



Strategy for setting up and support of spin-off firms or other forms of commercialization of R&D&I results at Palacký University Olomouc

Establishment of spin-off companies in the years 2014-2018 has been complicated by the legislation which requires a lengthy process in the case of university financial participation in spin-off formation. Therefore, spin-off companies with participation of the university have not been established in this period.

In 2018 several steps towards spin-off formation have been made at the UP, such as information to all Palacký University faculties and departments about the general support of spin-off formation (both with or without the participation of the university) from the side of university management and from the Science and Technology Park (VTP UP). The VTP UP started to create a network of investors and partners for spin-off formation support. Several seminars for technology scouts and scientists on all faculties on legal, economic and other aspects of spin-off creation has been organized as well as collecting technologies, Know-How and scientists involved for possible spin-off formation process.

The rector of the university instructed the VTP UP to create a new directive for spin-off creation in the UP, which is currently in the approval process.

The Proof of Concept project (managed by VTP UP and financed by TAČR GAMA) is now focused on results that will be suitable for setting up the spin-off companies.

Starting from 2015 every year the VTP UP organizes a competition named “Podnikavá hlava” (Enterprising Head, www.podnikavahlava.cz) which aims to find out and support new business ideas from which new spin-off companies emerge. The winner of the competition gets an incubation program involving mentoring, one-year free rental space in a university incubator as well as additional support.

For spin-offs, the VTP UP has more than 4000 m² of offices, laboratories and production facilities in three buildings; the fourth building with more than 2000 m² of space is planned.

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