

Services for Initiating and Managing Collaborative R&D-Projects

Our Services – Your Benefit

Successful collaborative R&D-projects definitely need technical or scientific expertise but that's not the only importance for success: they also need well organized processes, and that's our core competence. With its many years of experience in supporting R&D-projects, edacentrum can relieve clients of work load, effectively and efficiently.

Our tailor made services allow our clients to concentrate on their core task of facilitating innovations. Precisely defined project management processes and our large network provide ideal conditions for optimizing both project efficiency and effectiveness in the deployment of project results.

Our Services

Our services support the entire R&D-project life cycle: Preparation – Implementation – Exploitation (s. figure E.01).

In the preparation phase we provide services which support our clients in the very early phase of a potential project to the point of writing and submitting the proposal to the funding authorities. These services are structured as follows:

- » Feasibility Analysis: We examine the relevance, substance and focus of the client's project ideas with regard to the topics laid down in current German or EU funding programs.
- » Funding Strategy: Based on the results of the feasibility analysis, we support the client to identify the right funding program for the project.
- » Project Definition: We support the client to define the project and to set up a project structure which corresponds to the chosen funding program.
- » Consortium Building: We foster a large expert network in the EDA community (industry and

academia) in Europe. Based on this network we support the client to find appropriate partners for the project.

- » Consortium Support: Our administrative and technical services provide structure and processes which enables the consortium to work more efficiently.
- » Proposal Writing and Submission: We support our clients to meet the formal requirements and evaluation criteria of the proposal required by the funding authorities.

In the Implementation Phase we support the project with a wide range of project management services to enable the client to concentrate on its core task of developing innovations. These services are in detail:

- » Project Coordination: We provide the administrative management of the project including administration, monitoring and reporting (project office). In addition we offer the development of a management handbook for organizing procedures and responsibilities.
- » Management Consulting and Coaching: We provide budget management as well as contract, conflict and risk management.
- » Cooperation Activities: We organize and moderate workshops to bring together experts from different R&D-projects as well as a cooperation market where research facilities and start-up companies can demonstrate their know-how to representatives from industry.
- » Dissemination Support: We support the client in organizing workshops and press conferences as well as publishing brochures, posters and articles in the technical press.
- » Collaboration Platform: We provide hosting, administration and animation of a secured collaborative project website to support remote team work and project management.

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