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AN INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF HIGH TECH FACILITIES



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ith the financial support of the European Commission, twelve partner organisations from seven countries in the Baltic Sea Region have joined forces to build a strong network within the field of micro- and nanotechnology. Technet_nano (www.technet-nano.eu) which was created in autumn of 2011 aims to connect small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to high technology facilities and innovation resources across the Baltic Sea Region.

Today, Technet_nano is a strong alliance with eight cleanrooms and numerous researchers. With the help of a transnational web data base, ten Technet_nano Innovation Agents assist enterprises with the identification of appropriate partners, competences and technical facilities, all of which tailor to their individual needs and support their innovation activities.

Technet_nano is open to all interested in exploiting the new opportunities offered by high technologies. Make use of this emerging potential and become part of our unique transnational network!

Professor Horst-Günter Rubahn, University of Southern Denmark Technet_nano Secretariat



ENABLING THE FUTURE: FROM MICRO- TO NANO-TECHNOLOGY

resent daily life is dictated and enabled by modern microand nanotechnologies. Both technologies can be applied to numerous fields and lead to novel, smart and radical innovations. These include intelligent drugs and non-invasive medical treatments, smart food, smartphones and solar cells as well as non-chemical cosmetics and IT security.

Whereas microtechnology dates back to the invention of the transistor in the 1950s, nanotechnology emerged in the 1980s and focuses of processes that take place at a scale of a tenth of a millionth of a millimeter.

SMALL DIMENSIONS - BIG IMPACT

Within the European Community, "Key Enabling Technologies" (KETs) such as nanotechnologies and advanced manufacturing are key drivers of future growth. The global market volume of KETs will amount to over a trillion Euros by 2015. Consequently, the number of jobs related to nanotechnology will increase substantially by 2020.



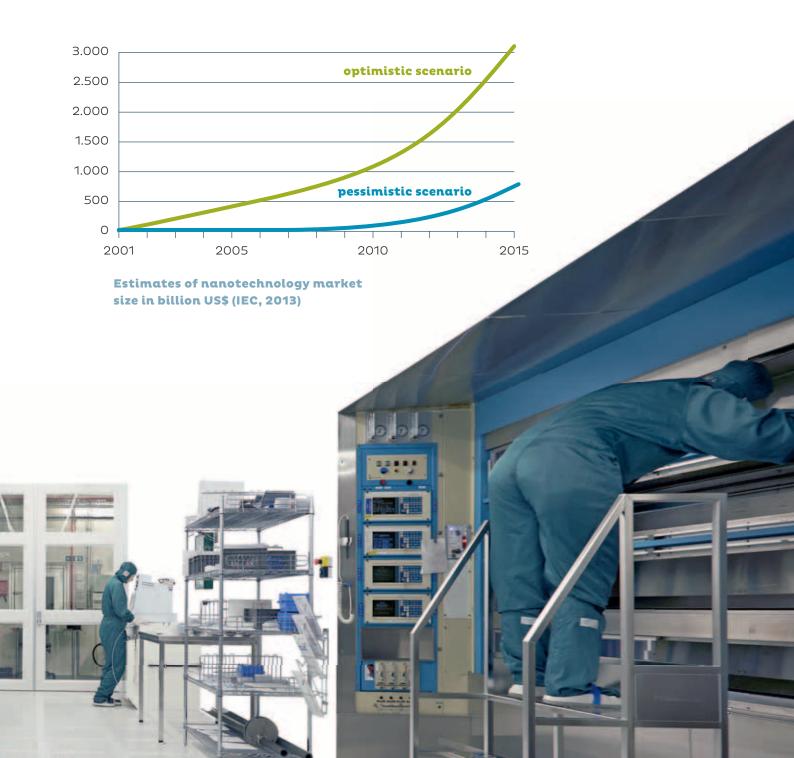


TOMORROW STARTS TODAY

The figure shows the expected development of the nanotechnology market, both in a pessimistic and an optimistic scenario.

To speed up this process, the European Commission strives to support nano- and microtechnologies with almost a hundred billion Euros worth of funding as part of the industry and production related research and innovation programme Horizon 2020 from 2014 to 2020.

Especially small- and medium- enterprises (SMEs) are encouraged to engage with micro- and nanotechnology to support their innovation activities.



