

Research Technological Organization (RTO), nice to have or must to have ?

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Human ressources 16,000
10 Research centers
Budget: € 4,1 Bn
Scientific publications: 4,740
6100 Patent families in portfolio
743 Priority patents delivered in 2016
195 Innovative high-tech start-ups since 1972
45 Joint research units with academia



Mission DAM : France's national security independence
 Mission DEN : France's energy independence

Mission DRT : French business' economic competitiveness

CEA is topping the list of Research Institutions WW (Reuters)

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The World's Most Innovative Research Institutions

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	1 - CEA	Score : 206	France
	2 - Fraunhofer Society	Score: 202	Germany
-	3 - Japan Science & Technology Agency	Score: 201	Japan
	4 - U.S. Department of Health & Human Services	Score: 193	USA
	5 - National Center for Scientific Research	Score: 189	France
. all	6 - Korea Institute of Science & Technology	Score: 183	South Korea
	7 - National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science & Technology	Score: 182	Japan
	8 - U.S. Department of Energy	Score: 179	USA
	9 - Agency for Science, Technology & Research	Score: 175	Singapore
	10 - French Institute of Health & Medical Research	Score: 175	France
	11 - Helmholtz Association	Score: 157	Germany
	12 - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	Score: 157	USA
-	13 – RIKEN	Score: 146	Japan
20-1	14 - National Research Council Canada	Score: 139	Canada
	15 - Max Planck Society	Score: 137	Germany
	16 - Chinese Academy of Sciences	Score: 135	China
	17 - Pasteur Institute International Network	Score: 135	France
	18 - National Institute for Materials Science	Score: 132	Japan
	19 - United States Navy	Score: 123	USA
	20 - Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation	Score: 119	Australia
	21 - Spanish National Research Council	Score: 114	Spain
	22 - Academia Sinica	Score: 106	Taiwan
	23 - United States Army	Score: 100	USA
	24 - National Aeronautics and Space Administration	Score: 99	USA
	25 - Russian Academy of Sciences	Score: 98	Russia

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Research Technological Organizations (RTO) : A key structure in the research tool box of governments



Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs)

Basic 1. principles observed	TechnologyExperimental2.concept3.formulatedconcept	Technology 4.Technology validation in lab.Technology validation in relevant environment	Demonstration 6. in relevant environment Demonstration 7. in operational environment	System 8. complete and qualified	Successful 9. mission operations	Mass 10. Production
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Multiple research models vs technology transfer



European RTOs – Funding benchmark

On long term, RTO funding equilibrium model : 1/3 Base, 1/3 Public competitive, 1/3 Industry (RTO B model)



Basics for a sustainable RTO model





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A 151995 concepts worldwide to adress R&D 2/2 AALTER the key factor of success of all this type of initial states, in order to guer the key factor of success of all this type of initiatives is MASSIVE INVESTMENT CAPACITY, mainly from dynamics of innovation and technological transfer.

Ex-nihilo centers	 ✓ Established « from scratch », in line with a strong political will to build high-tech infrastructures & create jobs and wealth. ✓ Required massive and long-term investments to support the project ✓ Initiated without enough core research and industry partners and without a leader to anchor the project in a dynamics of innovation & growth ⇒ Projects difficult to maintain over time
<i>Has</i> been projects	 Difficulties to pursue the needed strategy of massive investments Turned towards academic research and no more industry leaders mid/long term needs Or towards technical support of short term needs of SMEs
Leaders	 ✓ Historical actors who have maintained massive investments in Research infrastructures while developing intensive collaborations with industrials ⇒ Example of progressive shift from microtechnologies towards nanotechnologies requires partners to be increasingly innovative to guarantee technological transfer towards industry and to enable fundamental research actors to take an active part in te process of innovation







Key factors of success for places for innovation



RTOs Vision and mission \rightarrow cultural change vs academics

- ✓ <u>Vision</u>
 - \rightarrow have to be supported by politics and top management
 - → focus on cultural change (ie public research favorize employment....in private industry)
 - → results only on long term → will not be seen at the timing of political agendas !
 - \rightarrow Comprehensive by all citizens
- ✓ <u>Mission</u>
 - \rightarrow daily job of management to focus on impact
 - \rightarrow explain why and how public salaries are financed,
 - \rightarrow Short / middle term oriented
 - \rightarrow Dedication of all research staff
 - → Benchmark : programs, organization, costs, investment,...



The 3 pillars of attractivity

- ✓ <u>Research staff platform</u> → how much ? Permanent staff ? engineers, technicians, PhD ? International ? Master students available on site ?
- ✓ Equipments platform → Investment capacity along last years? Wwide unique ? Maintenance ? 24/7 operation for industry support ? Sharing costs with start-up ?
- ✓ Intellectual property platform → Investment capacity along last years? portfolio size ? In-house dedicated staff ? Strong management strategy ? Seen as an advertising tool or as a cost ?



The 3 requests from customers

- ✓ How to achieve customer goals → Project management ? Reporting ? ISO certified ? Results guaranteed ? SWOT analysis culture ?
- ✓ <u>Business model</u> → existing one ? Full cost per person per activity per year ? How much to cover for the customer : 50, 80, 100, 120 % ? Same cost for national and international customers ?
- ✓ Intellectual property access → Background access included in program cost ? Foreground proprietary rules ? Licence fee calculation ? Rules for exclusive or non exclusive licence ?



3 proposed high level KPI (Key Performance Indicators)

- ✓ International visibility → are you in premier league ? Impact of international rankings? Is your center attractive enough for the best students, researchers, industry, investors?
- ✓ Ecosystem generation and development → strength and commitment of collaborations and interactions at different levels : education, research and industry ? Are you contributing to new research model generation ?
- ✓ Economic impact → estimated per year, on your research area ? who is able to calculate? analytic datas or global ones ? Advertising tool or guideline for authorities ?



What's next ???

Year after year, succesfull RTOs moved to industry based processes :

- 24/7 Prototype capability to support customers and start-up
- Staff recruitment to achieve critical size
- Package for best researchers to foster excellence
- Marketing staff to identify potential applications
- Business development staff to attract customers
- Advertising strategy to be more visible at international level

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Sucessfull future will need to continue on this trend:

- Subcontract some research programs to «smaller research centers»
- Establishment of foreign offices, labs, alliances
- Fusion with complementary labs mainly at national scale
- «Acquisition» of competitors, at national or international scale

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In conclusion,

within 20 years, future map of RTOs will show :

- a few global RTOs
- Many local and specialized ones







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