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Gaps for an appropriate Technology Transfer

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Introduction

WHY WE NEED TO TRANSFER OF THE TECHNOLOGY?

☐ To improve the comp	etitiveness of enterprises :
Law of the age of innov	ation: If you are not innovating, you are disappearing
To create Jobs	
☐ To avoid the appropri	iation of the innovation by a third party without compensation
for the public institut	ion
☐ The largest number of	of people can access to innovation (medicines),
☐ To participate in the	financement of research



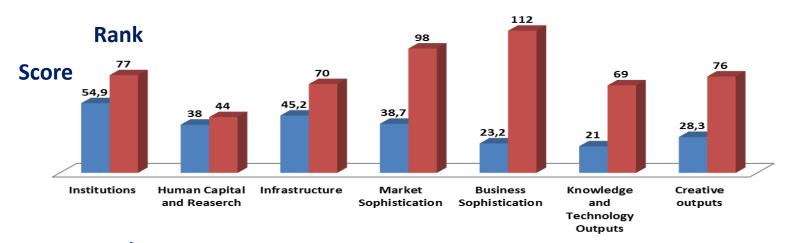
Missions of ANPR to support TT

Contribute to the implementation of national research programs;
Support the creation of transfer technology offices,
Attend public structures in the fields of intellectual property, promoting the results of research and technology transfer;
Contribute to the establishment and animation of research consortia,
Financial management of research projects,
Intermediation between research structures, companies and foreign partners,
Disseminating mechanisms related to the valorisation of research results, technology transfer and the promotion of innovation concept;
The exploitation of results related to scientific and technological scouting,
Give opinion in which concern the acquisition, the maintenance and the exploitation of heavy scientific equipments .



The Global Innovation index for 2017

- ☐ Main institutionnel actors are present
- ☐ Human resources (researchers, ...) are important and qualified
- ☐ Funding is based in part on performance
- Scientific production is abundant and with good quality
- Availability of some Innovative Companies
- ☐ Availability of A few excellence structure with international position

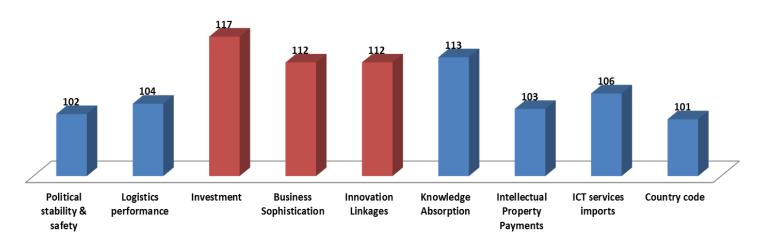


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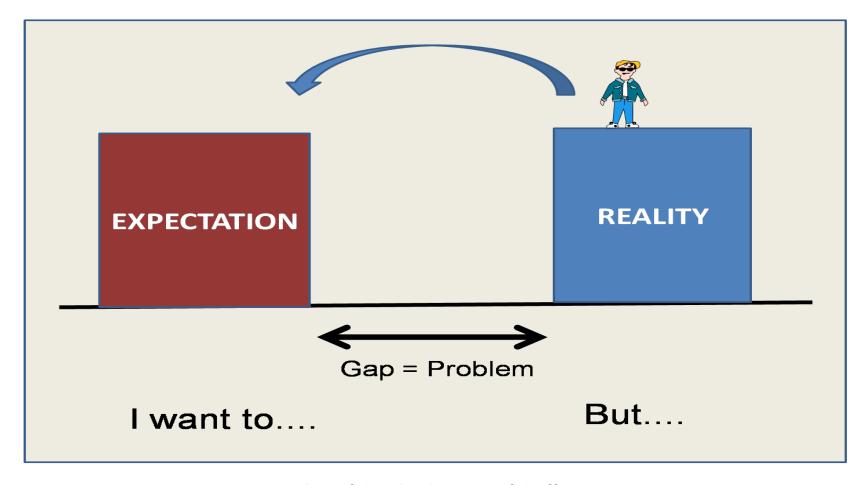


