TAFTIE A Network of Leading National Innovation Agencies

A joint effort to improve future European competitiveness

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- Agencies financing innovation and industrial R&D
- Set up in 1992 under French law
- Collaboration in the field of innovation policy and the implementation of national programmes
- Sharing experiences – best practices and lessons learnt, and use the results internal and external to:
  - improve the work of the members
  - positively influence innovation policy

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TAFTIE Members

- 23 European countries
- 25 organisations:
  - Adl (Portugal), AI (Italy), CDTI (Spain), CTI (Switzerland), DASTI (Denmark); ENEA (Italy), Enterprise Estonia (Estonia), Enterprise Ireland (Ireland), FFG (Austria), IWT (Belgium), Matimop (Israel), NKTH (Hungary), OSEO (France), PARP (Poland), Pera (UK), RANNIS (Iceland), RCN (Norway), SenterNovem (Netherlands), TA (Czch Republic); Tekes (Finland), TIA (Slovenia), TSB (UK), TTGV (Turkey), VDI VDE-IT (Germany), VINNOVA (Sweden)

- Member agencies have different roles and different portfolios, but many common goals and objectives
Organisation

- Board – two annual meetings
- Executive Working Group (EWG) – three annual meetings
- Support by Assistant secretariat (one person)
- Annual conference
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A changing European and Global R&D and Innovation environment
An active role for TAFTIE envisaged
A renewed strategy approved in 2007

Vision: TAFTIE will be strategic - by helping shape the ERA!
The TAFTIE Strategy

- TAFTIE will be a **leading influential and respected organization** in Europe for Research, Development, and Innovation (R&D&I) management and best practices. - The opinions of TAFTIE and its members will be widely sought and valued!

- TAFTIE as an organization will **function at the highest professional level** and will be characterized by adding real value to the goals and objectives of its member organizations. - Membership of TAFTIE will be prized!

- TAFTIE will be **an important contributor** to the development of the European Research Area (ERA) and the European Innovation Agenda. - TAFTIE will be Strategic
TAFTIE Strategy - Activities

- Working better – a continuation of task forces and networks
- TAFTIE Academy – an umbrella function, running training, workshops and master classes
- Policy Forum – involving task forces working on policy issues
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Task Force on Internationalisation Strategies:

- Focus on international cooperation with countries outside Europe
- Planned report in 2011 with:
  - Recommendations for innovation agencies on how to proceed with their internationalization activities
  - Considerations on how the agencies’ internationalization efforts relate to those made on an EU-level as well as globally
TAFTIE Activities – Task Forces and Networks

Network on State-Aid Rules

- Exchange of experiences related to the use of current Community framework for State aid for R&D&I
- Drafting possible proposals for the Commission for amending the framework
TAFTIE Academy

Main objective: To improve the skills of staff overall and the quality of processes by launching common education and training activities in areas that reflect TAFTIE’s common focus

- Was established in Autumn 2009
- Includes basic courses, specific courses, workshops and masterclasses
- FFG will be responsible for a two-year period

Within five years the TAFTIE Academy should become the leading training centre for RTI policy and RTI programme management according to the needs of TAFTIE organisations.
On recent months EC has published both Europe 2020 strategy and first flagship initiatives, Innovation Union, Industrial policy etc.

These new policies will be implemented through 2014-2020 programming, for example in FP8.

TAFTIE members have unique and valuable experience in implementing new innovation policies in member states.

Combining such experiences could improve TAFTIE members’ ability to fully utilize new EC initiatives, and thus improve TAFTIE’s influence to members.
TF on Innovation Union (2)

- Establish a TF to harness TAFTIE members experience on implementing new innovation policies and proposing actions that help to utilise new EC initiatives. Initial focus of TF should lay on FP8.
- To link this TF with SME representatives (Eurochambres, INSME) for validating the proposals gathered from TAFTIE members.
- To build up communication between TAFTIE and relevant EC DGs, with number of meetings during 2011.
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Motivations of the Chairmanship

- Helping complete the development of the TAFTIE Strategy
  - Strategy Roll out report by Technopolis (TF Role)
- Creating conditions to shape future European Policies
  - Task Force on SMEs
    - Common position reached and sent to the EC
    - Positive answer received
  - Task Force on the Role of TAFTIE
    - Evaluation of the Strategy roll out
    - Proposal for a renewed structure
Consolidating multilevel links: themes for EWG

- EWG 1 Madrid: Links with World leaders
  - Charles Wessner, (USA)
- EWG 2 Carmona: Links with Europe
  - John Wood, European Research Advisory Board
- EWG 3 Santander: Links with Regions
  - III Meeting with Spanish Regions (UIMP)
Chairmanship Summary 2010 (II)

- Agency 2020. Aim: Develop a method to:
  - understand drivers for future developments and trends;
  - reflect on the effects of this on Agencies’s strategies.

- Ongoing actions
  - Internationalization TF
  - State Aid Rules

- Policy Forum. Brussels June 8th 2010
  - “The evolving role of Business Firms in an Innovation Union”
  - Common Position reached and published
Chairmanship Summary 2010 (III)

- Academy: Six events organized

- Annual Conference Dec 2nd 2010
  “Knowledge to act: from linkages to partnerships”

- External Relations
  - Spanish Presidency of the EU (during first semester)
  - Invitations from the European Commission to represent TAFTIE in some meetings

- New members
  - Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation. June 2010
  - Technology Agency of the Czech Republic. December 2010

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Thank you!

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