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Objectives

The objective of this study is to give overview of inventors' networks and their operation in the Baltic Sea Region and beyond. Each network of inventors will be able to learn, network and share experience with their colleagues as well as to improve presentation skills of the knowledge and possibilities that inventors possess to the society, government and business community.

The research is done within the Interreg project "Best Agers" of the European Commission. The research focuses on Senior inventors (Best Agers), who represent a good part of all active inventors and possess a huge potential for the societies and economies of the European Union especially in the period of demographic decline.

Questionnaire

Following questions were included in the questionnaire:

Information about the respondent

- ⤴ The name of organization
 - ⤴ Country of location
 - ⤴ Organization's main activity is
1. Where are inventors found (how are they structured) in your region? (universities, research institutions, inventors' clubs, associations, networks, other)
 2. Where are independent inventors found in your region? How do you (or inventors' networks) reach them?
 3. Are there networks/associations of inventors in your region/country?
 4. Please give some details of your inventors networks?
 - ⤴ when established
 - ⤴ number of members (how many of them are patent owners?)
 - ⤴ membership criteria and contributions
 - ⤴ is there some specialization in the network?
 - ⤴ age composition
 - ⤴ what are the activities of the network
 - ⤴ could you give some examples of implementation of your members inventions?
 - ⤴ is the network involved in international cooperation and in which way?
 - ⤴ please give contact details
 5. Is there support to inventors and/or inventions in your country/region?
 6. Could you describe in few sentences How the inventors are supported in your region to invent and in the way from invention to market?

Responses

Denmark

Erik Skaarup
Danish Inventors Association

1. Where are inventors found in your region?	The Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (http://en.fi.dk). Aarhus University (http://www.au.dk). University of Copenhagen (http://erhverv.ku.dk/english)
2. Where are independent inventors found in your region?	There are Danish Association of Inventors in Denmark (DaFFO) with 120 members, 80 per cent of them are Best Aged (+55).
3. Are there networks/ associations of inventors in your region/country?	
4. Please give some details of your inventors networks!	Danish Inventors Association consulting members from idea to patent. Also members sharing their experience to each others. DaFFO connects inventors with manufacturers, helps to obtain private partners to realize inventions in a life. Contacts: President Erik Skaarup; Address: Lyngbyvej 347 B st.th., 2820 Gentofte, Denmark; Tel: +45 21622347; e-mail: es@asolutioninvent.com ; info@daffo.dk ; http://www.daffo.dk .
5. Is there support to inventors and/or inventions in your country/region?	The Technology Transfer Office (TTO) at Aarhus University supports Central Denmark Region's inventors including Aarhus University Hospital in technology transfer process. When the rights to an invention are assigned to Aarhus University for commercial exploitation subsequently results in net income, Aarhus University pays the inventor a reasonable remuneration. However, a one-off payment of DKK 30,000 is made to the inventor if a patent application is submitted as a PCT application or similar at the end of the priority year. According to Aarhus University policy, a share of any surplus financial return from a license is provided to the inventor(s) and to the inventor's research group through the department. For more information, see www.au.dk/pke . In addition, inventors enjoy the satisfaction of knowing their inventions are being deployed for the benefit of the general public. New and enhanced relationships with businesses are another outcome that can augment one's teaching, research and consulting.
6. Could you describe in few sentences How the inventors are supported in your region?	

Estonia

Estonian Inventors association

1. Where are inventors found in your region?	Inventors usually are working at the Universities and Research insitutions of Estonia. There is a significant pool of inventors connected to the information technologies sector, Skype and start-ups.
2. Where are independent inventors found in your region?	Independent inventors have established Estonian Inventors association. Independent inventors easily find the association if they are looking for some support or connections.
3. Are there networks/ associations of inventors in your region/country?	Estonian Inventors association.
4. Please give some details of your inventors networks!	There are around 30 members at the Estonian Inventors association. Members gather monthly on a regular basis at the Patent Information centre - library in Tallinn. One of the members Mr. Leo Siemann has created a website to support inventors with knowledge and advice: www.estinventor.com .
5. Is there support to inventors and/or inventions in your country/region?	No direct support from the government. There is cooperation of inventors with Estonia Enterprise, that is main organization in the country to stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship. Inventors are supported by the Patent Information centre of Estonian Patent office.
6. Could you describe in few sentences How the inventors are supported in your region?	

