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Linking Innovation and **Intellectual Property**

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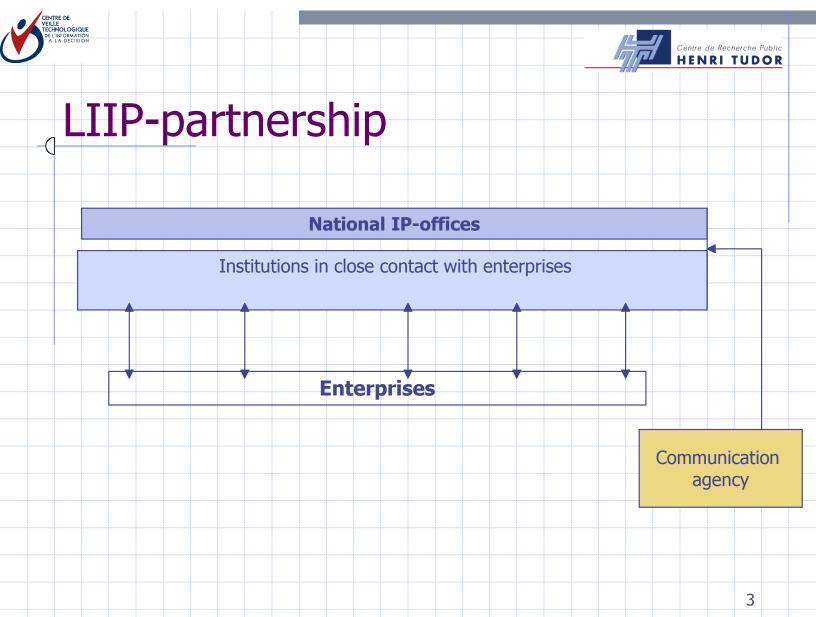


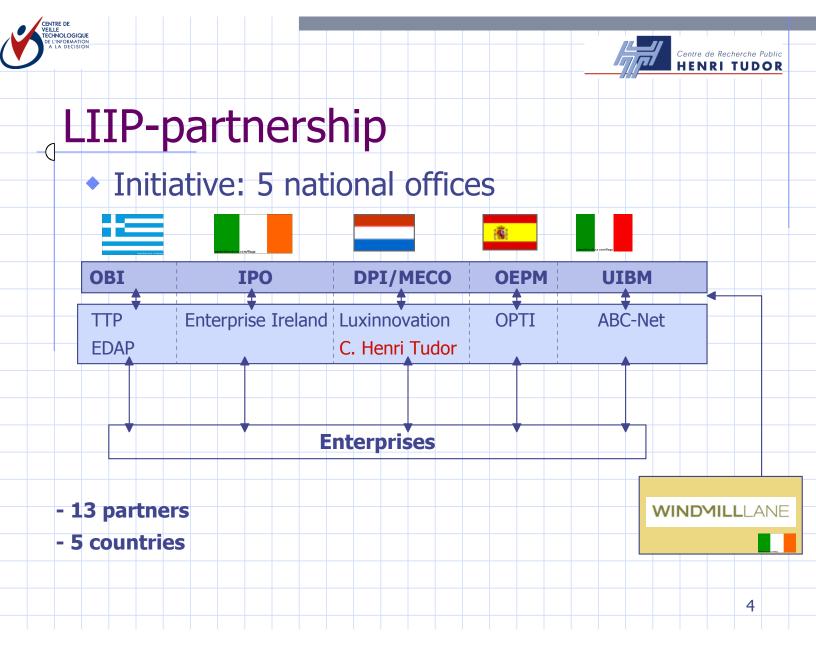






- Create awareness in SMEs about the importance of a better use of IP-rights
- Objectives of the program:
 - Develop tools and make activities with SMEs
 - Reinforce assistance for SMEs and innovation actors
 - Reinforce link between national IP-offices and actors in close contact with SMEs
 - Exchange of experience and good practice between countries





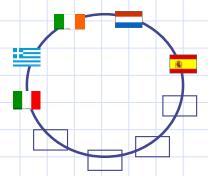




Activities of the project

- 1. Develop tools:
 - Good practice guide
 - →10 concrete recommendations
 - → Case studies of SMEs
 - IP-multimediatoolbox
 - → Evaluation of IP-practices
 - → County specific information
 - → E-version of the GPG, linked with the audit-tool, case studies

- 2. Activities with SMEs:
 - Network of national assistance platforms for IP-questions
 - Local contact points for IP-questions:
 - → Exchange of activities
 - → Exchange of experience







Good practice guide

- Objectives:
 - Help with the integration of ip-aspects into innovation projects
 - Help with the recognition of the importance :
 - → To protect intangible assets
 - → To use IP-information
 - → To valorise IP-rights
- 5 languages:
 - → English
- → French
- → Spanish
- → Italian
- → geek

- 10 recommendations:
 - → Be aware of your intellectual capital!
 - → Know what IP is!
 - → Protect your intangible assets
 - → Choose the best protection for your intellectual assets
 - Obtain protection
 - → Integrate IP in your strategy
 - → Use ip information
 - → Create value with ip rights
 - → Enforce your IP rights
 - → Consult experts
- 5 case studies showing:
 - → Benefits from the use of IP
 - → What can happen in case of ignorance of IP





IP-multimediatoolbox

- Multilingual CD-ROM
- 3 parts:
 - Good-practice guide with 10 recommendations in electronic version and 19 case studies
 - Specific information about the ip-systems in the countries participating in the project

- Tool for the evaluation of ip-practices in a company
 - Helps to identify strong and weak points in a company with respect to their:
 - knowledge of IP-system
 - awareness about the importance of IP
 - → Linked to the recommendations of the good practice guide

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National assistance platforms-NAP

- Aim: Help local innovation actors with a better integration of ip in innovation activities or a company's strategy
- Activities:
 - Create awareness
 - Assist in integration of ip issues in innovation projects
 - Services: IP-information search, technology watch ...
 - Link with local professionals
- Exchange of practices:
 - Inventory of activities existing in countries participating in the project (published on the Internet)

- Quality guide: Defines functional framework of NAPs:
 - Resources
 - Competencies
 - Activities
- Pilot actions with SMEs

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