THE BALTIC SEA REGION COMBINING STRENGTHS

he Baltic Sea Region (BSR) is home to numerous high profile research institutions active in the field of nano- and microtechnology. The excellence of fundamental research conducted in European research facilities and universities has influenced technological progress significantly. However, the integration of this research into industry and competitive products often occurs in other parts of the world.



According to the Innovation Union Scoreboard, some Baltic Sea regions are among the top countries in terms of innovation performance. Regions in Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Sweden and Finland are leaders or strong followers of innovation. The key to their success resides in a comprehensive focus on the entire value chain from research to product development and economic growth.

Although other regions in the BSR have the opportunity to catch up with their neighbouring innovation leaders, many are still underperforming.



COMBINING STRENGTHS

A competitive advantage of the Baltic Sea Region resides in the diversity of technological strengths in each of the countries. This provides for a sufficient degree of complementarity which is particularly beneficial to small and medium enterprises. Combining strengths and providing mutual access to innovation resources is the key to success in the Baltic Sea Region.

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ROADMAP TO INNOVATION LEADERSHIP

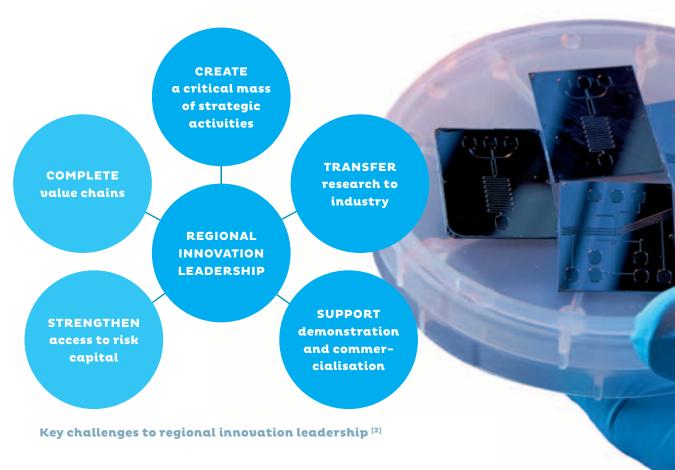
nnovation based on microand nanotechnology is a key part of the political agendas in the Baltic Sea Regions. The main challenge facing regional policy is to bridge the gap from research to product development and commercialisation.

GOOD POLICY PRACTICE

Some regions in the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) have already started to focus their regional innovation policy on the Key Enabling Technologies (KET). Some good practice examples are $^{[1]}$:

- ▶ Green Labs, Denmark
- ▶ Comptetence Centre Programme, Estonia
- Functional Materials, Finland
- ▶ Photonics Research, Germany
- ▶ Comptetence Centre Programme, Latvia
- ▶ High Technologies Development Programme, Lithuania
- ▶ Life Science Cluster, Poland
- ▶ ProViking, Sweden

These initiatives focus on a specific field of technology and strengthen technology transfer to industry as a whole.



FACILITATING THE REGIONAL ROADMAP TO INNOVATION

Technet_nano can play a strategic role for the Baltic Sea Regions on their way towards innovation leadership.



NANO- AND MICROTECHNOLOGY FROM DENMARK

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK, NANOCAN

NanoCAN (www.nanocan.org) utilises large-scale integrated robotics which are used to screen the effects of nano-formulations on living cells.

NanoCAN provides an adaptation and innovation of methods needed for large scale analyses, screening and post-screen analyses. This includes, for example, drug testing as well as toxicity/efficacy testing of nanodrug formulations.

Services & Competences

Assay/method development and optimization, High Throughput Screening, Ribonucleic Acid Interference (RNAi) libraries, downstream validation, biotechnology, robotics, nanoparticles, consultancy

Project example

NanoCAN tests the differential killing efficacy of agents by

performing High Throughput Screenings of RNAi libraries. In this way, NanoCAN identifies cancer cells and differentiates them from normal cells. This allows for the exclusion of agents that exert unspecific toxicity.

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN DENMARK, NANOSYD / MCI

NanoSYD (www.nanosyd.dk) provides R&D activities including bottom-up atomic and molecular growth methods as well as top-down surface technology, material science, optical spectroscopy and laser treatment. The centre boasts a wide range of ultrahigh vacuum and laser equipment,

electron and helium ion microscopes as well as processing and device packaging technologies.