Finland

Finnish Inventors National Federation

1. Where are inventors found in your region?	
2. Where are independent inventors found in your region?	<p>Finnish Inventors National Federation. http://kekery.fi</p> <p>Central Association of Finnish Inventors. keski-suomen.keksijat.net</p> <p>Pirkanmaa Association of Inventions. pirkanmaan.keksijat.net</p> <p>North Karelia Inventors Association. pohjois-karjalan.keksijat.net</p> <p>Northern Finland Inventors Association. pohjois-suomen.keksijat.net</p> <p>SATAKUNTA Inventor Association. satakunnan.suntuubi.com</p> <p>Inventors Association of Savo. www.savonkeksijat.fi</p> <p>Inventors Association Employee. www.nbl.fi/~nbl814</p>
3. Are there networks/ associations of inventors in your region/country?	
4. Please give some details of your inventors networks!	<p>Finnish Inventors National Federation are intended to represent the Finnish inventors at home and abroad, to promote the activities of the invention, the inventors to implement ideas, and to defend their rights and the activities of the invention to increase awareness and appreciation. Federation and its member associations the common objective is to encourage the public, the use of creativity and influence in society. That is federation of 24 member associations of personal members of the inventors, innovators, entrepreneurs, job and university inventors, product developers, and - designers and innovation, as well as in the IPR field specialists. Federation is also the member of the International Federation of Inventors Associations. Contacts: Radio Street 20, 00240 Helsinki; e-mail: kekery@kekery.fi; http://kekery.fi.</p>
5. Is there support to inventors and/or inventions in your country/region?	
6. Could you describe in few sentences How the inventors are supported in your region?	

Germany

Katrin Reichel

Research Association of Mecklenburg Western-Pomerania

<p>1. Where are inventors found in your region?</p>	<p>Patent- and Information centre, Project group of German Patent-Information centres www.priznet.de, SIGNO Germany – association to support universities, inventors and companies with innovative ideas in terms of legal support and economic utilization www.signo-deutschland.de, contests, University of Rostock, Chamber of Industry and Commerce.</p>
<p>2. Where are independent inventors found in your region?</p>	<p>Events, website of the institution of technological consulting www.tbi-mv.de.</p>
<p>3. Are there networks/ associations of inventors in your region/country?</p>	<p>SIGNO Inventors club Rostock, Inventors club Stralsund, SIGNO Inventors club technical State museum, SIGNO Inventors club Gustrow, Patent and utilization agency Mecklenburg Western-Pomerania, Patent Information Schwerin.</p>
<p>4. Please give some details of your inventors networks!</p>	<p>www.pva-mv.de, www.piznet.de, www.uni-rostock.de, www.fh-stralsund.de, http://www.ingenieurkammer-mv.de/homepages/page.php/stolz, http://www.tlm-mv.de/projekte/insti.php, www.tbi-mv.de</p>
<p>5. Is there support to inventors and/or inventions in your country/region?</p>	<p>Consulting, loan, credit for innovators (www.tbi-mv.de).</p> <p>Loans from the Patent and License Fund Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania can be granted outside inventors with permanent residence in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. The granting of the aid takes the form of interest-free loan for up to 100% of eligible expenses. The repayment of loans made by appointment. The Fund is involved in the economic success of the projects supported adequately.</p> <p>Network of German Patent-Information centers www.piznet.de provides protection for inventions and thus secure a market advantage, organize seminars for patenting inventions.</p>
<p>6. Could you describe in few sentences How the inventors are supported in your region?</p>	<p>Promotion of research, development, innovation; Promotion of network research, Promotion of technological oriented networks, Patent and license financial support Mecklenburg Western-Pomerania.</p>