The Global Innovation index for 2017

- ☐ No sustainability of Technology Transfer System and innovation
- ☐ No legal framework adapted to Technology Transfer
- ☐ No clear vision, No IP policy, No analyse for the Market, Few established clusters,
- No exploitation of the patent
- Weak private sector participation in R & I
- ☐ Weak links between research structures and the socio-economic environment









Cultural gap between Reaserch and Industry

Lack of dialogue, ignorance of expectations, difference in

the report time, no trust, prejudices

Networking
No assistance, no orientation,
information

Incentives for researchers

Complexity of administrative procedures, evaluation

National Strategy

Sensibilisation, training, consultancy in IP

Financements

Real job of TT



Communication problems between research organizations and companies:

- Partners do not always speak the same language
- ☐ Poor knowledge of industry and research
- They do not use the same communication media
- ☐ They do not have the same means





Little incentive for university researchers to participate in commercialization and technology transfer activities

- □ Academic culture does not see the transfer of technology and commercialization as a legitimate and legitimate activity.
- SMEs, because of their limited financial resources, have difficulties in accessing technological information,
- ☐ Some industrial operators are unable to define precisely their technical needs;

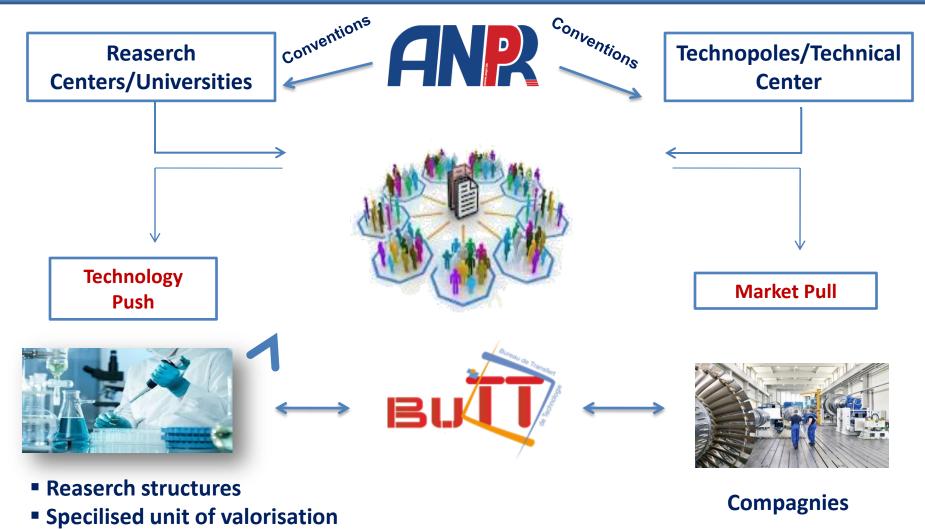


Existing sources of information are not able to meet the specific needs of SMEs

- ☐ Companies rarely have qualified technical personnel for the management of transferred technologies
- The equipment available in the companies are obsolete
- The investments to put in place are heavy
- A small market
- ☐ An uncertain investment because of the risk



The National Scheme of TTO



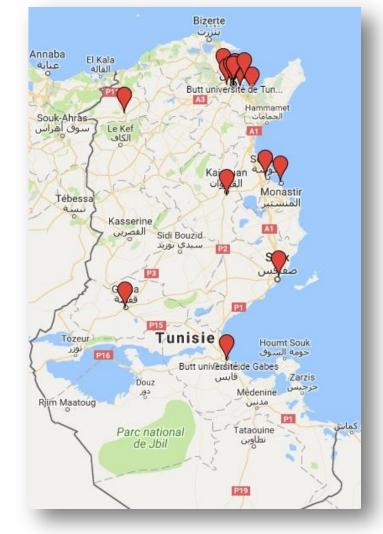


Distribution of Interfacing structures: 25 TTO

ANPR, hosts the national office of transfer of technology and federates the activities of the national network of TTOs, by means of **conventions**