Services & Competences

Device development and prototyping, organic electronics and photonics, nanoparticles, nanosurfaces, optics and optoelectronics, sensors, thin films and coatings, micro/nanofluidics

Project example

NanoSYD launched an initiative on the development of advanced materials for high-temperature strain gauges for aerospace, industrial processing, and power generation. The materials are deposited by a reactive sputtering process, whereby the composition and morphology of the deposited films over a wide range may vary depending on the industrial application.

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NANO- AND MICROTECHNOLOGY FROM ESTONIA

INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS, UNIVERSITY OF TARTU (IPUT)

Together with its 165 scientists, IPUT (www.encc.ee) specializes in material science as well as theoretical-, laser-, plasma-, environmental- and biophysics. Particular focus is placed on low-dimensional structures and their interdisciplinary application in thin and ultra-thin solid films as well as on wide-gap materials and the prospects for their application.

Services & Competences

Development of devices and prototyping, micro/nanoelectronics, nanoparticles, optics and optoelectronics, sensors, thin films and coatings

Project example

IPUT has developed a new type of electro-optical film that is based on liquid crystal dispersion in a sol-gel derived matrix and is used for windows that can alternate between transparency and opaqueness. In

this project, IPUT also developed new technologies and coatings designed to achieve low cost and transpar-



ent conduction layers that are required in these structures.

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SOME QUESTIONS FOR THE EU-COMMISSION ...

Carlo Corazza is the spokesperson of Vice President Tajani of the European (EU) Commission. The Commission promotes policies that support micro- and nanotechnology as a set of innovative technologies that contribute to growth and jobs, whilst ensuring for their safe use and the prevention of negative health and environmental effects. Nanotechnology is one of the six Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) identified as being of strategic importance to Europe's future competitiveness.

Which potential does the EU Commission see in micro- and nanotechnology now and in the future?

Nanotechnologies have a huge potential for growth and will have a strong impact on the competitiveness in many industrial sectors. Due to their cross-cutting nature and systemic relevance, nanotechnologies are instrumental in modernising Europe's industrial base and in driving the development of entirely new industries. Their direct economic impact is considerable. The global market for nanotechnology was valued at EUR 14.9 bn in 2012 with a growth potential between 15 and 20% in the coming years. Total sales are expected to reach EUR 35.3 bn in 2017 after increasing at

a five-year compound annual growth rate of 18.7 %.

What are the strategies of the EU Commission to tap the full potential?

Many actions to boost the deployment of KETs into KETbased products have already been launched. For example, adapting and aligning different European instruments in support of KETs: KETs are now a priority in Horizon 2020, for the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and also for the European Investment Bank. Furthermore, a significant increase of EIB lending to industrial KETs projects (+60%) has been realised since the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding with the EIB (February 2013). Lastly,



Carlo Corazza

"Nanotechnology has many
applications in a broad range
of industries."

the Commission promotes risk assessment of nanomaterials with a view to better understanding and controlling risks. This should ensure their safety and create the market confidence for the full acceptance and use of the innovation potential of micro- and nanotechnologies.

NANO- AND MICROTECHNOLOGY FROM GERMANY

CHRISTIAN-ALBRECHTS-UNIVERSITÄT ZU KIEL (CAU)

The CAU (www.tf.uni-kiel.de) comprises the research groups "Inorganic Functional Materials" and "Functional Nanomaterials". Whereas the former develops thin films and their applications such as microactuators or -sensors, the latter focuses on the synthesis of nanostructures within application fields, nanomedicine or composite materials.

Services & Competences

Biotechnology, device development and prototyping, medical technology, micro/nanoelectronics, nanoparticles, nanosurfaces, optics and optoelectronics, sensors, thin films and coatings.

Project example

Inspired by geckos' and insects' ability to walk on walls, the CAU adopts a biomimetic approach to developing an ideal structural shape. This is done by adjusting the mechanical properties using flexible nano ceramics.

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FLENSBURG UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

In cooperation with SMEs, the University (www.fh-flensburg. de) focuses on R&D based all-day business activities.
Topics include the use of DNA based methods and flow

through techniques (FACS) for quality control and process optimisation in the food industry, the pharmaceutical industry as well as the risk assessment of genetically modified organisms and the impact of nano particles on cell cultures.