Latvia

Latvian Inventors Association

1. Where are inventors found in your region?	Inventors may be found everywhere around the country. Some of them have joined Latvian Inventors association, which is the main organization that unites inventors. One can meet inventors also at the Latvian Investment and Development agency (www.liaa.gov.lv), Latvian Patent office (www.lrpv.lv) and Patent information centre - library (www.patbib.gov.lv), CONNECT Latvia (www.connectlatvia.lv), business incubators, technology transfer centres of the Universities, patent attorney bureaus, and other organizations supporting innovation.
2. Where are independent inventors found in your region?	Independent inventors are either members of Latvian Inventors association or are working on their inventions independently. Often they make contacts with companies, universities and scientists for development of their products.
3. Are there networks/ associations of inventors in your region/country?	Latvian Inventors association (www.inventors.lv)
4. Please give some details of your inventors networks!	Latvian Inventors association was established in 2007. It is a member of International Federation of Inventors associations (IFIA - http://www.invention-iffia.ch). There are currently 34 members. 17 of 34 members (50%) are Best Ageds (55+), which gives a perfect cross-generation mix in the organization.
5. Is there support to inventors and/or inventions in your country/region?	Few years ago there was a special program run by Latvian Investment and Development agency, that specialized in supporting innovations and start-ups in the early stage of development by giving grants up to 5000 LVL (~ 7100 EUR). There are discounts for inventors-seniors and inventors-students when applying for a patent. Government supports the organization of the Annual Latvian Inventors Day.
6. Could you describe in few sentences How the inventors are supported in your region?	Inventors are supported largely by the Riga Technical University (www.rtu.lv), Latvian Patent office, a non-profit start-ups support association CONNECT Latvia, through different type of mutually beneficial partnership.

Lithuania

Tomas Cernevičius
KTU Regional Science Park
Public innovation support services;

Kazimieras Baltrunas
Union of Inventors of Lithuania

<p>1. Where are inventors found in your region?</p>	<p>Main institution which deals with inventions is State Patent Bureau (www.vpb.gov.lt). It receives approximately 100 patent applications each year. More than 50% of the applications come from private persons while patent applications from private companies comprise very little part of all applications. Most active universities in applying for patents are Kaunas University of Technology (www.ktu.lt) and Vilnius Gediminas (www.vgtu.lt) Technical University. Only few applications are received for acquiring European patent each year.</p> <p>SPB has issued 84 patents in 2010, where 71 patent was issued to Lithuanian patent owner and the rest – to foreign patent owners. Only 1 European patent was issued to Lithuanian owner in 2010, while there were 941 European patents issued in total.</p> <p>Inventors by activeness may be structured as following (my opinion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universities: Kaunas University of Technology, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, - Research institutions. There are 18 research institutes in Lithuania, - Private inventors who research and invent privately and are quite reserved regarding a disclosure of their inventions and results, - Associations and networks are listed in the catalogues on the internet but have no websites and information may not be found. This leads to the opinion that this type of activities among inventors is not very popular or active.
<p>2. Where are independent inventors found in your region?</p>	<p>There are 2 ways for us to reach/meet the inventor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They come to Science Parks or Innovation Centers for consultations and advice, 2. They participate in various events (workshops, seminars, conferences, etc.) organized by Science Parks or Innovation Centers and there we meet them for initial discussions.
<p>3. Are there networks/ associations of inventors in your region/country?</p>	<p>Lithuanian Scientific Society (LSS) - http://www.lms.lt/?q=en/about Union of Inventors of Lithuania.</p>
<p>4. Please give some details of your inventors networks!</p>	<p>Union of Inventors of Lithuania. 2000 members. 50% of members are under 55. Main activities are consultations from idea to market. Also they help members to obtain EU funds, mostly to cover patenting costs. Head of the Union: Kazimieras Baltrunas. Address: Sporto g. 11, LT-09200 Vilnius, Lithuania; Tel. +370 69876314; e-mail k.baltrunas@mail.lt</p>
<p>5. Is there</p>	<p>There are few tools for supporting inventions/inventors and/or innovations:</p>

