed to benefit the region.

The RDA SM was established on 10 September 1997 to administer the PHARE CBC programme for the Small Projects Fund within the framework of cross-border cooperation in the Southern Moravia – Lower Austria region. Since that time its activities have been expanded to take in assistance for foreign investors in the Southern Moravia Region and, in connection with the preparations for the accession of the Czech Republic to the European Union, consultancy and project preparation for pre-accession and structural funds aimed at local and municipal authorities. The RDA SM has also become actively engaged in the implementation of the Regional Innovation Strategy of the Southern Moravia Region and the development of cluster initiatives.

We offer:

- the preparation of Structural Fund projects
- support for direct investment in the region
- the administration of a Disposition Fund within the framework of the INTERREG IIIA initiative
- support for the development of a suitable environment for the dissemination of innovation

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bic innovation zájmové sdružení právnických osob

Who are we?

BIC innovation, z.s.p.o. is a not-for-profit interest group of corporations established in 1999 by BIC Brno s.r.o. and comprised of innovative companies, research institutions and schools operating in the Southern Moravia, Zlín, Olomouc and Vysočina Regions.

The purpose of BIC innovation, z.s.p.o. is:

- to apply the research performed by BIC Brno in the organisation of national and international co-operation
- to focus the research and development potential of BIC Brno in the resolution of specific innovative projects

What we offer under the auspices of BIC Brno:

- membership of a "virtual incubator" of innovative companies and mutual co-operation among them
- seeking a specific company to resolve your production problems, from components required right up to a working product prototype
- mediating sales of the research products created
- patent protection and the sale of patents
- engagement in an international group in research and development

The results we have achieved:

- financial assistance of 300,000 CZK for 10 innovative companies within the RIA project
- the engagement of 20 innovative companies in the project CO-OPERATION with a resultant increase in sales of the products produced
- solutions to more than 150 research and development tasks, from prototypes right up to the final production phase
- preferential presentation for more than 50 companies in innovation halls at international trade fairs

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THE ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION CENTRE – EC – BIC BRNO

“INNOVATION IS THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR EXISTENCE
OUR TASK IS TO ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THIS“



An accredited member of the European Business and Innovation Centre Network EBN, Brussels
An accredited unit of the Association of Science and Technology Parks of the Czech Republic

Who are we?

The enterprise and innovation centre BIC Brno was created in 1991 as an EU project under the auspices of DG Regio in a selection procedure for 3 towns in the former Czechoslovakia. Its aim is to support innovative enterprise according to the methodology of the European association EBN European Business and Innovation Centre Network within the former South Moravia.

We offer:

The advantages of co-operation with BIC Brno in the development of the innovative environment:

- Innovative companies having access to national and international databases of research and development projects.
- Financing your plans by means of participation in national and international programmes.
- The organisation of partnerships of companies for research and development for new products and technologies.
- Information relating to entering into international co-operation.
- Co-operation in implementing your plans in accordance with regional innovation strategy.
- Admission to an association of innovative companies and research units.
- Consultancy on your company's development programmes in co-operation with research organisations.
- Use of the “CONSULTANCY” programme for drawing up projects for the development of a new company with a subsidy for the price of services.

We work with involved organisations in the EU and with the Southern Moravia, Zlín, Olomouc and Vysočina Regions within the framework of regional and international partnership.

“CO-OPERATION OPENS UP THE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND SUBSIDIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUR PROJECTS”

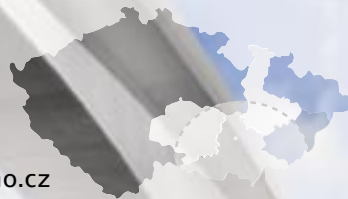
The services we offer in organising co-operation take in the entire project process from the formulation of the project, the search for the most appropriate subsidy, drawing up an application, right up to submission to the pertinent place of approval.

In recent years BIC Brno has obtained for its clients:

- 26 small loans of up to 1 million CZK
- 5 loans within the CREDIT programme of up to 2 million CZK
- 12 subsidies of 300,000 CZK for innovative companies within the RIA project
- 48 appearances at international exhibitions and trade fairs
- 4.2 million CZK of contributions from the CONSULTANCY programme
- 2.3 million CZK from the PHARE programme

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THE REGIONAL EUROPEAN INFORMATION CENTRE



Regionální
evropské
informační
středisko



Knihovna
Jiřího Mahena
v Brně

Who are we?

The Regional European Information Centre in Brno began operations in February 2000 with the support of the European Commission Delegation in the Czech Republic and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. The role of the REIC is, first and foremost, to inform the public about the European Union, the position of the Czech Republic on the current business of the EU, the individual member states and other matters associated with the EU.

The REIC offers visitors a collection of specialist literature, periodicals and a great many other informational materials, and free access to internet resources about the EU. Its advantageous location in the centre of town in distinguished premises at the Schrattenbach Palace make it easily accessible to all and a suitable venue for lectures, meetings and seminars for schools, interest groups and the general public.

We offer:

- consultancy services provided by specialist information officers
- extensive sources of information - specialist literature, periodicals, audio-visual materials, electronic databases (Czech Press Office documentary database, TAM TAM media database)
- monitoring of the specialist press from available sources
- informational materials from Czech ministries, the EU Information Centre in Prague, the Information Office of the European Parliament in Prague and other promotional materials from other centres and partners with which REIC works
- EU sources of information on the internet - free access
- links to additional sources of information
- complete library services - searches in library collections using an on-line catalogue, inter-library loan service, press cuttings services, the provision of factographic and legal information, information from the state administration and local government, services for the blind and partially-sighted

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Who are we?

The Brno Centre of European Studies (BCES) is a signatory association whose members are universities in Brno – The Janáček Academy of the Performing Arts in Brno, Masaryk University in Brno, Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry in Brno, the University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Brno, Brno University of Technology and the University of Defence – and the Statutory City of Brno and the Southern Moravia Region.

BCES was founded in 2002 with the aim of overseeing co-operation and coordination in the development of study programmes meeting the needs of the labour market resulting from preparations for accession to the EU. At the present time it is focusing on the following principal goals:

- the development of joint promotion and marketing activities in the European context
- co-operation and coordination in relations with European institutions
- co-operation relating to the internationalisation of studies at universities in Brno, particularly in looking after foreign students
- the organisation of joint cultural, sports, education, publishing and academic activities with a significant European dimension
- the creation of joint projects involving academic, educational and creative activities

We offer:

- a wide range of study programmes in practically all areas of higher education, including study programmes specifically targeted at preparing staff with the necessary skills for administering relations with the EU
- a number of life-long education programmes
- the chance of co-operating with Brno's universities in research and development
- co-operation in the organisation of conferences and seminars

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