

Instituto Pedro Nunes and its ecosystem



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Coimbra: "sailing against the wind" of innovation and entrepreneurship

Predominance of public sector/services

2 major economy drivers: (public) University and University Hospital

"Floating" population (143.500 inhabitants, approx. 20.000 students)

Absence of strong companies and industries

Bigger industrial hubs in the center region (Leiria, Aveiro, Viseu)

Instituto Pedro Nunes: the CONTEXT

Coimbra University

- > 720 years old
- > Tradition in Law and Medicine
- > Strong in IT&Electronics, Biotech and Materials
- > 25.000 Students

Science & Technology Campus

- > 8000 undergraduates
- > 1000 post-graduates
- > 650 teaching & research staff

Business / Institutional Environment

- > Emerging cluster of Tech-based industries
- > Excellence in the Health Sector

IPN location

- Located in the Technology Campus of Coimbra University (POLO II)
- Very near to the faculties of engineering and other research institutes
- > Neighbour of Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra



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R&TD Laboratories





- > LAS Laboratory for Automation and Systems
- > LED&MAT Laboratory for Wear, Testing and Materials
- > LIS Laboratory for Informatics and Systems
- > LEC Laboratory for Electroanalysis and Corrosion
- > LABGEO Geotechnical Laboratory
- > FITOLAB Phytopathology laboratory









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PORTUGUESE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER INITIATIVE







IPN's partnership with ESA –European Space Agency

Our goal strengthening the competitiveness of the Portuguese space industry by supporting and facilitating the transfer of space technologies to non-space markets

18 proposals received

9 PROJECTS

6 Demonstrators

3 Feasibility Studies

7 different non-space markets automotive, logistics, renewable energy, pipeline insulation, medical devices, railway, UAVs

8 beneficiaries: 7 companies, 1 R&D center

















RTD LABORATORIES - SOME FIGURES



18 YEARS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER (1994-2013)

- . RTD projects and technology transfer contracts > 250
- Number of clients > 350
- Weight of international projects
 2000 17%
 - 2012 49%



INCUBATOR SERVICES



Business plans

Technological and Economical viability, Training process

Management support

Business development, general accountancy fiscal planning, etc

Rooms: 20,28,33,40,56,66 m² conference rooms, administrative support, Communications, ...

Physical Incubation

Space and Logistics

Virtual Incubation > Start

> Follow-up

Access to Funding

National and European Funding Banking, Business Angels, **Venture Capital**

Training

Science & technology, business **Facilities**

Access to scientific knowledge

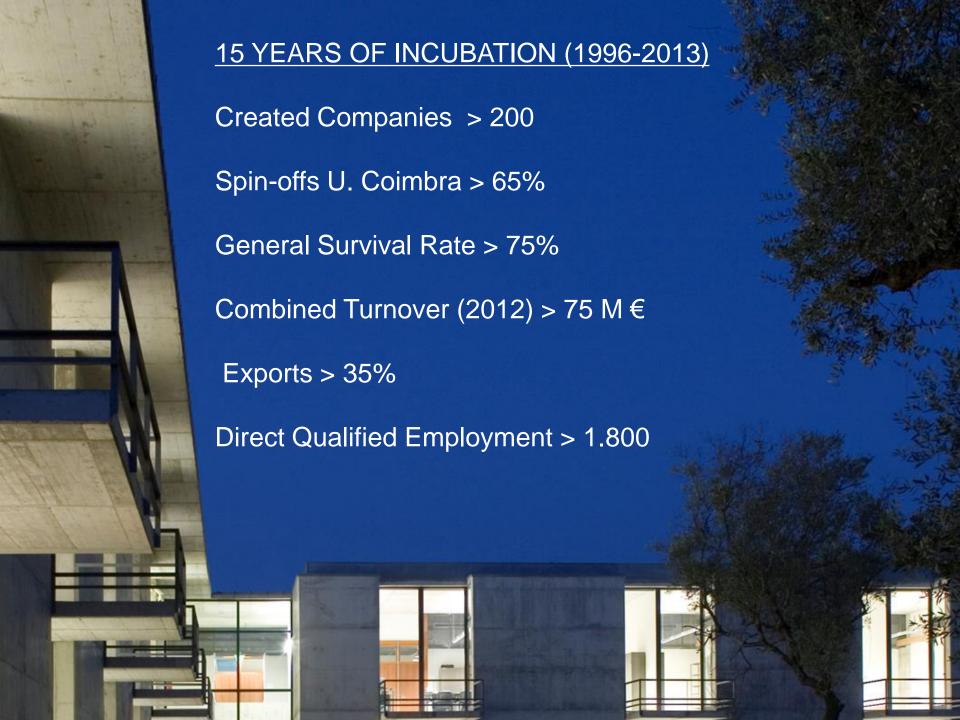
Coimbra University and other **R&TD** organizations

Networking and Internationalization

International projects Events "matching"

IP management

Patents, Trademarks, **Tech Transfer Agreements** Prior art searches, ...



BUSINESS INCUBATOR - CASE STUDY #1





CRITICAL SOFTWARE

Information Technologies for Critical Systems

PROMOTORS

. 3 PHd studentsInformatics Department –University of Coimbra

CONTEXT

- Software for critical systems
- Projects for industry national and international (NASA)

RESULTS

- · Jobs created > 400
- · % exports / Revenue **70%**
- . R&D Expenses / Turnover 12%
- · No spin offs created: 5
- Delegations in EUA, UK, Brasil, Roménia, Mozambique

BUSINESS INCUBATOR - CASE STUDY #2





WIT Software S.A.