<p>support to inventors and/or inventions in your country/region?</p>	<p>1. The Ministry of Economy encourages Lithuanian inventors and businesses to protect their intellectual property rights by offering aid for patents. Funds are available for persons seeking international patents for their inventions, European Patents or patents under the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Support is available from the funds of the national budget, covering 95 per cent of eligible patenting costs. In order to make support accessible to each inventor, the Ministry of Economy has introduced three ways to reimburse patent-related costs since 2009: prepayment of fees, payment of invoices and reimbursement of incurred expenses. The following patenting costs are covered: patent application fee, search fee, examination, designation fee, patent issuance fee, renewal fees for the first 5 years, translation costs and patent attorney services. The support amounts to approx. 850 000 Litass (~250 000 EUR) per year.</p> <p>The administrative institution of the national support for IPR is Science, Innovation and Technology Agency (SITA). For more information please visit http://www.mita.lt/en</p> <p>2. In 2010 Lithuania piloted a new form of support – innovation vouchers designed to encourage business to benefit from the most state-of-the-art research institutions cooperate with business for commercialization of research results. This form of support specifically designed for micro entities and small and mediumsized enterprises (SMEs) seeking to innovate was welcomed by business community representatives, also public research institutions and universities.</p> <p>There are two types of innovation voucher – LTL 10 000 (2 900 euro – with no requirement for own contribution) and LTL 20 000 (5 800 euro – SME is required to contribute ¼ of this amount from its own resources). Innovation vouchers finance R&D services. The eligible suppliers of R&D services under this scheme are state universities and state research institutes.</p> <p>The administrative institution of the innovation voucher scheme is Science, Innovation and Technology Agency (SITA). For more information please visit http://www.mita.lt/en</p>
<p>6. Could you describe in few sentences How the inventors are supported in your region?</p>	<p>There is a network of public institutions in Lithuania which forms innovation support system. The network consists of 10 Science and Technology Parks and 2 Innovation Centers. Each institution has their own experts who can assist any inventor to develop his/her idea and assist in technology transfer or any other commercialization activity. These services are usually free of charge for the inventor. In some cases some charges may apply depending on the needs: patenting, indirect costs, etc.</p>

Poland

Gabriela Górewicz

West Pomeranian Business School in Szczecin;

The Association of Polish Inventors and Rationalizers

1. Where are inventors found in your region?	
2. Where are independent inventors found in your region?	In the whole country there is one organization "networking" the inventors - The Association of Polish Inventors and Rationalizers (SPWiR).
3. Are there networks/ associations of inventors in your region/country?	There are autonomic organizations dealing with inventors and inventiveness. Few universities are involved in it with their own patent offices.
4. Please give some details of your inventors networks!	The Association of Polish Inventors and Rationalizers (SPWiR). 1450 inventors and 65 Supporting Members SPWiR and 10 local branches. The main tasks of the Association are inspiration the development of innovation in the country, Polish inventions promotion in the country and abroad, copyright protection for inventors and rationalizers, search conditions for the implementation and dissemination of innovation. Tasks SPWiR filled increasingly with the support of many central institutions of the State, mainly the Ministry of Science and Higher Education and Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Environment. It is financed by donations or memberships fees. Association also has a financial support from the government if organizes conferences or other events on international level. SPWiR is an active member of International Federation of Inventors associations (IFIA). Contacts: Address: Street. Rydgiera 8 house. 20b, 01-793 Warsaw. Tel/fax: +48 22 633 84 82; e-mail: biurospwir@gmail.com ; www.polskiewynalazki.pl .
5. Is there support to inventors and/or inventions in your country/region?	There is no structured funds on regional nor on national level in Poland. Each inventor needs to use own sources or find a sponsor. Marshall office in West Pomeranian Region each year divides some money (100 000 PLN) for inventors. Divisions goes to universities.
6. Could you describe in few sentences How the inventors are supported in your region?	

Sweden

Ewa Hedkvist Petersen

County Council of Norrbotten

Public administration including a Department for Regional Development;

