



Technological Foresight in Central Macedonia

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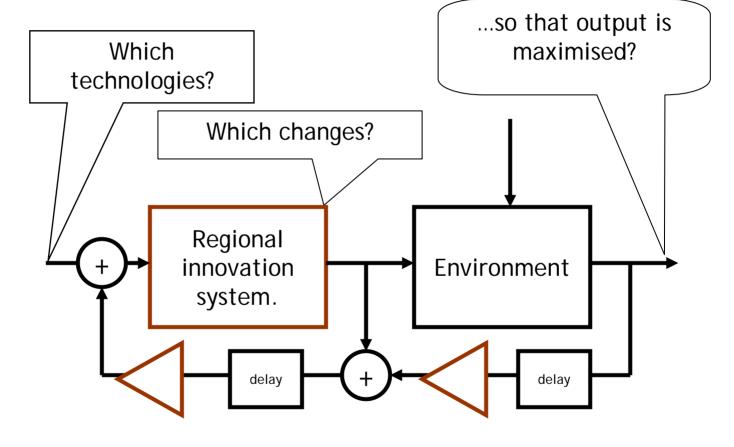


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- The project is managed by the Research Committee of Aristotle Univ. of Thessaloniki.
- The budget is €375.000.
- Duration: Jan 2003-June 2004.



Objectives











- ✓ Setting the Agenda.
- ✓ Selection of co-ordinators.
- ✓ Staffing work groups.
- ✓ WG mandates.
- ✓ The baseline situation.
- ✓ Implementation / Delphi method.
- □Final results.



Setting the agenda

 Foresight in RCM examined technological developments in eight thematic areas that were considered of critical importance to regional development.

Research Unit

- The selection was made in terms of:
 - ...their potential for maximizing regional strengths and exploiting emerging opportunities, and
 - ...their potential for safeguarding against regional weaknesses and possible threats.





Strengths/Weaknesses

Thessaloniki's role
as a metropolitan
centre in Greece

Strong industrial base

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Investments made by RCM enterprises in SE Europe

Geographic Location

Strong educational foundations High quality of R&D infrastructure

Traditional, labour-intensive industrial base

Low degrees of innovation

Subsidized agriculture

Intra-regional inequalities

Low degrees of technology transfer between academia and industry.

Saturated tourist activities

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Opportunities/Threats

+ RCM a 'gateway to SE Europe' 10/15/2007

(Aggregation of industrial/entrepreneurial activities, combined transport infrastructure, commerce)

- + 2nd Phase of Trans-European Networks (Energy, Transport, Telecoms)
- Distance from decision-making centres
- Insufficient infrastructure
- Unstable industrial system, highly correlated to external factors.





Thematic Areas

Six 'vertical' thematic areas

- 1. Information & Communication Techn.
- 2. Industrial technologies, materials, nanotehnology.
- 3. Agro- & bio-technology.
- 4. Environment.
- 5. Transport.
- 6. Energy.

Two 'horizontal' thematic areas:

- 1. Human capital.
- 2. SE European economic area.





Selecting coordinators

- Primary selection criteria:
 - Wide knowledge of the developments within a thematic area.
 - Deep knowledge of a subset of the thematic area.
- Supporting criteria:
 - Wide acceptance by peer entities in academia/R&D/industry.
 - Activity in competitive R&D projects in the thematic area.





The coordinators

The team:

- Prof. Yannis Manolopoulos
- Prof. Nikolaos Moussiopoulos
- Prof. Zissis Samaras
- Prof. Magda Pitsiava
- Prof. Athanassios Tsaftaris
- Prof. Stergios Logothetidis
- Prof. Grigoris Kafkalas
- Prof. Theodore Chadjipantelis

Team statistics

- 5 engineers, 1 physisist, 1 biologist, 1 social scientist.
- 2 had prior foresight experience.

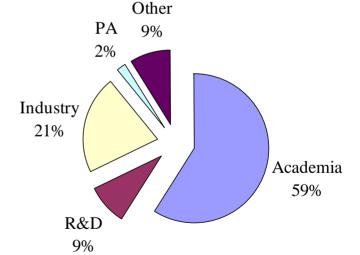


Staffing work groups

 Coordinators selected the members of the respective work groups.

65 persons are actively contributing to

the project.







WG tasks

- Elaborate a WG mission statement.
- Examine and present the baseline situation and a SWOT analysis.
- Following the SWOT analysis, design a Delphi questionnaire.
- Interpret feedback, present the results.





