

Innovation in deep-tech: Latvian ILO's Approach to Business Engagement with CERN

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Baltic ILOs: Industry Liaison Officers

Who to contact in your Country

Industrial Liaison Officers (ILO's) are appointed by CERN's Member States to facilitate the flow of communication between CERN and its suppliers. ILO's can provide advice on the opportunities available for doing business with CERN and the support available to firms in their local regions.



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ILO's work @CERN

Network

- ILO forum 2 times/year and Finance Committee meetings 4 times/ year
- Close contact with CERN's Procurment Service (PS) and Knowledge transfer (KT)
- Getting to know technical teams and scientists

Outreach

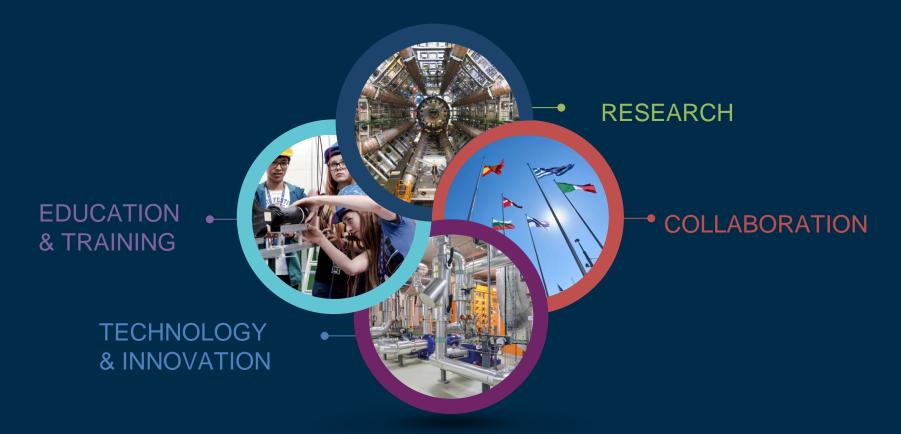
- Webinars, industry days, thematic events with CERN
- Expanding industry network at home
- Company visits and individual visits to CERN

Tools

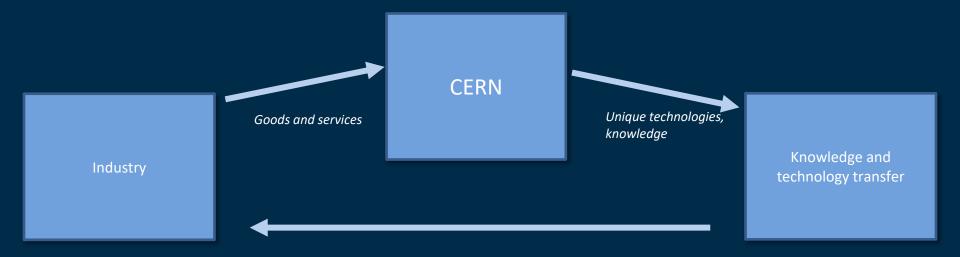
- Suppliers database
- Procurement announcements of business opportunities
- Mapping technologies at home country



Four pillars underpin CERN's mission



Roadmap to CERN



What industry gains from participation in CERN?

- a. Procurement
- b. New knowledge, technology transfer
- c. Scientific expertise, testbed
- d. Participation in EU projects

CERN technologies in three key areas



















What CERN buys

- Civil engineering
- Cooling and ventilation
- Electrical engineering and magnets
- Information Technology
- Mechanical engineering and raw materials
- Electronics and radiofrequency
- Cryogenic and vacuum equipment
- Health and safety equipment,
- Transport and handling equipment
- Office supply, furniture
- Industrial services on the CERN site

Procurements

Key facts:

- Annual total budget (approx): 1.2 BCHF
- Members of personnel: ~3500
- Associated members of personnel and users: ~13 000
- Member states: 24

Procurements comprise of a set of procedures that govern how CERN buys something, while ensuring:

- 1. Effective allocation of funds
- 2. Fair competition between bidders
- 3. Equitable industrial return for member states
- 4. Other policy targets
- ~230 MCHF spent on supplies (CERN budget only) excluding services, utilities, experiments
- ~500 MCHF yearly procurements on average every year



Classification of procurements	
Procedural division by contract size	•Small (up to 50 kCHF) •Medium (50-200 kCHF) •Large (200+ kCHF) •Very large (1.5 m + kCHF)
Type of bid evaluation	Lowest compliantBest value for moneyTotal cost of ownership
Type of competition	•Competitive tendering •Limited competition
Type of supply:	•Build to print •"shelf-product"



CERN's technological innovations have important applications in medicine and healthcare



Accelerator technologies are applied in cancer radiotherapy with protons, ions and electrons. Technologies at CERN are also used in PET, for medical imaging and diagnostics.





Pixel detector technologies are used for high resolution 3D colour X-ray imaging. cern produces innovative radioisotopes for nuclear medicine research.



Competences

Machine Learning and Deep Learning Industrial Controls and Automation

Data Analytics

Metrology

High and Ultra High Vacuum Systems

Health, Safety and Environment Management

Cryogenics

Optoelectronics and Microelectronics

High Volume Data Management & Storage

Superconducting Magnets

Particle Acceleration and Control

Radiation Protection and Monitoring

Particle Tracking and Calorimetry

Sensors

Material Science

Cooling and Ventilation

Robotics

Collaboration Tools

Radio Frequency Technology

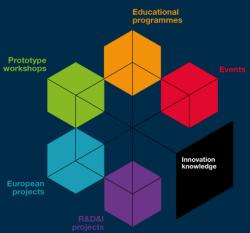
Manufacturing and Mechanical Processes

R&D partnership possibilities

- Openlab remains a ground-breaking public-private partnership, CERN collaborates with leading technology companies and research institutes. Within this framework, CERN provides access to its complex ICT infrastructure and its engineering experience - in some cases even extended to collaborating institutes worldwide.
- CERN Venture Connect (CVC) programme aims to support deep-tech startups in all of CERN's Member States and Associate Member States. The programme will help the founders succeed by giving them fast-track access to cuttingedge CERN technologies and partner investor companies or venture incubators that will provide further possibilities for investment, distribution, expert mentoring and service providers.
- IdeaSquare is the innovation space at CERN using collaborative methodologies, access to CERN expertise and crossconnectivity to ideate solutions for the future of humankind. A place where people have the license to dream.







Latvia Industry Engagement with CERN from 2024 Q1 – 2024 Q3

- 44 companies in CERN Suppliers database
- **16** companies with supplier status
- **11 companies** visited CERN in 2024 Q1-Q3
- From August 2021-2024 Latvian companies have received orders from CERN worth 466,000 CHF (~ 495,000 EUR).









Events with industry engagement

18 September CERN Industry webinar

2-4 October Big Science Business Forum 2024 (Trieste, Italy) – B2B, networking

30-31 October 5G Techritory (Riga, Latvia) – networking, cybersecurity expert visit

22 November Thematic Event – Precision Machining (Online) – 1:1 matchmaking with CERN

In conclusion

- CERN is open for business but most opportunities for R&D oriented ones
- Be specific and work with well-defined projects and companies with objectives
- Success requires dedicated experts from both sides, find the right people
- Driving deep tech innovation requires courage
- Contact your ILO



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