## enterprise europe network

# HELPING AMBITIOUS SMEs INNOVATE AND GROW INTERNATIONALLY

Specialized services of Technology Centre CAS on the scope of Enterprise Europe Network









## A BROAD RANGE OF SERVICES FOR GROWTH-ORIENTED SMEs

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Partnership database

**Brokerage events** 

**Company missions** 

ADVISORY SUPPORT

Advice on EU laws and standards

**Market intelligence** 

**IPR** expertise

INNOVATION SUPPORT

Access to finance and funding

Innovation Management Services

**Technology transfer** 









## SERVICES FOCUSED ON INNOVATION SUPPORT OF SMEs

- Enhancing of innovation management capacities of SMEs (interview with owners)
- Advice and help for access R&I funding (H2020, SMEI)
- KAM services for SME Instrument beneficiaries

- Help in finding the right technologies to improve innovations in SMEs
- Help in identifying the best IPR strategy for innovations
- Help for access the right financial source for business development









## ENHANCING OF INNOVATION MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES: KEY PARAMETERS

- SMEs 10+ employees;3+ years on the market
- Technology oriented SMEs (manufacturers, R&D focused SMEs)
- SMEs with international ambitions

- **100 companies** (2015-2017)
- 200+ meetings with owners/CEOs
- Majority of SMEs from 5 key sectors (engineering, IT+automation, electro, design offices/ R&D, nanotech)

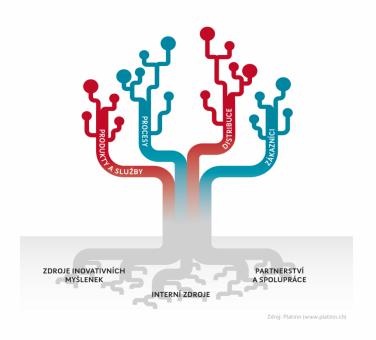








## ENHANCING OF INNOVATION MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES: APPROACH



- □ Focused on business innovation (creation of added value for both, customer and company)
- Combination of international business expertise with local knowledge to take innovations into new markets.









## ENHANCING OF INNOVATION MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES: BENEFITS FOR SMEs

- Independent view of the company's business
- New impulses for innovations and company development
- Basis for strategy update

- Easy, fast, without formal procedures
- Affordable free of charge
- Experienced advisors
- Proven methodology









## ENHANCING OF INNOVATION MANAGEMENT CAPACITIES: 3-STEPS PROCESS

### ☐ Step 1

### **Need Analysis**

Identification of new innovation opportunities for company growth



### ☐ Step 2

### **Implementation**

Performing of tasks by the company, with the support of EEN advisors or external experts



### ☐ Step 3

#### **Evaluation**

Summary of achieved results within 3-6 months;
Up-date of company's needs after 12-18 months









## PILOT PROJECT SCALE CZECH SMEs: SUPPORT OF FAST GROWING COMPANIES

### PROJECT PARAMETERS

- Partnership with JIC Brno
- Duration 18 months (till end of 2018)
- □ Support of **40 companies** (TC CAS + JIC Brno)
- Expected outputs: 2 success stories (foreign expansion of SMEs)









## PILOT PROJECT SCALE CZECH SMEs: SUPPORT OF FAST GROWING COMPANIES

### **IDEAL SCALE-UP COMPANY**

- Young SME up to 5 years old
- With product, technology or service that has business potential in international scope
- With cash flow (pilot customers) and verified business plan
- Ready to get financial support for expansion on the new markets









## PILOT PROJECT SCALE CZECH SMEs: ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

### **THROUGH**

- ☐ Innovation support of SMEs (need analysis, roadmap, etc.)
- Building a network of contacts (at regional, national, European levels)
- □ Capacity building of SMEs (workshops, seminars, mentoring, coaching)









# PILOT PROJECT SCALE CZECH SMEs: BUILDING A NETWORK OF CONTACTS

#### **ACCESS OF SMEs TO**

- Innovation agencies (regional&state institutions, associations, clusters)
- ☐ Financial resources (SME Instrument, business angels, venture capital)
- R&D facilities (universities, S&T parks, R&D institutes)
- Scale-up experts (advisors, mentors, coaches)









## PILOT PROJECT SCALE CZECH SMEs: CAPACITY BUILDING OF SMEs

### **THROUGH**

- Simulation of Elevator Pitch in front of Expert panel
- Personalized support
   (mentoring, coaching reflecting the particular needs of SMEs)
- Additional services
   (for accessing the international markets successfully)









## PILOT PROJECT SCALE CZECH SMEs: CAPACITY BUILDING PROCESS

☐ Step 1 **Elevator Pitch 1** 

> 10 SMEs well moved on the goal

☐ Step 2 Selection

**Elevator Pitch 2** 

4 SMEs the most motivated ones

Selection

☐ Step 3

**Personalized** support

Companies will also benefit from additional services focused on boosting their capacities for internationalization (synergy of the project with EEN services)









### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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