Delphi Statistics (1)

- 8 questionnaires, web-based survey.
- 20-37 statements per questionnaire.
- 1230 questionnaires sent to targeted contacts during phase I of Delphi.
- 200 responses (16%).
- Phase II to be competed on 15.2.2004.

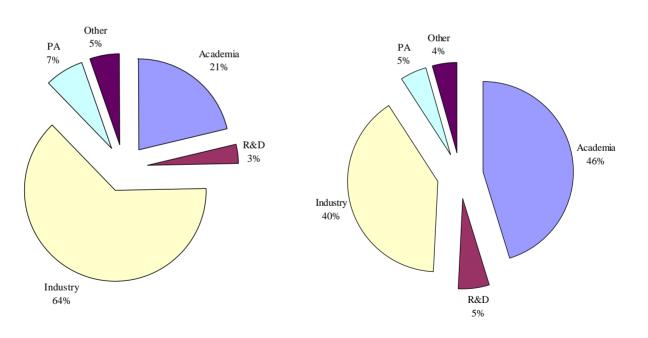




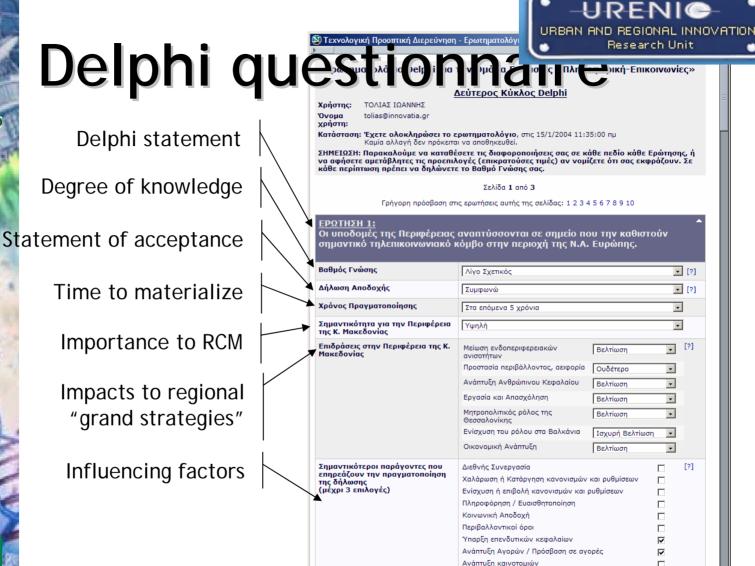
Delphi Statistics (2)

Sample Distribution

Invited (n=1230) Responded (m=200)







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Μεταφορά τεχνολογίας

Υποδομές ΕΤΑ

Ανθρώπινο κεφάλαιο (εκπαίδευση, δεξιότητες)

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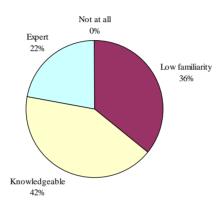
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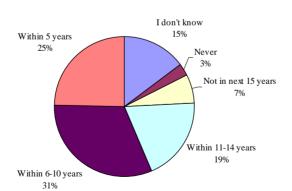


Delphi results (round A)

Degree of knowledge



Time to materialise



Don't know/Hard to
answer

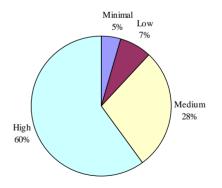
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9%

Neither agree nor
disagree
14%

Agree
73%

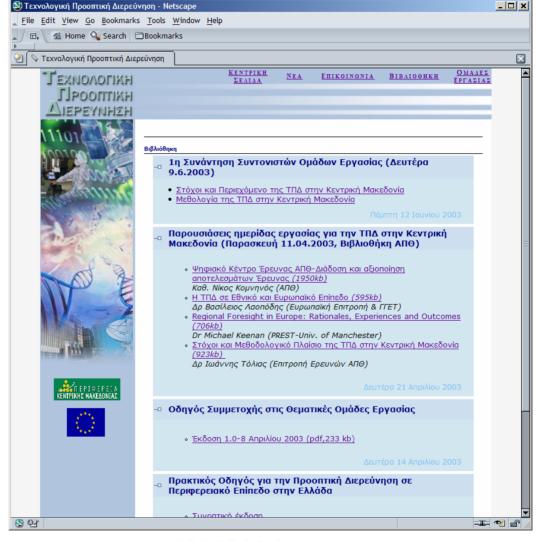
Importance to Central Macedonia







Results so far...





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