- 1. Tunis University
- 2. Tunis El-Manar university
- 3. Carthage university
- 4. Manouba university
- 5. Jendouba university
- 6. Kairouan University
- 7. Sousse university
- 8. Monastir university
- 9. Sfax university
- 10. Gabes university
- 11. Gafsa university
- 12. General Direction of Technological studies
- 13. Pasteur Institute of Tunis
- 14. Technopole of Bojr Cedria
- 15. National Institute of Reaserch and Chimical and Physical analyses
- 16. Biotechnology Center of Sfax
- 17. International center des of environnement Technologies of Tunis
- 18. Institution de Recherche et de l'Enseignement Supérieur Agricole
- 19. National center for nuclear Science and Technology
- 20. Center of reaserch studies in telecommunications
- 21. Reaserch center of Water technologies
- 22. National reaserch center for Materials Sciences
- 23. Digital Reaserch Center of sfax
- 24. Center for reaserch in Microelectronics and Nanotechnologies
- 25. CERTE







Distribution of Interfacing structures: TTO

25 Conventions

Universities (11)	Reserch center and Institute (10)	Technopoles	Other structures
 Tunis University Tunis El-Manar university Carthage university Manouba university Jendouba university Kairouan University Sousse university Monastir university Sfax university Gabes university Gafsa university 	 Pasteur Institute of Tunis (IPT) National Institute of Reaserch and Chimical and Physical analyses (INRAP) Biotechnology Center of Sfax (CBS) National center for nuclear Science and Technology (CNSTN) Center of reaserch studies in telecommunications Reaserch center of Water technologies National Reaserch center for Materials Sciences Digital Reaserch Center of sfax Center of Reaserch in Microelectronics and Nanotechnologies CERTE 	1. Technopole of Borj Cedri	 Institution de Recherche et de l'Enseignement Supérieur Agricole (IRESA) General Direction of Technological studies (DGET) International center of Environnement Technologies of Tunis (CITET)

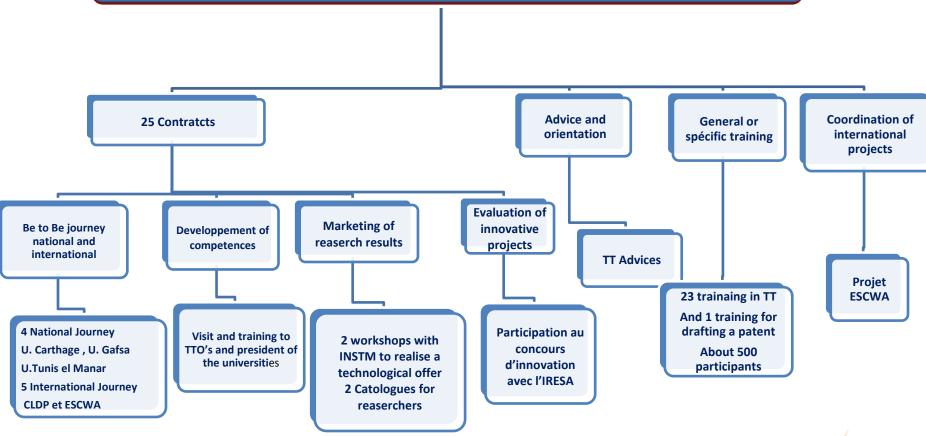


Annual Action Plan

Activities	Descriptif	Beneficiaries	Expectations	Periode	HR and	Estimated
					matérial needs	Budget
		Axis of inform	nation and Co	mmunication	1	
N°						
Axis of Visibility of the socio-economic environment						
N°						
	Axis of	Prospecting t	the Assets of	Intellectual P	roperty	
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Axis of valorisation and Transfer of Technology						
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Main activities to support TTOs



- Technical and financial assistance through annual agreements
- Annual activity plans

