



Shaping the regional innovation agenda through cooperation

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RAPIDE Project – Why we are involved

- Real belief in the value of networking to get things done
- Access to professional experience in innovation from across the EU
- Helped the South West redefine its definition of Innovation
- Activity led e.g. Pre Commercial Procurement

South West Regional Innovation Policy

- Role of the Science Council
- Who are the Council?
- Recommendations
 - focus
 - collaborate and connect
 - attracting and retaining talent

Implementation

- iNETS
 - Improving knowledge base interactions with SMEs through awareness raising activity that directly encourages action on innovation
 - Aids the building of innovation collaboration ie through national and international networks
 - Building collaboration through HE and other public research or other knowledge based businesses
 - Supporting ideas, innovation and knowledge through company led innovation, product and process improvements
 - Route to market for publicly funded Innovation support for Business ie. FP7 and Grant for Research & Development

Implementation

- **Business Technology Centres**
 - **commercially driven**, business focused and market facing
 - Demonstrate sound **partnership** between research organisations and business
 - Show evidence of **collaboration** across research organisations including higher education
 - Based upon an **excellent research** base (normally level 4 or more)
 - Based upon technology which is **relevant to the SW economy**,
 - Based upon **applications of technology** (Technology Readiness Levels 4+)
 - Include both the physical and business support infrastructure required for success.

Challenge led through procurement

- EU activity on Pre Commercial Procurement
- Public procurement budgets far exceed Science & Innovation budgets. UK £112Bn vs £7.7Bn
- Stimulates innovation & SME engagement
- Allows purchasers to shape development of future products & services