

Financial incentives as a tool for improving the V4 innovation ecosystem and enhancing IP protection

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General overview

- European Innovation Index
 - Moderate innovator
 - 0. Summary Innovation Index – 102,73 / 14th
 - 3.3 Intellectual assets – 57,93 / 21st
 - 2.1.3 Direct and Indirect government support of business R&D – 78,71 / 12th
- Industrial Property Rights / Instruments:
 - patents and utility models, industrial designs, trademarks, designations of origin and geographical indications, topographies of semiconductor products, biotechnological inventions,

Key players

- Ministry of Industry and trade
 - The Business and Innovation Agency (API)
 - CzechInvest
- The Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TAČR)
- Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports
- Industrial Property Office

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Overview of the ecosystem

- 7+1 programmes examined
- Non-refundable financial support
- Orientation on registration procedure not common
- Inclusive approach of IP
- Sources of funding: CZ + EU
- Diversity of beneficiaries

Other players and levels

- SME Fund
 - The Ideas Powered for business SME Fund
- Regional level
 - Innovation centres
 - Ynovate network

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Identified problems

- No one-stop-shop source of information
- Rather low effectiveness of the programmes
- Financial
- Legislative

Recommendations

- Introduce tax benefits
- Patentability as obligatory income of a subsidy
- IP law system more easy to navigate
- Strengthen the capacities of VPI