



## Trend Chart on Innovation in Europe

### UK 1

#### General presentation of the measure/scheme/action/regulation

##### Country

United Kingdom

##### Geographical coverage, national or regional (state region)

(National)

##### Title of the measure

Foresight Programme

##### Information Source/Reference

Web site at [www.foresight.gov.uk](http://www.foresight.gov.uk) or OST.

##### Overview (nature, main goals)

Develops networks linking business, the science base and government and identifies opportunities in markets and technologies over the medium and longer term. First report and overall approach were very influential. Subsequent activities have aimed to diffuse benefits of participation to a wider range of companies. Interfaces between traditional sectors have been exploited.

##### Action Plan objective addressed by measure

III.1. Strategic Vision of R&D

III.4. Co-operation Research/Universities/Companies

##### Administering agency

[DTI - Department of Trade and Industry](#)

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#### Description of Scheme

##### General Information

##### Reference to legal basis (e.g. act, public document, ...)

1993 UK Government White Paper "Realising Our Potential."

##### Does the measure receive central funding or regional funding?

Central

##### Start date

1993

##### Expected date of completion

Continuous

##### Previous measure (name, date, links with the current measure)

None.

##### Reasons for launching/modifying the new measure

Asset-based approach - UK science base.

##### Have any of the main features of the measure/scheme/action/regulation changed during its implementation

No

##### What is the predominant role of the government?

Facilitator.

#### Target Group

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 Research Institutes  
 Public Authorities/Organisations  
 Other

## Organisation and Implementation

### Organisation and Structure

Sixteen sectoral panels

#### What are the criteria for eligibility?

N/A.

#### What is the mode of delivery of the measure?

Publications, publicity, conferences, workshops

#### Financing : Overall budget allocated to the measure

not relevant

#### Financing : expenditure per year

not relevant

#### Financing : other budgetary sources (additional financing)

UK Research Councils, the DTI and other governmental departments support schemes such as LINK.

## Results

### Result Measurement

#### What are the main indicators for the measurement of the results ?

Effect on research base and industry.

#### Where an evaluation has taken place, what were the main results achieved?

Surveys of Research Councils and industry have been undertaken.

#### If no official evaluation has been undertaken, have there been any indicators of success?

N/A

## Observations

#### Which mechanisms seem to function well in the measure?

New and expanded networks of contacts between the science base, industry, the public and voluntary sectors.

#### Which mechanisms seem to be less successful in the measure?

Publications that are not focused on specific audiences.

#### Are there any other measures planned or in operation as a follow up to this measure? Direction of the planned measures? Objectives? Target groups?

New round of Foresight starting in 1999.

