



Fostering technology transfer and regional innovation through collaborative projects: learnings from a decade-long endeavour in the canton of Fribourg



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## 4 Studies domains – 10 Programs



### Chemistry

**Industrial and applied chemistry** 



### **Construction and Environment**

Architecture, civil engineering, construction



### **Industrial Technologies**

Mechanical engineering, electric engineering



**Information and Communication Technologies** 

**Computer science and communication systems** 

### 10 Ra&D institutes

iSIS

Institute of Smart

Secured Systems

Information & Communication **Technologies** 

#### HumanTech

Technology for Human Wellbeing

### **iCoSys**

Institute of Complex Systems

Industrial **Technologies** 

#### ChemTech

Institute of Chemical **Technology** 

#### **iRAP**

Institute for Applied Plastics Research

**ENERGY** 

Institute of applied

#### SeSi

Sustainable Engineering **Systems Institute** 

### **iPrint**

Institute for Printing

Construction and Environment

#### **ITEC**

Institute of Construction and **Environmental Technology** 

#### TRANSFORM

Institute transform: heritage, building and users

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### 4 competence centers



Manufacturing by inkjet



Future materials



Future of the built environment



Future of mobility



### 3 clusters









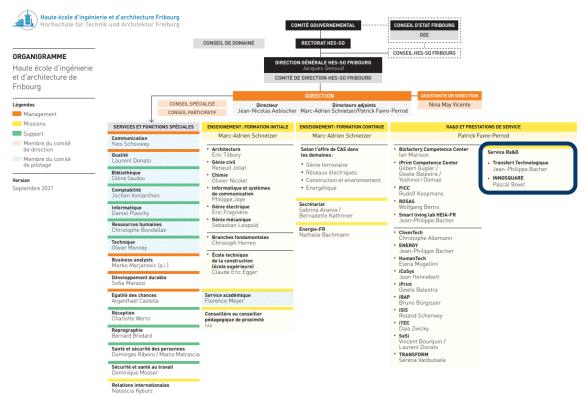




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### **HEIA-FR: Ra&D Service**





## INNOSQUARE supports innovation projects





- Project conception
- Partners search
- Access to funding
- Project management support
- Results valorization



## INNOSQUARE supports innovation projects

### **©** OBJECTIVES

- > Increase in the number of projects
- Acceleration of the pace of innovation
- Development of project management support service
- Dissemination of exemplary cases of smart transformation



# NRP collaborative projects





### **New Regional Policy (NRP):**

The NRP of the canton of Fribourg financially supports innovative projects that aim to achieve qualitative and sustainable growth, improve the attractiveness of the canton and to increase added value.



### **Objectives of collaborative projects:**



To take up an innovative challenge, of pre-competitive level, of value creation or of intelligent transformation, expressed by several companies, in collaboration with academic partners.



#### **Partners:**

≥ 3 compagnies (including ≥ 2 from Fribourg canton) and ≥ 1 academic partner

### **Funding:**



- NRP funding: 50 to 65% of total budget
- co-funding by compagnies in-kind and cash: 35 to 50% of total budget



### Innosuisse & NRP projects approved in 2021



- 9 Innosuisse projects
- 12 Innosuisse chèques
- 4 NRP projects

97 ideas discussed with INNOSQUARE



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## The Tech Transfer Office (TTO)

- ✓ Ensures that applied research at the institutes of HEIA-FR is oriented towards the real needs of industry
- ✓ Helps establishing true win-win partnerships by supporting projects that meet the interests of HEIA-FR researchers as well as the needs of the industrial local or regional partner
- Negotiates confidentiality agreements and all kind of agreements in relation with research and innovation
- ✓ Advises on IP issues affecting projects, including IP protection, commercialization strategies and technology licensing
- ✓ Provides support for the creation of tech start-up/spin-offs generated by research projects at the HEIA-FR
- ✓ Patent management (industrial partners and internally)



### **Models of collaboration**

- ✓ Industry-funded research projects (Ra&D-oriented projects)
- ✓ Publicly-funded research projects (NRP, Innosuisse, etc..)
- ✓ Research collaborations (mixed research teams consisting of researchers from HEIA-FR and industry)
- ✓ Consultancy Agreements
- ✓ Students projects (Semester paperwork, Bachelor and Master thesis)

### **Publications**

- ✓ Assistance in negotiating the conditions of publication in the research agreements
  while taking the interests of the industrial partners into consideration
- ✓ Support for the selection and verification of the content of publications, particularly with regard to confidential information or contractual obligations to comply with
- ✓ Encourage Open Access publications in order to pursue the open science strategy of the HES-SO or to meet the requirements of funding agencies (SNSF, Horizon Europe)



## **IP Management**

#### Innosuisse projects: general rules

- ✓ At least one non-exclusive commercial license for the company in its field of use (exclusivity for the company possible if it is required by the company's market situation)
- ✓ HEIA-FR keeps the IP rights outside of the field of use of the company
- ✓ HEIA-FR keeps the IP rights for education and research purposes in any field of use
- ✓ HEIA-FR remains the owner of all its methods, tools, techniques and know-how used or developed in the performance of the project



## **IP Management**

2 possible options on the IP management for Innosuisse projects:

- ✓ The first option for research-oriented projects
- ✓ The second option for development-oriented projects



## **IP Management**

Consortium projects: several options on a case by case basis

- ✓ The results are jointly owned by all the partners. Each partner is granted the right to use
  and commercialize the results royalty-free; or
- ✓ HEIA-FR remains the owner of the results and grants a right of use to the partners in their respective fields of use
- ✓ In all cases HEIA-FR keeps the right to use the results for education and research purposes in any field of use



### Numbers in 2020

- 96 Ra&D agreements
- **29** Confidentiality agreements
- 2 Announcements of invention
- **2** Creations of start-ups



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## NRP collaborative project

**Teleoperation:** remote control of automated and connected vehicles





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# Thank you

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