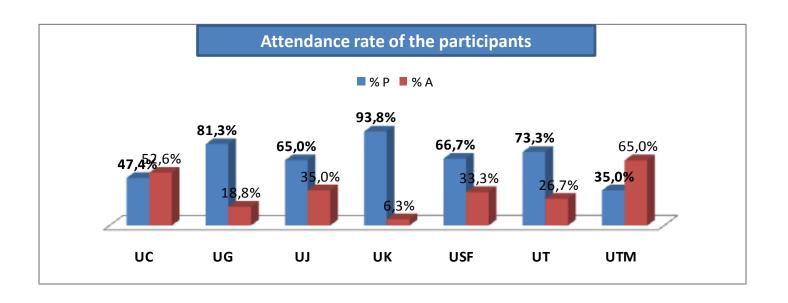




Activities to support TTO

Training: about 30 session of training

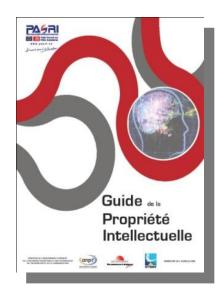
- Introduction to technology transfer
- Intellectual property assets
- Strategies of technical research of patent Information
- How to draft a patent
- The different types of contracts R/I
- ☐ The Management of Technology Transfer





Activities to support TTO

Legal Assistance in intellectual property, contractualisation, etc





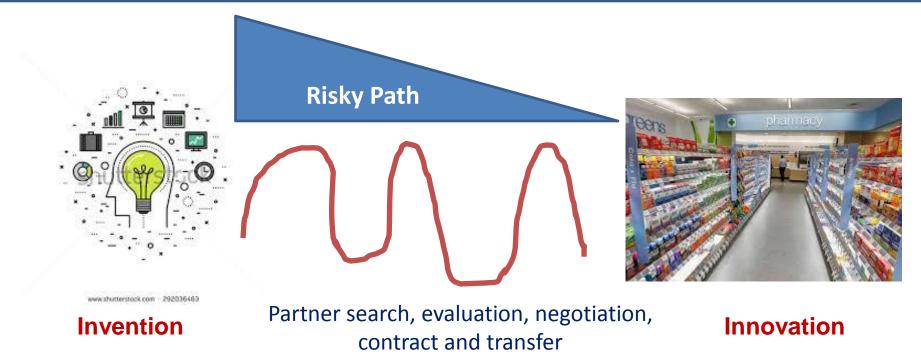


What is the Technology Transfer?

lt's	to make the operational technology for the benefit of a third party through:
	IP rights and related know-how Implementation support (training, equipment,) where applicable, patent, know-how, software etc.
The	e operations related to the IP title:
	The license Start-up



What is the Technology Transfer?



Before transformation of an invention into a marketable innovative product, a long and **risky path** is needed.



What is the Technology Transfer?







