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# Centres of Competence (CoCs)

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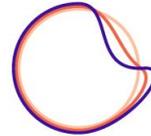
## Thematic Webinar

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1.

**INKREASE**  
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The project's main goal is

- to mainstream, into the different regional strategies of partners, policies and tools to **increase** the capacities of the various innovation ecosystems, **reinforce** the collaboration between research and business communities and **exploit** the economic valorization processes of research results.
- <https://www.interregeurope.eu/inkrease/>





## 2. National Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre at Kaunas University of Technology (NIEC)

- NIEC was established in 2012
- Lithuania's top 3 science centres
- cooperation platform where scientists, students and business cooperate intensively

R&D services for business in research areas:

- diagnostic and measurement technologies,
- new materials for high-tech,
- smart environments and information technology,
- sustainable growth and social-culture development,
- technologies for sustainable development and energy.



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NIEC activity areas:

- initiation and facilitation of contract R&D;
- supporting individuals and companies which are developing innovative products/services;
- intellectual Property Management and Protection;
- foster and dissemination of entrepreneurship and innovation culture;
- development of Open Access Centre (OAC) control system corresponding to the highest standards of management and service;
- "One window" service of all university's facilities provided by Partnership development office
- representation of the university at international networks and partnerships related to innovation and entrepreneurship



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### Difficulties encountered

- 'learning by doing'
- IP managers
- difficult to compete for the talent



# 3. Recommendations

1. Strong institution
2. Critical mass
3. Clear focus on business