Services & Competences

Bioanalysis, device development and prototyping, micro/ nanofluidics, lab on chip, risk analysis, bioprocess engineering.

Project example

Using flow cytometry, the University is able to detect bacterial DNA of microbial contaminants. In collaboration with the University of Southern Denmark, the Flensburg University develops a lab-on-chip system for the identification of perturbing contaminants in foods, feeds and pharmaceutical products.

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FRAUNHOFER ISIT

Together with its 150 scientists and industrial cooperation partners, Fraunhofer ISIT (www.isit.fraunhofer.de) specializes in the development, manufacturing and integration of components in the field of microelectronics and microsystems technology. These components are intended for use in medicine, environmental and traffic engineering,



communication technology, the automotive industry and mechanical engineering.

Services & Competences

Device development and prototyping, micro/nano-electronics, optics and opto-electronics, sensors, thin films and coatings, micro/nanofluidics

Project example

In Schleswig-Holstein, the innovation cluster "Power Electronics for Renewable Energy" was established by Fraunhofer in 2013. An additional part of the cluster will be created in Niedersachsen in 2014. The cluster aims to improve the electronic power components of wind power plants in the MW range and focuses on increasing efficiency, reliability and durability.

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NANO- AND MICROTECHNOLOGY FROM LATVIA

INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL PHYSICS (ICP), UNIVER-SITY OF LATVIA

In cooperation with the Institute of Solid State Physics and the Laboratory of Bioanalytical and Biodosimetry Methods, ICP (www.lu.lu) focuses on materials intended for application in optics, electronics, energetics and the medical industry. The technologies that have been developed are used for the production of thin film coatings, solar cells, sensors and nano-electromechanical devices.

Services & Competences

Solar cells, holography, thin films and coatings, sensors and actuators, bioanalytics on cells, device development, nanosurfaces, optics and optoelectronics, nanoelectromechanics

Project example

ICP has designed a new generation display: A high speed video projector sends a series of 3D image depth slices into a 3D image volume composed of a physically deep stack of various electrically switchable liquid crystal scattering

shutters. The display produces 3D images which are perceivable at a wide viewing angle and do not require the use of special glasses.



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3 QUESTIONS TO THE MANUFACTURER ...

Dr Frank Osterwald is responsible for research in the field of power semiconductor packaging and cooling at Danfoss Silicon Power – a manufacturer of power electronic modules. He makes use of packaging and interconnection materials which involve micro– and nano particles and applies micro technologies in the module factory.

Which potential do you see in micro- and nanotechnology? How can it help to "make a better world"?

Power electronics is a key technology for the "Energiewende". Power Electronics components and devices will involve microand nanotechnologies. Thus, micro- and nanotechnologies will help to facilitate the change from atomic- and coal fired power plants towards renewable energies.

What are the current research trends in micro- and nanotechnology? Which research fields should be strengthened in the future? On the one hand, the trend in semiconductor manufacturing is leading towards even smaller structures (in the nano range) and thinner layers. On the other hand, packaging and interconnection technologies seek for more reliable material combinations and functional surfaces. Micro- and nanotechnologies are believed to play a big role here.

How can we strengthen the technology transfer? What are the roles of industry, researchers and policy?

Technology transfer is not to be understood as one-way, being directed from the universities to the industry. In order to be able to conduct applied research work, the industry should have clearly expressed their needs to the researchers. Entering into research work



"Micro- and nano-materials development is a key to future power electronic module concepts and solutions."

together with the universities typically involves high risks which can be mitigated by public funding of joint research programmes and research networks.

NANO- AND MICROTECHNOLOGY FROM LITHUANIA

APPLIED RESEARCH IN-STITUTE FOR PROSPEC-TIVE TECHNOLOGIES (PROTECH)

ProTech (www.protechnology. It) specialises in photovoltaic technologies. Particular focus is placed on silicon solar cells for photovoltaic modules, the development of new materials, electronics and microelectronics, plastics and bioplastics technology.

