



Trend Chart on Innovation in Europe

UK 18

General presentation of the measure/scheme/action/regulation

Country

United Kingdom

Geographical coverage, national or regional (state region)

(National)

Title of the measure

Teaching Company Scheme - TCS

Information Source/Reference

<http://www.dti.gov.uk/support/tcs.htm>

Overview (nature, main goals)

Increases interactions between Universities and companies. Graduates (TCS Associate) are recruited to work in a company for two years in close cooperation with a University, a strategically important project; they have enhanced career development benefits. The company and university learn to collaborate.

Action Plan objective addressed by measure

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

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Description of Scheme

General Information

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

None

Does the measure receive central funding or regional funding?

Central

Start date

1987

Expected date of completion

N/A

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

N/A

Reasons for launching/modifying the new measure

Previous evidence of success has led to a planned doubling of the DTI's contribution to the scheme by 2001

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

Budget has been increased. Management of scheme has been outsourced from DTI.

What is the predominant role of the government?

Funder, facilitator



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Target Group

Who are the target groups of the measure?

Large Companies/Large Industrial Companies
SMEs/Industrial SMEs
Research Institutes
Universities
Graduates
Public Authorities/Organisations

Organisation and Implementation

Organisation and Structure

Support is available as a government grant to the university partner – amount depends detail of specific programme and whether company has participated previously. The company also contributes to the direct costs of the TCS programme: an SME participating for the first time generally contributes about 30% of direct costs (around £10K per Associate per year) and a larger company will normally contribute at least 60% (about £20K per Associate per year).

What are the criteria for eligibility?

Awards are made on an application basis.

What is the mode of delivery of the measure?

Grant, stipend

Financing : Overall budget allocated to the measure

See l.c.5

Financing : expenditure per year

Total Government spend = £15 million (1996/97), £18 million (1997/98), of which DTI spend = £8 million and £11 million, respectively.

Financing : other budgetary sources (additional financing)

Other government departments and the Research Councils.

Results

Result Measurement

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

Periodic reviews.

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

Estimated that each £1 million of Government support for TCS generates: 47 new jobs; £2.23 million of one-off increases in company profit; £2.5 million annual increases in prc and £1.3 million investment in plant and machinery. (Figures based on final reports by company participants whose completed TCS programmes were assessed in 1997-98)

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

evaluated

Observations

Which mechanisms seem to function well in the measure?

All, overall.

Which mechanisms seem to be less successful in the measure?

unknown

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

none