Swedish Inventors' Association

<p>1. Where are inventors found in your region?</p>	<p>In Norrbotten it is usually distinguished between research-based innovations and innovations from "free" innovators/inventors. The research based usually have a university background and then have an input into the innovation system through Centek (http://www.centek.se) at Luleå University of Technology, Innovationsbron (http://www.innovationsbron.se) and eventually at the Aurorum Business Incubator (http://www.a-b-i.se) in Luleå.</p> <p>Almi Företagspartner is an important player here. ALMI's task is to promote the development of competitive small and medium-sized businesses as well as to stimulate new enterprise with the aim of creating growth and innovation in Swedish business life. (http://www.almi.se/ALMI-in-English). The innovators who meet at Almi Företagspartner, are mostly "free" innovators and some small-and medium-sized businesses who want to work with to develop a product / service. These audiences will find Almi by example, through municipal enterprise companies, various activities/inspirational meetings being organized (for example in health care) or open meetings in the municipalities, through the Employment Service, the inventive compounds or through recommendations between individuals.</p>
<p>2. Where are independent inventors found in your region?</p>	<p>In addition to Step.1: Swedish Inventors' Association, SUF.</p>
<p>3. Are there networks/ associations of inventors in your region/country?</p>	<p>There are two non-profit inventors clubs in the county right now: Creative Women in Norrbotten and Idéakuten ("Emergency for ideas") in Boden.</p>
<p>4. Please give some details of your inventors networks!</p>	<p>Idéakuten - Inventors' Association to assist, primarily members, but also others to get their ideas and products coming to market. The association is working with other members of the association to promote innovation and provide local business opportunities with new products, expand their business. Contacts: Bo Lindgren, Chairman. Tel: 070-6605588; info@ideakuten.se; http://www.ideakuten.se.</p> <p>Almi Företagspartner is represented in every county and operations funded by state and county. Almi is owned by the state and is the parent of a group with 19 subsidiaries - 17 regional subsidiaries plus Almi Invest AB and IFS Consulting AB. The regional subsidiaries owned 51 percent of the parent company and 49 percent of regional ownership, such as county councils or regional councils. More information: http://www.almi.se/ALMI-in-English .</p> <p>Swedish Inventors' Association, SUF provides a forum for exchange of ideas and collaboration between inventors, creativity, research and business. They have a network that gives members the opportunity to meet other inventors and innovators to exchange experiences and ideas. Swedish Inventors' Association, who work voluntarily, has local chapters in some 40 locations around the country</p>

	<p>making it easy to get in touch with them. By SUFs cooperation and membership of IFIA, the International Federation of Inventors Association, they can offer members the opportunity to participate in international activities. SUF has such representation to the inventors' exhibitions, sometimes with its own stand and in some cases in a single-IFIA booth. Contacts: Sandel Road 21 , 115 34 Stockholm Tel: 08-545164 70 Fax : 08-545164 71; E-mail: suf@upppinnare.se; http://www.upppinnare.se</p>
<p>5. Is there support to inventors and/or inventions in your country/region?</p>	<p>Yes, there are few organizations that take care of innovators/inventors. This is a bit depending on the nature of the innovation. For example, ALMI is an organization that among other things, investing heavily in start-projects. SUF gives inventors assistance with all aspects of innovations to make, whether they are at the conceptual stage or already in production.</p>
<p>6. Could you describe in few sentences How the inventors are supported in your region?</p>	<p>ALMI Företagspartner AB is owned by the state, county councils, regional authorities and municipal cooperative bodies. Operational activities are run in the regional companies. ALMI's task is to promote the development of competitive small and medium-sized businesses as well as to stimulate new enterprise with the aim of creating growth and innovation in Swedish business life. Its activity covers the whole process from idea to profitable business. What is unique about ALMI is the combination of financing and business development. The objective is to get more innovative ideas to the market successfully, to get more viable businesses launched and developed, as well as to increase the competitiveness and profitability of the businesses.</p> <p>If an innovator meets ALMI she/he presents a description of the idea this can result in an order of examination of the idea's novelty value and a basic market research. To this a feasibility study funds for SEK 15 000. This sum can also be used for further development of the idea, such as prototyping, intellectual property issues, material selection and testing.</p> <p>Already early in the process the question is raised how the inventor had in mind the store, ie start a business or license the product/service. A business plan is then drawn up by the innovator. The innovator is also told about the financial possibilities of the innovator/inventor has to fund its development of ideas through different stakeholders eg Connect. On some occasions ALMI have been able to offer a place in a collection booth at trade shows for the first market introduction, but also consulting assistance to find suitable buyer for the idea. ALMI's support for innovation stop at the market introduction and the first invoice is sent.</p>