Invention

I have a patent
I have a protoptype
I have a know how

Start-up

Innovation

I have a developpement, Manufacturing, Marketing capacity

Big compagny

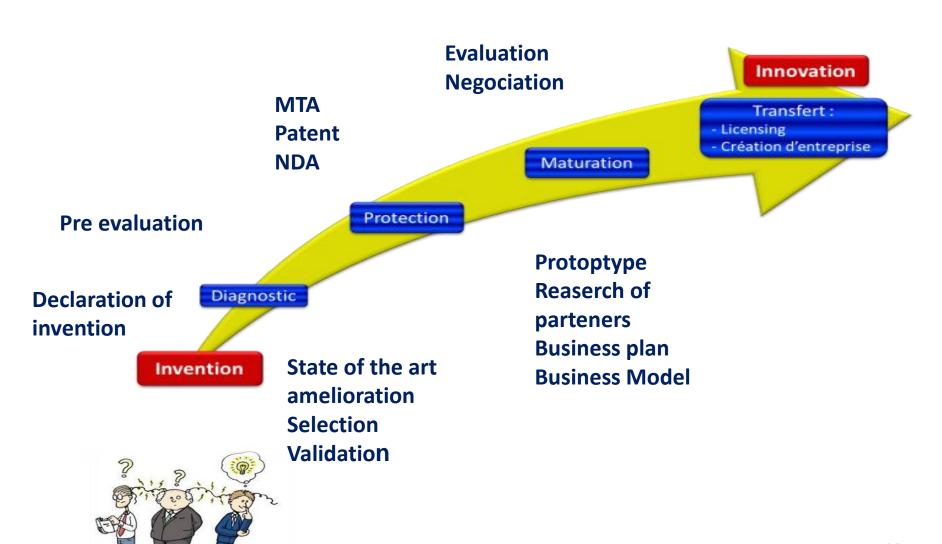


Licence

A business arrangement in which an organization gives another permission to manufacture its product or use its process / technology for a specified payment

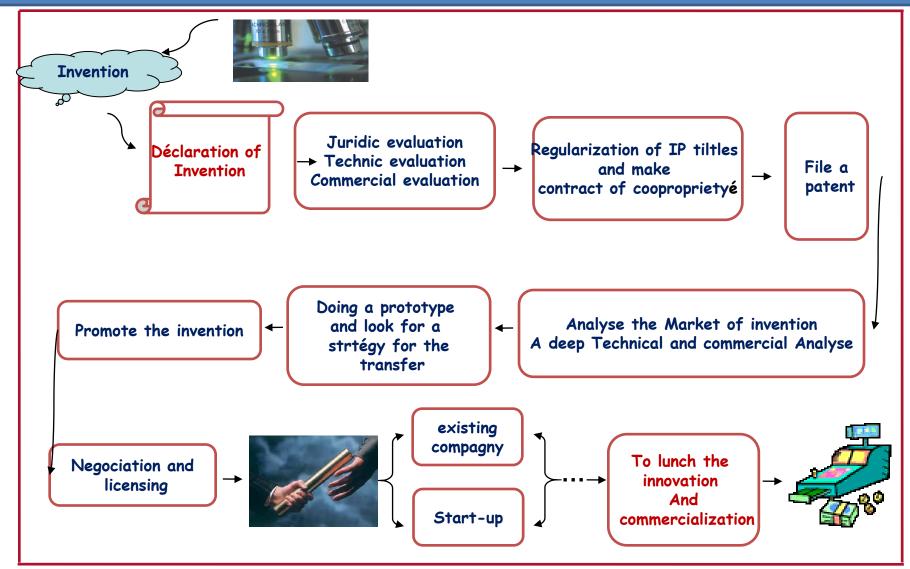


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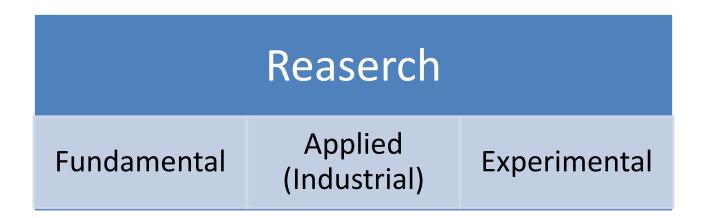


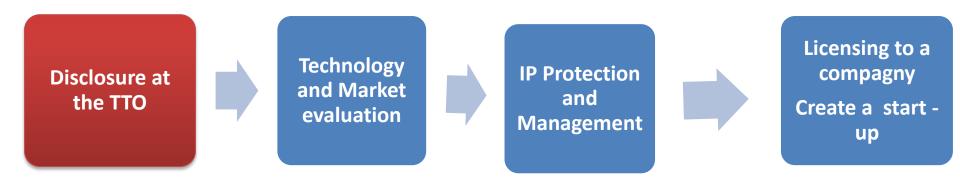
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What is the rôle of the TTOs?







The invention Disclosure

What issues we need to consider?

