ADT

German Association of Innovation, Technology and Business Incubation Centres

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ADT Innovation Centres in Germany

1983

founding of the first Business- and Innovation Centre in Germany

1988

founding of the ADT –Association of the German Business- and Innovation Centres



ADT - Members

about 180 members

- 150 centres as full-members
- 15 sustaining members
- 31 associated and foreign members as well as partner organisations

Full-members of ADT

Business Centre

Science Parc

Innovation Centre

Business Incubator

Technology Centre

 Business and Founder Centre

Technology Parcs

Map of Germany

Location of Innovation Centres in Germany



ADT Instruments of regional economic development

Innovation Centres are:

an instrument to support the creation and the development - especially of innovative and technology oriented companies, which are developing, realising and selling new products and new services from results of R&D in the market, as well as other business foundings

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ADT Main Tasks of Innovation Centres

- informal -

Consulting, accompanying of start-up and in the first steps of development of companies for all questions of their management and development and finding contacts

- technical and organisational -

Services and infrastructure

<u>- renting -</u>

Offering suitable rooms with high flexibility in space, time and costs

Highest effectiveness

by an integrate offer of all parts

Hard facts

- ☑ Offers of services and information for the companies,
- ☑ Centre management,
- ☑ Infrastructure in the centre and in the surrounding,
- **Environment**
- ☑ Network of innovation centres
- quality and quantity of rental spaces
- ✓ Location of centre
- Quality of building

Soft facts

- Professional and social competence of centre management
- ☑ Coaching for the companies
- ☑ Technology and knowledge transfer
- ☑ Importance of the centre in a network of co-operation and communication
- Degree of competence as a centre for entrepreneurship and business development in innovative and technological fields
- ☑ Innovative companies in the centre
- Pool of external specialists

Sizes of the Centres



centres arranged according to size (rentable space)

less than $2.000m^2$: 19% 2.000 - 6.000m² : 19% 6.000 - 10.000m² : 47% bigger than 10.000m² : 15%

(Quelle: Blaues Buch "Innovationszentren in Deutschland 2007 / 2008"

ADT Main functions of the german association

- Exchange of experiences and best practices for the members
- Access to information and networks
- support in setting up of new innovation centres
- Lobby for the german centres as well as for the companies and business-founders in the centres
- offer special benefits from cooperation-partners
- assist in finding national and international cooperations

ADT- steps for more quality

- Discussions within the membership
- Analysis of qualitative factors
- Special workgroups
- Different activities
 - for members
 - for companies in the centres
 - in public relations
- Development of competencies of ADT

ADT – Quality-System

Since 2002 ADT awards the quality seal "Recognised Innovation Centre" as part of an evaluation procedre for guaranteeing the quality of the work carried out by the centres.

Up to now, ADT has successful evaluated about 30 german innovation centres.



The International Network of ADT

ADT has partnerships with several other international associations, i.e. with: EBN, IASP, NBIA, UKBI, VTÖ, France Incubation, KOBIA, T.I.I., BASTIC,

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ADT has many additional cooperations and contacts to other international networks and countries, as well as to foreign innovation centres.

ADT supports countries in establishing new innovation or technology centres.

