

<b>R&amp;D &amp; Marketing</b>			RIAM: Research and Innovation for Audiovisual and Multimedia, €20mil 2001	Database of Technology offers/Small business research initiative	Business oriented Technological Co-operation Projects, €5mil				OFU and IFU- Public and Industrial Research and Development Contracts			HOBU-Fonds-Non university Higher Education Fund, €925,000	New procedures to get support from the Special Applied Research Fund, €177,571 1998	
<b>Competition &amp; trade &amp; law</b>						Investment Law-Support for creation of New Technology Based Firms								

<b>Capabilities</b>				Sector Challenge: to improve competitiveness, developing people skills			The PRISM II initiative: e-commerce capacity building with SMEs, €1m				eAskel: increase SME management competencies in strategic e-business development, €320,000			Plan for the strengthening and competitiveness of SMEs
<b>Training &amp; learning</b>		LERNET: Network-based learning in SMEs,	Technology Platforms/ Support for the recruitment of technicians on innovative projects		The Netherlands Go Digital		STI (Science, Technology & Innovation) Awareness Programme, €450,000					KIV: KM O Innovati on Vlaanderen		IDE Action to support the placement of doctorates in enterprises
<b>Technology transfer</b>	Impulse Programme Mobility and Transport Technologies, €15,2mil 1999	Patent Information Centres			Knowledge transfer Entrepreneurs SMEs, €13,5mil 2001	Technology Transfer Offices for Technology Parks/ Sectoral Programme in the Agricultural Biotechnology	Business Incubation Centre programme, €1m/ FORBAIRT: technology transfer & business partnership programme, €1,3m	AIS: Active Industrial Collaboration, €200,000/ Technology transfer for SMEs, TUFF, €3,5-4,6mil	TEFT - Technology Transfer from R&D institutions to SMEs, €2,6mil	Innovations post.doc Programme, €7mil/ Technology Foresight, €800,000	Technology clinics, €4mil	Incubators and Innovation Centers	Decree 3, December 1999 of Law 23 December 1996, n.662-Fondo di Garanzia per le PMI	Catalunya on the Net: stimulate business adoption of e-business, €6,6mil/ the ARTEPYME II programme: introducing ICTs, €18,3mil

<b>Enterprise</b>	Tyrolean Impulse Package, €2,18mil	ZUTECH-Future Technologies for SMEs, €3,5mil	Project Achat-ville: controlled environment, a learning opportunity for businesses, €1mil		KIM: Knowledge Carriers in SMEs, €4mil/ TOK: Technical Development Credit, €43mil		Stimulating Innovation Management and Strategies at Enterprise level, €0,5mil		SNF Evaluation Report, €3,2mil		Government's Entrepreneurship Project		One stop shop-Sportello Unico per le Imprese/ Support to the electronic commerce through the creation of thematic/sectoral portals	
<b>Local development</b>													Innovation and SMEs, Law 317, €12,91mil il 1999 (Bersani La)	
<b>Innovation</b>		INSTI: Innovation Action, €2mil/ PRO INNO: increasing competitiveness, €100,000	Support for Innovation, €154mil 1998/ INPI's Innovation Awards/ Creation of regional incubators structures, €23mil	BMI Challenge: to stimulate growth of the UK biotechnology industry	Knowledge transfer Branche Organisation SMEs, €2,3mil/ Feasibility Projects SMEs:stimulating SMEs to introduce new technologies, €4mil 1999	Development of Incubators &S&T Parks		SNITS:Small and New Companies' development of Innovation, and TT Support, €1,2mil	REGINN - Programme for regional innovation, €1mil			Support for the development of prototypes, new products and processes, €1mil	NEOTEC: Support creation and development of NTBF's	



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<b>Knowledge transfer</b>	Ideas and investment: Business Angels Network, €170,000		Network Technology Subsidies, €6,86mil 1999							Approved Technological Service Institutes, €33mil/ Danish Agency for Trade and Industry, €1,3mil 2001	Center of Expertise Programme, €5mil	PLATO-transfer of management know-how to SMEs	Research Assignments to public research laboratories. Employment of researchers by SMEs	
<b>Web content &amp; service quality</b>	Multimedia Business, €3,6mil/ Ecaustria (Let's e-biz) communication platform													
<b>IPR &amp; Knowledge ownership</b>		INSTI-SME Patent Initiative, €1,27mil 1999		BEP Challenge/ IP strategies between Patent Office and companies/ To improve competitiveness of industry/ The IPR Portal		Law 2697 "Certuoft of Locarno's settlement for the International classification of the Industrial Design and Models- Athens, March 31, 1999				Ipscore-management tool to evaluate companies' patents and trademarks		OPRI-DIE-Office for IP		



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**POLICIES' DENSITY ACROSS COUNTRIES**

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<b>Advanced strategic research</b>	Techs for sustainable development, €15,2 mil	BioProfile/BioRegio, €12,5mil		SMART	Technological Top Institutes, €25 mil		Advanced Technologies Research Programme 2001			Large Cross-Disciplinary Research Groups, €9mil				
<b>Education</b>														
<b>New skills &amp; competence</b>							Forfas/Expert Group on Future Skills Needs, €300,000	SME Competence, €7mil	SME Competence, €7mil				Reordering of the promotion bodies and establishment of Sviluppo Italia	