PROMOTERS

Led by researcher FCTUC

Development Team originated in LIS-IPN (2000)

CONTEXT

 Know-how acquired in projects with Vodafone, Orange, Deutsche Telekom, other global telecoms

RESULTS

- Jobs created > 150
- % Exports / Turnover **75%**
- . R&D Expenses / Turnover 20%
- Global firm

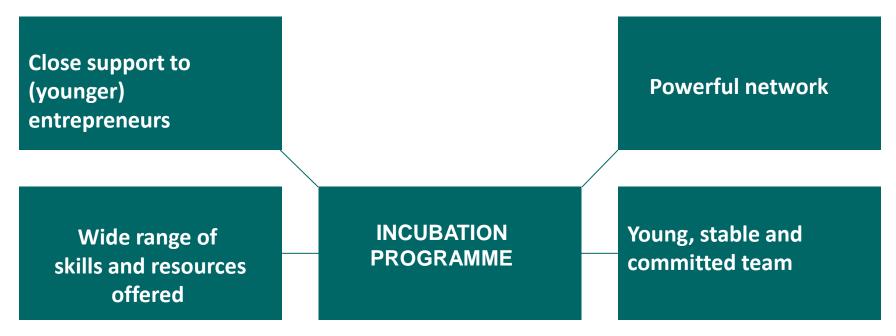


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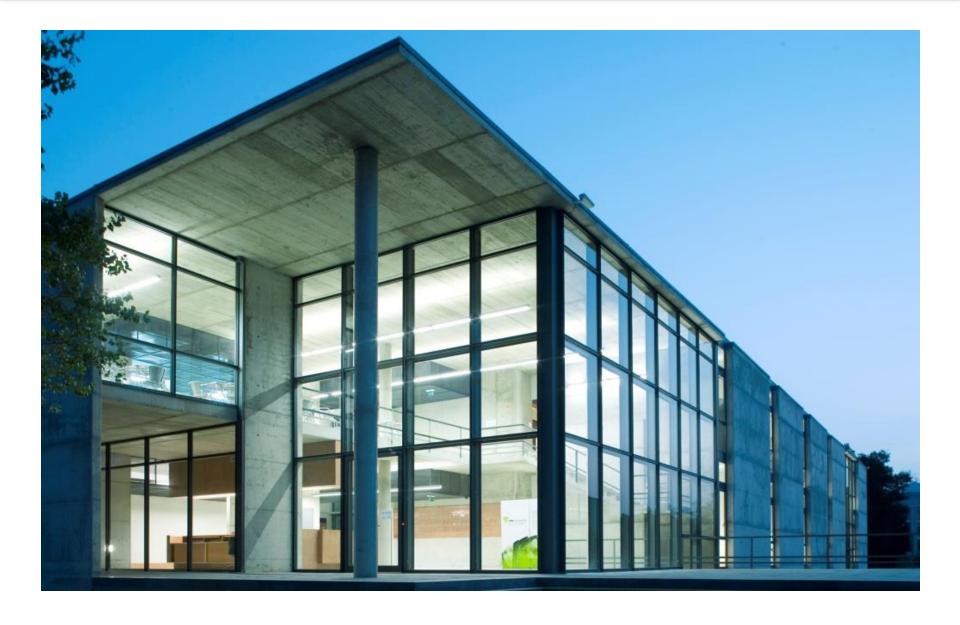


INCUBATION FORCES – Targeting young innovators!

















The Future: TECBIS





IPN Business Accelerator

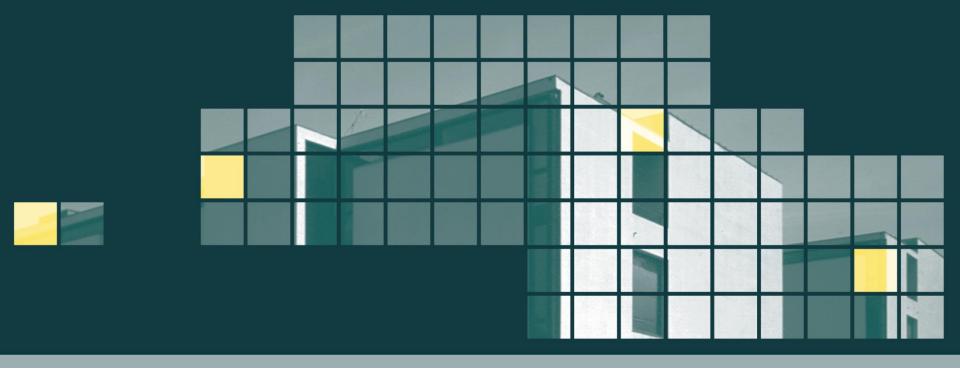
"Final destination" for high-growth tech-based companies With global activity

Past Incubated companies and/or "mature" companies First companies installed on May 2014









FROM IDEAS TO MARKET

IPN VCI as an integrated support unit for innovation







- 1. Spin-off creation support
- 2. Intellectual Property
- 3. Technology Commercialization
- 4. Co-financed projects drafting, submission and management (FP7, H2020, PT specific measures)







Spin-off creation

Managing activities of tech-based entrepreneurship promotion

Support of spin-off company creation by University members: teachers, researchers, students, scholars







Intellectual Property

Support to:

- Teachers, researchers and students from Universities
- Innovators/entrepreneurs in general
- Companies

In **IP matters**: prior art searches, trademark/patent/design protection training







Tech transfer and commercialization

Support to tech transfer – Activities and actions towards the market; consultancy on licensing, financing, other relevant support to tech transfer

Co-Financed R&D Projects – Networking, consortia building, drafting and submission of financial proposals, calls management at EC (FP7, H2020) and national level



Coimbra Innovation trail















Consequences?





EC Study (10/2012)







Thank you for your attention!





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