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Workshop 7

Valorising the Innovation Capacity of the Firm

The value of intangible assets in the knowledge economy

The European Commission (DG Enterprise) has endorsed the decision to carry out a “policy review workshop” on the above theme. In order to prepare this exercise properly, we kindly ask you to fill in the following questionnaire. Your response will assist us in identifying the structures in your country and current developments within the theme, in addition it will provide input into identifying the policy practitioners that may benefit from participation in such a workshop. **Please read the WKS 7 scoping paper first**, which outlines the specific considerations for the topic and should act as a guide to what type of answers we are looking for from the questionnaire. As one of 33 country briefings we would appreciate your answers to be as concise as possible. If you have any questions please contact:

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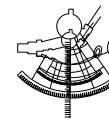
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The workshop will address two related themes; the valuation of intangibles (e.g. IP) and the certification of Innovation Management Techniques. Your input is mostly requested on the latter theme but we also ask for your input on the issue of valuation of intangibles.

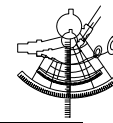
Definition of Innovation Management Techniques and Certification

Innovation does not always mean employing the very latest cutting-edge technology. On the contrary, it is less a question of technology and more a way of thinking and finding creative solutions within the company. In this context, innovation management techniques (IMTs) can be seen as a range of tools, techniques and methodologies that help companies to adapt to circumstances and meet market challenges in a systematic way. We define an IMT (Innovation Management Technique) to be any methodology or tool which facilitates the management of innovation within firms. An Innovation Management Certificate is a label which states that the certified company has put in place “good management practises”, incorporated good Innovation Management Techniques.



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Innovation Management Techniques		
<p>Q 1a. Are there any policy programmes aimed at promoting the <i>creation</i> of any of the following types of Innovation Management Techniques? These would be schemes addressed to management consultancies, public and private innovation centres, government agencies, trade associations, etc to develop these tools. <i>Please tick the box below (Q1a)</i></p>		
<p>Q 1b. Are there any policy programmes aimed at promoting the <i>use</i> of any of the following types of Innovation Management Techniques by firms? These could be either addressed to intermediaries or directly to firms to take up these techniques. <i>Please tick the box below (Q1b)</i></p>		
Type of Innovation Management Technique IMT	Q 1a Creation IMT	Q 1b Use
Knowledge Management Tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Market Intelligence Techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooperative And Networking Tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Resources Management Techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interface Management Approaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creativity Development Techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Process Improvement Techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Innovation Project Management Techniques	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Creation Tools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><i>Source: Innovation Management and the Knowledge Driven Economy. January 2004. European Commission, DG Enterprise</i></p>		
<p>Q 1c. Provide name and short description (max 10 lines) of the most interesting policy programme in the area Innovation Management Techniques (if available in your country).</p> <p>Example 1 Name of programme Description There hardly are any policy measures which would be exclusively focused on the themes the WKS7 deals with. Various dimensions of the above mentioned innovation management techniques are used both by private actors and public agencies. For instance, valuation of intangibles and innovation management techniques are used by private investors when assessing potential investments. Also, valuation of intangibles is used in the context/is part of Tekes' Technology Strategy Design "tool" (FI 24), as well as LIKSA (FI 13) and TULI (FI 6) measures. In all these latter mentioned instances emphasis is although on university interface. Tekes' R&D funding for companies is also relevant here. Overall, though, clearly identifiable policy measures seems to be scarce.</p> <p>Example 2 Name of programme Description</p>		
Certification of Innovation Management		
<p>Q 2. The challenge this workshop addresses is the development of a certification of innovation management competences. This requires organisations setting the standards and disseminating this certification as a credible quality label. <i>Are there any public or private initiatives aimed at promoting the creation of an innovation management certificate? If yes, please give</i></p>		



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example(s) and provide name and short description (who has initiated this, how does it work?, where can we find information?)

Example 1

Name of programme

Description To our knowledge public or private initiatives aiming to promote creation of innovation management certificates are very scarce if not outright non-existent. Issues linked to certification of innovation management is probably touched upon in development of quality system certificates.

Example 2

Name of programme

Description

Q 3. In those countries that have such a certification of innovation management competences companies need to be encouraged to use them. *Are there any policy programmes aimed at promoting the use of innovation management certificates by companies?* If yes, please give example(s) and provide name and short description

Example 1

Name of programme

Description

Example 2

Name of programme

Description

Valuation of intangibles (e.g. patents)

Q 4. Do you know of any public-private initiatives supporting the valuation of intangibles, such as IPR, with the purpose of acquiring finances for innovation? Examples could be joint assessment of innovation plans by technologists, financiers and agencies to underpin the request for loans or equity funding.

Example 1

Name of programme

Description See the answer to the question 1c above.

Example 2

Name of programme

Description

Q 5. Please indicate a possible policy maker(s) from your country who is actively involved in policy initiatives promoting the *valuation of intangibles*

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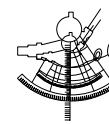
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Q 6. Please indicate a possible policy maker(s) from your country who is actively involved in policy initiatives promoting *innovation management techniques and/or certification of innovation management*

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