

**TIS
TECHNO
INNOVATION
SOUTH TYROL**

South Tyrol

TIS Techno innovation park is situated in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, South Tyrol, right in the heart of the Alps, occupying a central position in Europe and bordering on to Austria, Switzerland, and the Italian provinces of Sondrio, Trento and Belluno.

With over 500,000 inhabitants, the Province is one of the three members of the Euroregion Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino. South Tyrol enjoys a far-reaching autonomous status and its inhabitants enjoy an extremely high standard of living, with its per capita GDP amounting to 33,800 Euros (Dec. 2010); thus its economic prosperity is distinctly higher than the EU average.

A total of 57,316 companies are listed in the Companies Register of the Bolzano/Bozen Chamber of Commerce (Dec. 2010) and the local economic structure is characterized by micro and small businesses (over 90% of all companies). Tourism is one of the main sectors of the South Tyrolean economy.

The three official languages of the Province (70% of the population speak German as their first language, 25% Italian and 5% Ladin) and its dual education system, unique in Italy, give South Tyrol a competitive advantage. Through its bilingualism, the Province serves as a link between German and Italian speaking regions.



TIS innovation park the innovation hub of South Tyrol

Aim of TIS innovation park is the transfer of expertise and technology from all over the world to local businesses and organizations. TIS serves as a reference point for innovation in South Tyrol.

The TIS working method consists of a continuous transfer of technology and expertise, connecting companies, supporting product and market development, promoting and assisting start-up companies whilst aiding innovative businesses to consolidate their progress.

TIS services are structured as follows:

My office – Support with setting up and developing companies;

My product – Support with product development;

My input – Support with the transfer of technology;

My network – Support for collaboration between companies.

The professed aim of TIS innovation park is to promote the foundation of new enterprises and to encourage networking amongst established companies, whilst supporting businesses in the adoption of innovative measures, thereby enabling the driving forces of innovation to permeate South Tyrol and enhance the culture of innovation.



TIS innovation park

TIS in numbers

- 88 start-up companies supported since 1998
- Over 200 services for supporting product development every year
- Over 800 innovation services delivered to companies and partner organisations in 2011
- Over 1,300 partners involved in networking activities in 2011
- Over 500 companies are members of our of cluster networks
- Over 90 projects carried out in the last 3 years

Projects and initiatives

TIS is currently involved, together with its partners, in several EU-funded projects within Interreg Programmes, the 7th Framework Programme and many others. Furthermore, TIS supports its partners in developing projects within local, regional and national framework programs (ESF, EFRD, etc.) with the aim of promoting innovation in the region. Our projects focus on research and development, innovation, networking and know-how and technology transfer.

For detailed information on our projects and our partners, please visit our website www.tis.bz.it/info/projekte-en



Fields of work and competences

Business Incubator and Centre for Technology Companies

- Being a business accelerator for innovative start-ups
- Supporting companies which relocate their R&D departments at TIS innovation park facilities

Know-how & Technology Transfer

Views itself as a kind of knowledge tank that, together with its partners, collects „crude oil“, that is to say fresh know-how and new technologies, which gush out of the universities and stream out of international research centres. This crude oil is converted into a special fuel for South Tyrol business and via a sophisticated system of services, events and multipliers is pumped into South Tyrol companies.

Alpine Technologies

- Cluster "Constructions"
- Cluster "Wood & Technology"
- Cluster "Civil Protection & Alpine Safety"
- Cluster "Sports & winterTECH"

Food and Well-Being

- Cluster Alimentaris
- Cluster Alpine Wellbeing

Energy and Environment

Themes: Biomass, Biogas, Photovoltaic, Solar Thermal Power, Energy Efficiency in Industrial Processes, Energy Tourism.

- Enertour®

Standardisation

Official regional information point of contact for technical standards, on behalf of the national standardisation bodies UNI and CEI

Free Software & Open Technologies

Themes: Free Software, Mobility and ITS, GIS, Open Data, Cloud Computing, Social Media.

- Free Software Center South Tyrol®

Simulation and Materials

Themes: Material scouting, Computer Simulations, Rapid Prototyping, Tests & Standards.

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