

## CHRONOLOGY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

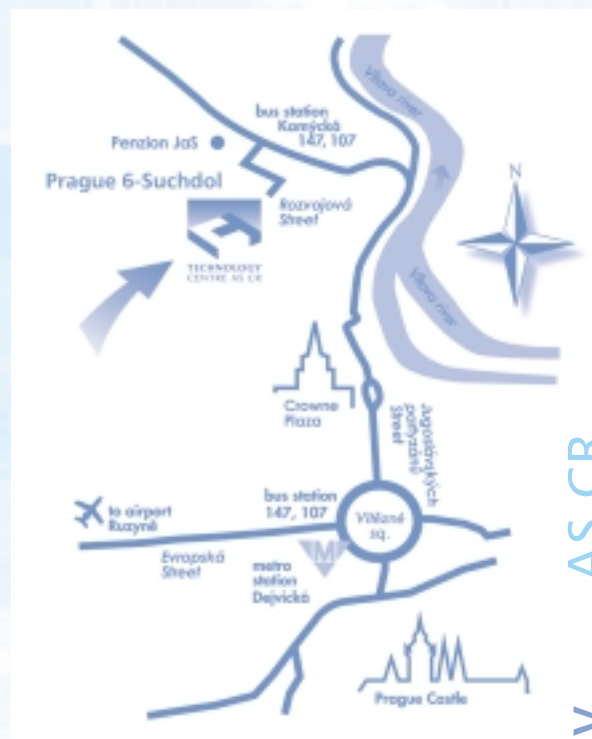
- 1993** Technology Centre (TC) was established on 1 February 1993 as a part of the Institute of Chemical Processes AS CR (UHP)
- 1994** A business incubator was opened to support the start-up of small innovative spin-off businesses. TC separated from UHP as an independent legal entity
- 1996** TC acquired the status of a BIC (Business and Innovation Centre) and was adopted as a new member of the European Business and Innovation Centres Network (EBN)
- 1997  
1998** TC was included in the European network of technology transfer – IRC (Innovation Relay Centres) and OPET (Organizations for the Promotion of Energy Technologies)
- 2000** TC became the national information centre for the Fifth EU Framework Programme for Research and Development
- 2001** extension of TC's activities to conducting national and regional strategic studies (foresight and innovation strategies)
- 2002** TC became the national information centre for the Sixth EU Framework Programme for Research and Development. In connection with the BRIS project TC became a member of the IRE Network (Innovating Regions in Europe) and in the field of strategic studies it became a member of ESTO (European Science and Technology Observatory)

## HOW TO FIND US

Technology Centre is located in Prague 6-Suchbát on the grounds of the Academy of Sciences CR. It is easily accessible by public transport: approx. 10 minutes by bus No. 107 or 147 from the final station of the underground line A "Dejvická" to the bus stop "Kamýčká".

There is a parking area available at the entrance to the area for those coming by car.

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## MISSION

Technology Centre is engaged in technology transfer, it is the national information centre for European research, supports the start-up and development of high-tech enterprises and participates in strategic studies and projects focused on perspectives of research and development, new technologies and innovation strategies.

## INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Technology Centre cooperates with the industry and businesses in the innovation of products and technology processes, it conducts technology audits and contributes to the international technology transfer and commercialization of research and development results.

Technology Centre coordinates the Czech Innovation Relay Centre (CIRC) project focused on international technology transfer and on introducing new technologies to small- and medium-size enterprises. The project is incorporated in the European network of 70 cooperating centres (IRC) which include more than 250 organizations in 30 countries.

## NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN RESEARCH

Technology Centre is the national information centre for European research for the EU Framework Programmes (FP) for Research and Development and the COST programme, it participates in raising awareness on projects of EUREKA. Through its activities the Centre contributes to a successful participation of the CR in international projects in research and development through organizing awareness events, providing complex services,

specialized consultancy and assistance in preparation of research projects. The Centre also monitors and evaluates the participation of the CR in the Framework Programmes (FP) for the needs of state administration, it cooperates with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the CR and the European Commission in the issues of the FP, it coordinates and methodically manages the activities of the national information network for the FP – NINET.

## STRATEGIC STUDIES AND PROJECTS

Technology Centre is engaged in projects focused on identifying strategic priorities of research and development and on developing innovation strategies. The most significant activities are focused on:

- elaboration of analytical and foresight studies for the state administration
- coordination of national (technology) foresight projects focused on identifying research priorities, strategic research directions and alternative development scenarios in research, development and innovation
- development of an innovation strategy for the region of Prague (BRIS project) in cooperation with the municipal government of the capital Prague

Technology Centre also participates in strategic studies elaborated by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission (FUTURES project) which are focused on technology, economic and social aspects of the EU enlargement.

Technology Centre is a member of the European Science and Technology Observatory (ESTO) which prepares analytical and foresight studies for the European Commission and the European Parliament.

## SUPPORTING THE START-UP AND DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH-TECH ENTERPRISES

Technology Centre provides complex consultancy for entrepreneurs, assists in elaborating business plans, feasibility studies and projects financed by venture capital.

Technology Centre offers specialized services to entrepreneurs:

- access to international databases of new technologies available for commercial use
- search for partners for cooperation in production
- feasibility studies and evaluation of return on investment in new technologies
- preparation of projects for financing by venture capital
- information on EU programmes supporting targeted research and development and assistance in preparation of projects for such programmes

- search for experts for targeted research to order

Prices of services are subsidized from a programme of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the CR.

Technology Centre is a member of the European Business and Innovation Centres Network (EBN) focused on supporting the start-up and development of small innovative enterprises.

## SELECTED REFERENCE PROJECTS

- National Information Centre for European Research: EU Framework Programmes (FP): FP5 (1998–2002), FP6 (2002–2006), complex awareness activities for research and development, coordination of the activities of the national information network NINET, monitoring participation of the CR in the FP for the state administration; ordering party: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the CR
- Czech Innovation Relay Centre (CIRC), international technology transfer; ordering party: European Commission
- OPET Czech Republic, support to introducing new technologies in power engineering; ordering party: European Commission (completed in 2002)
- Support of the start-up and development of small and innovative (high-tech) enterprises; ordering party: Ministry of Industry and Trade of the CR
- Proposal of the National Programme of Oriented Research and Development, coordination of a foresight exercise; ordering party: Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the CR in cooperation with the Research and Development Council
- Bohemian Regional Innovation Strategy (BRIS), development of an innovation strategy for the region of Prague in cooperation with the municipal government of the capital Prague; ordering party: European Commission