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Making ideas a reality Incubator



Building bridges between research and science,
tech2b is creating foundations for success

High-tech incubator Tech2b is an organisation funded by the public sector that supports and promotes the foundation of innovative, technology-orientated companies in Upper Austria. As a service organisation with a focus on technological research and dynamics, we help scientists and students to put the results of their research to use in the form of establishing a company. We are leading the way into the future, to make new things possible.

Research, technology and innovation change the life of everyone, yet knowledge of the processes and developments that have taken place in these areas does not spread with the same fervour. In accordance with our philosophy, we believe that the basically positive effects of research, technology and innovation are of great significance to tomorrow's society when they are developed, openly discussed and implemented with the corresponding level of ethos and critical reflection.

CRITICAL EFFECT

We feel that the effect on competitive power – thus on growth and employment – and the contribution to solving the greatest societal challenges (climate change, scarcity of raw materials, ageing population, and so on) are critical.

For this reason, as part of tech2b, we offer company founders from the academic high-tech field a starting platform that eases the beginnings and simplifies the start-up phase of the company foundation.

We do this by building bridges between research and science and by supporting the foundation of technology-orientated companies. In this manner, we offer a picture of how research benefits people.

We extend our offerings to those who wish to make a contribution to high-tech company foundations – whether as researchers, providers of ideas, founders, financiers, managers, or in any other role. We guide people taking corporate risks or experiencing economic success, and give room to ideas, growth, development and dreams.

In 2001, the unique 'Academia plus Business' (AplusB) structural program was initiated with the support of the state of Upper Austria, the Federal Ministry and the Association for Research Promotion. This program forms the basis for the work of tech2b and makes sponsoring funds available.

Up to now, tech2b has achieved 54 successful business projects, more than 38 successful business foundations with over 200 employees, more than 60 patents and over €5 million in capital made available to the benefit of the participating companies.

In order to further develop the high-quality work of tech2b in a sustained manner, the tech2b team made the decision at the end of 2007 to optimise processes on the basis of their experiences to date, to further expand international contacts and offerings, to continue to make possible the access to capital, and to offer founders who have left the incubator the support that they need to achieve market entry, through the newly-conceived program "Business2excellence".

The offering is rounded off with the newly-created IT program "International Incubator Hagenberg", which also gives foreign founders a unique opportunity to establish innovative IT start-ups.

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The International Incubator Hagenberg is an initiative of the Hagenberg Software Park (SWPH), implemented in cooperation with tech2b and the regional government of Upper Austria to specifically support the influx of high-tech business founders from abroad, to counteract the movement of business abroad and thus to generate jobs and value creation. Visit www.international-incubator.com for more information.

In this manner, we create a better foundation for the success of your ideas, we sharpen awareness of ongoing changes as well as of the complex interaction between technological, economic and social aspects, and forge the path to a new future.

This is our job, our goal, our obligation.