United Kingdom

The British Inventors Society,

The Institute of Patentees and Inventors

<p>1. Where are inventors found in your region?</p>	<p>St Johns Innovation Centre. - Science Park Cambridge. www.stjohns.co.uk. Kingston University - Knowledge base. www.kingston.ac.uk. Enterprise Exchange - Another Kingston university initiative. www.kingston.ac.uk/~kuweb/business-services/index.htm. University of Huddersfield - www.hud.ac.uk. University of East London - www.uel.ac.uk. IIE - Institution of Incorporated Engineers. www.iie.org.uk. Institute of International Licensing Practitioners (IILP). www.iilp.net. National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA). www.nesta.org.uk.</p>
<p>2. Where are independent inventors found in your region?</p>	<p>The British Inventors Society (BIS). ICASS - specialist advice for Scotland's inventors and small innovative companies - www.icass.co.uk. The Institute of Patentees and Inventors - www.invent.org.uk.</p>
<p>3. Are there networks/ associations of inventors in your region/country?</p>	
<p>4. Please give some details of your inventors networks!</p>	<p>The Institute of Patentees and Inventors has among its membership not only inventors but patent attorneys, marketeers and others who can provide expert advice to its membership on the complex issues relating to invention and innovation. These issues cover not only intellectual property rights but also topics as diverse as originality searching, manufacturing practices, pricing practices, presentation techniques, funding and other subjects relating to the exploitation of an invention. The Institute attends exhibitions and trade shows throughout the year. At these, staff and members are able to talk to people who are interested in the inventing process and inventions. The Institute holds Members' Meetings at which invited speakers talk on various subjects relating to the invention and innovation process. Visits to places of interest for members are also arranged when appropriate. The Institute is a member of International Federation of Inventors Associations. Contacts: PO Box 39296, London, SE3 7WH, UK; Telephone: 0871 226 2091; Fax: 0208 293 5920; Email: ipi@invent.org.uk; www.invent.org.uk.</p>
<p>5. Is there support to inventors and/or inventions in your country/region?</p>	<p>Eureka - www.eureka.findlay.co.uk. No other data collected.</p>
<p>6. Could you describe in few sentences How the inventors are supported in your region?</p>	

Summary and recommendations

We can divide inventors in three groups: inventors associated with science institutions, inventors of private organizations and corporations and individual inventors.

Comparatively to studied countries there are no problems of networking in western countries such as Germany or United Kingdom. Many possibilities for inventors are provided to get supported from age of child to experienced people, from individuals to corporate.

Sweden is most attractive for inventors in Scandinavia as both individuals and corporate inventors are more supported from government contrary to Denmark. However Finland has numerically the most individual inventors networks.

All three eastern Baltic Sea countries Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are similar possibilities. Majority of supporting programs are oriented to research and development in science institutions or commercialization of finished inventions.

There are few global inventors' networks working in this region too.

International Federation of Inventors Associations (IFIA) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization created by seven European inventor associations in 1968. Today, its membership belong to more than 80 countries. IFIA'S OBJECTIVES are to improve the status of inventors at national and international levels, and to promote cooperation between inventor associations. MAIN ACTIVITIES: publication of reference books, guides, surveys, studies; conferences, seminars, workshops, expert group meetings, lectures; competitions and awards for inventions; illustrative exhibits related to inventors & inventions; assistance in the creation of inventor associations; consultative services; creation of international networking among inventors; promotion of inventions through Internet. Homepage: www.invention-iffia.ch.

Global Women Inventors & Innovators Network (GWIIN) identifies priorities and responds to needs was established in 1998 with initial events held in London & Singapore and has created a global platform highlighting women's invention and innovation. Services: Independent Advice; Training & Information Sessions; Promotion & Marketing Opportunities; Personal & Community Development; Project Development & Management; Analysis for Researchers; Investigation & Finding. Homepage: www.gwiin.com.

European Union Women Inventors & Innovators Network (EUWIIN). EUWIIN addresses the issues & generates benefits by :

- Increasing the pool of human resources by stimulating wider inclusiveness & the exchange of knowledge in areas of intellectual property rights, access to finance, international trade, equity & commercialisation.
- Creating opportunities for innovative women to benchmark their skills, re-train, re-skill, re-tool & take advantage of current & emerging opportunities.
- Intensifying inventive women's impact on the innovation & knowledge-based sectors.

Homepage: www.euwiin.eu.

European Business & Innovation Centre Network (EBN) is now the leading non-governmental pan-European network bringing together 200+ Business & Innovation Centres (BICs), and similar organizations such as incubators, innovation and entrepreneurship centres across the enlarged Europe. Homepage: <http://www.ebn.be>.