Services & Competences

Device development and prototyping, optics and optoelectronics, thin films and coatings

Project example

ProTech has proposed an industrially feasible si nanostructuring process based on the application of nanoparticles of various metals. This process has been integrated into IBC (Interdigitated Back Contact) solar cells and has resulted in good absorption properties at the high energy end of the solar spectrum.

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BALTFAB

BALTFAB (www.baltfab.lt) focuses on the development of new nano-scale materials and structures for life sciences and industrial application. BALTFAB also develops advanced optical coatings for bandpass filters, anti-reflective and highly reflective molecular surfaces.

Services & Competences

Functional patterning, nanolithography, protein and cell micro/nanoarrays, device development and prototyping, plasmonics, surface analysis, scanning probe technology, laser micromachining.

Project example

BALTFAB and Capstone Turbine Corporation (CPST) have used laser beam interference ablation as a rapid micromachining method to create periodic subwavelength patterns on the surface of photovoltaic cells. The patterned surface reduces reflection and facilitates better light absorption, thus increasing cell efficiency.

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KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, INSTITUTE OF MATERIALS SCIENCE

The Institute (www.fei.lt) specialises in micro- and nanotechnologies, thin film nano-composite coatings and optical document security. Scientists research on the application of ion, plasma and laser technology methods for micro and nanostructures and have experience in the formation and modification of diamond like carbon (DLC) films and DLC based nano-composites which are used as piezo-resistive sensors or in optical sensor platforms.

Services & Competences

Device development and prototyping, micro/nanoelectronics, sensors, micro/nanofluidics

Project example

The Institute developed a complex refractive index sensor based on leaky waves which are excited at a subwavelength diffraction grating and interact with the analyte. In this way, processes in the liquid can be detected with a sensitivity of 80 nm/ RIU (Refractive Index Unit) and changes in the refractive index in the order of 0.1 permille observed. This method can be applied to in-situ monitoring studies in solutions, including bacterial responses to antimicrobial agents.

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NANO- AND MICROTECHNOLOGY FROM POLAND

ILESIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE OF AVIATION INDUSTRY LTD.

The Silesian Science and Technology Centre of Aviation Industry Ltd. (www.scntpl.pl) works on manufacturing composite structures along with a research laboratory to provide services to the aviation industry. The centre also introduces this high technology into other areas, such as the marine, automotive, railway and wind power industry.

Services & Competences

Manufacturing of compos-

ite structures by autoclave technology, materials research and testing, composite components development and prototyping.

Project example

The Silesian Science and Technology Centre of Aviation Industry validates the Controlled Free Radical Polymerization (CFRP) substrates manufacturing process for spacecraft structures to perform a complete cycle of manufacturing and testing on samples and on a "full scale" carbon-fibre-reinforced polymer panel based

on the Thales Alenia Space standard structural platform design.



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3 QUESTIONS TO THE RESEARCHER ...

Prof. Dr Franz Faupel occupies the Chair for Multicomponent Materials at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel. Among other subjects, his research focuses on functional nanocomposites. Since 2005, he has functioned as the coordinator of the North German Initiative on Nanomaterials (NINa).

Which potential do you see in micro- and nanotechnology? How can it help to "make a better world"?

Particularly nanotechnology is one of the key technologies, perhaps the key technology, to make this world better. Nanotechnology not only plays a key role in microelectronics but also in important fields such as life science and energy. In general, almost all new technologies more or less directly depend on innovative materials which are developed at the nano-scale.

What are the current research trends in micro- and nanotechnology? Which research fields should be strengthened in the future? In microelectronics, for instance, many new functionalities are currently transferred to a chip, an approach know as "more than Moore". Much research effort is also put into organic electronics, graphene, plasmonics, materials for energy harvesting, and nanomaterials for medical diagnostics and therapy. All these fields certainly deserve much attention.

How can we strengthen the technology transfer? What are the roles of industry, researchers and policy?

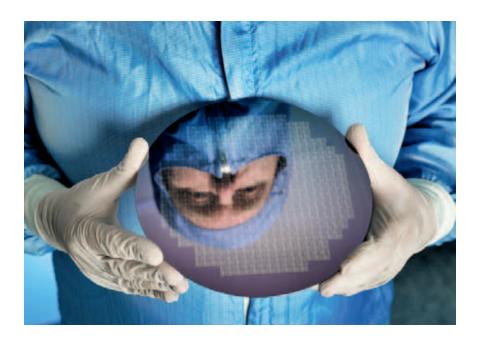
One important obstacle to technology transfer, at least at universities, is that it often only plays a minor role in determining the reputation of a professor. In addition, universi-



Prof. Dr Franz Faupel
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ties and industry often do not interact sufficiently and tend to have cut and dried opinions about each other. Additional factors which require attention are administrative barriers and problems related to intellectual property.