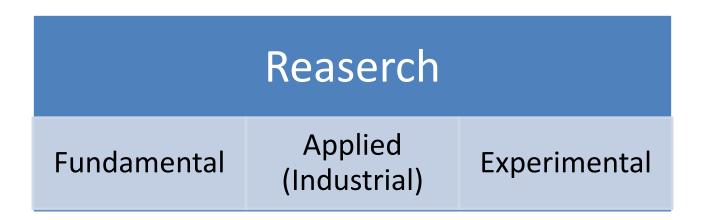


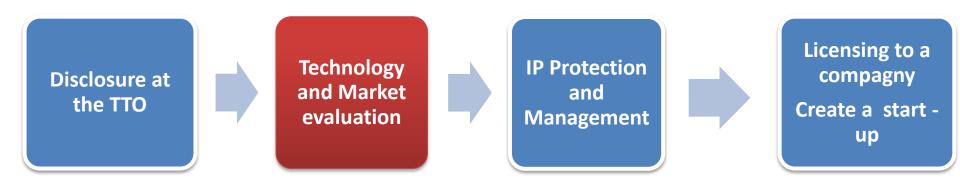
The invention Disclosure

- Introduction What this form is about
- Description of the Invention
- Inventors Sponsors Third Parties
- ☐ Dates: Publications Design Practice
- Commercial Potential



The Technology and Market evaluation







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What issues we need to consider?



The Technology evaluation

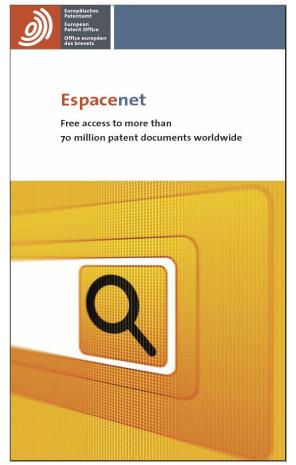
The Inventor is your First Source of Information

- Invention Novelty
- ☐ Advantage over State-of-the-Art
- ☐ Team Expertise & Commitment
- Associated Know-How



The Technology evaluation

- Patent offices: online service usually is free of
- charge
- ☐ Google Patents
- Commercial database providers



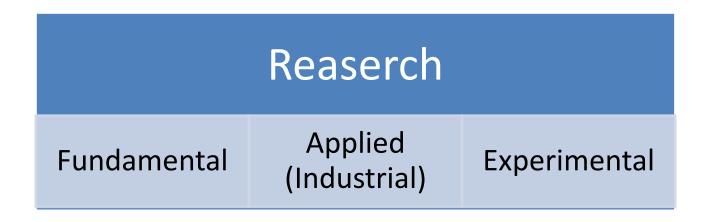


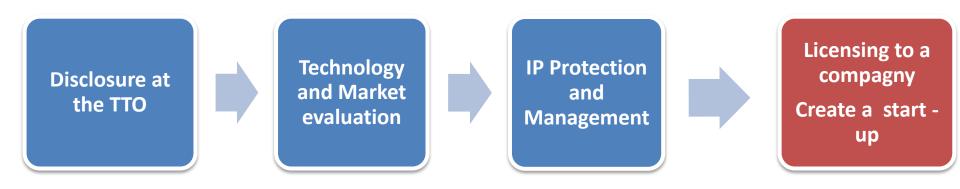
The Market evaluation

- Market Need
- ☐ Market Size & Customer Segment
- ☐ Competition & Competitive Advantage
- ☐ Time to Market
- Revenue Model