NANO- AND MICROTECHNOLOGY FROM SWEDEN



ACREO SWEDISH ICT (ACREO)

Acreo (www.acreo.se) offers innovative and value-adding information and communication technology (ICT) solutions for sustainable growth and competitiveness in industry and society. Acreo provides cutting edge resources and technologies for sensors and actuators, power electronics, digital communication and life science, new semiconductor materials and electronics for harsh environments as well as electronic devices and systems with new functionalities.

Services & Competences

Biotechnology, device development and prototyping, microelectromechanical systems (MEMS), micro/nanoelectronics, nanoparticles, nanosurfaces, optics and optoelectronics, sensors, thin films and coatings, ,micro/nanofluidics

Project example

There is a strong need for miniaturised biomedical tools with integrated lab-on-chip solutions. Acreo not only has expertise in microfluidic solutions integrated sensor technologies, but can also speed up the analysis and reduce the sample volume through chip manufacturing.

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ELECTRUM LABORATORY, KTH

KTH (www.electrumlab.se) is an outstanding resource for the fabrication and characterisation of materials at the nano and micro scale and supports the entire value chain from education, research and

development to prototyping and production. KTH provides access to a cleanroom and state-of-the-art laboratories which can be used for the manufacturing and implementation of characterisation technologies. Topics include micro and nano electromechanical systems, micro and nanoscale materials as well as electronic and photonic components and devices in silicon and compound semiconductor materials.

Services & Competences

Device development and prototyping, microelectro-mechanical systems (MEMS), micro/nanoelectronics, nanoparticles, nanosurfaces, optics and optoelectronics, sensors, thin films and coatings, micro/nanofluidics

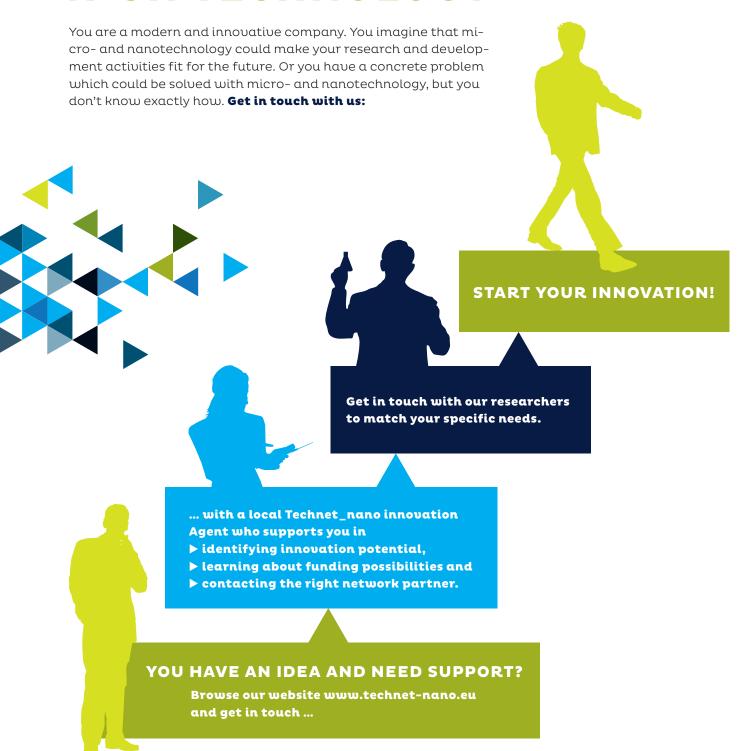
Project example

To reduce the amount of active substance needed and the risk of side effects, KTH has developed multifunctional nanoparticles. These are not only targetable and biodegradable, but also traceable in vivo and equipped with controlled drug release. The particles could function as a vehicle to deliver medicines to specifically defined cells and tissue.

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HOW TO ACCESS HIGH TECHNOLOGY





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