Licensing to a compagny

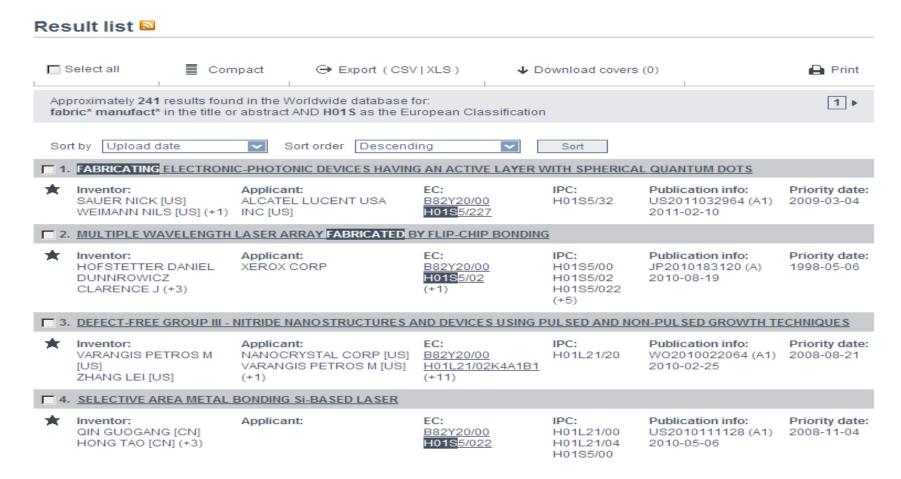






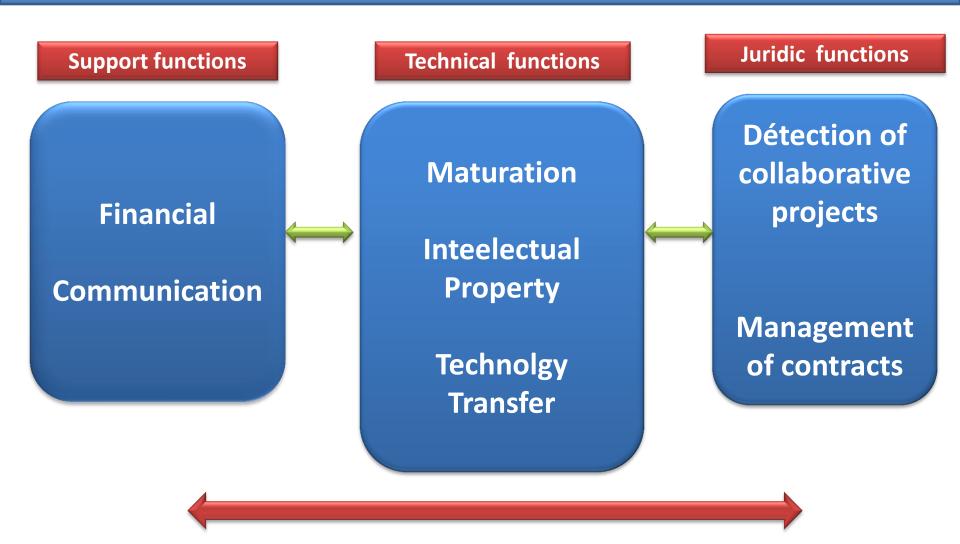
Licensing to a compagny

Identify Potential Licensees





3 pôles of competence in TT





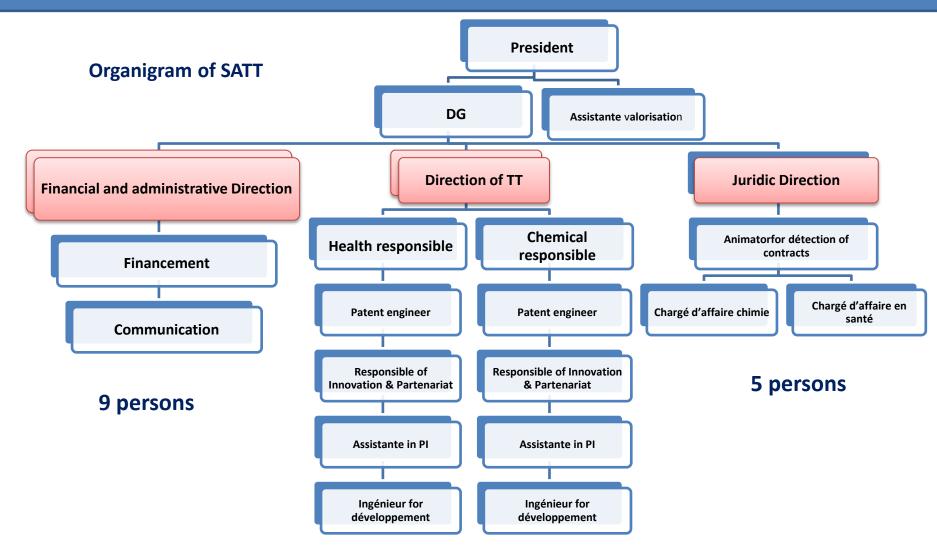
3 pôles of competence in TT: 7 features

TTO's staff skills must have a strong extra-boundary capacities, which means they have to be able to effectively relate and interact with people in a wide range of communities. The most ideal profile for the TT manager is these 7 features:

- 1. Managing Communication, Information and Networking
- 2. Understanding IPR & Licensing
- 3. Commercial Activities and Markets
- 4. New Business Development
- 5. Negotiating
- 6. Project management
- 7. Information analysis



Technology Transfer is not the affair of one person



16 persons



Barriers of TT in the universities

The university:

✓ Many responsabilities and the output is always Teaching and publications Researchers: No motivation to do TT and not all the actors knows how to manage TT

TTOs:

- ✓ They do TT beside their job Its an interest not an obligation.
- ✓ Not all the TTOs have the same ability or skills to do TT
- ✓ Lack of skills in management of TT

President of university:

✓ Changement of the president each 3 years

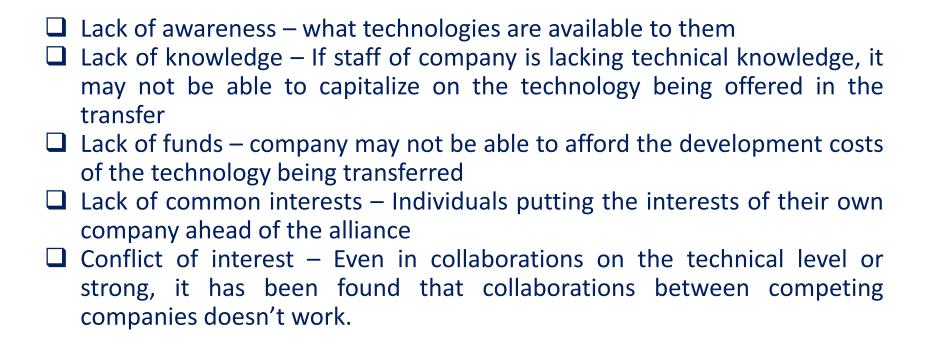
Visibility:

✓ No database about Projects in the university only publications

Patent: No writers of the patents, no financement, no knowledge about IPR and no follow about our patent with foreign laboratories



Barriers of TT in the compagnies





Barriers of TT in the compagnies

□ Lack of Trust – If little trust exists between companies, it is doomed to fail
 □ Poor communications – Fail to keep each abreast on everything relevant to the collaboration, activities, thoughts, processes, goals, direction of venture
 □ Lack of infrastructure – company may lack equipment and facility in infrastructure to take on the transfer
 Over-committed – The company may be over-committed on current projects and simply lacks the time needed for success.



Barriers of TT in the compagnies

□ Technical Problems – which are generally overcome, but which add time and money and frustration
 □ Resource Limitation – Poor budget control
 □ Change in Project's Structure – Loss of key members or loss of partner
 Organizational Problems – due to a partner losing or changing interest in the technological side.



Conclusion: Korean Recommandations

A concrete government initiative for the TT
Establishment of appropriate institutions
HR development from primary, secondary and university
Minimize Gap between planning and implementation
Important decision for choosing national priorities
Concrete Policy for TT: Objectives, Vision
Boosting Business: Close Collaboration with Businesses
What are the technologies to adopt to advance the Tunisian economy?
Diagnosis of the recoverable potential
Project Mapping
R & D programs
Clear action plans

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

