



Global Opportunities Fund British-Russian Innovation Network (BRIN)

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What is BRIN?

- Funded through Global Opportunities Fund from the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office
- Promoting UK scientific collaboration in key emerging markets
- Bring together research providers and users in key areas of strategic importance
- Work with FCO Science and Innovation Network (SIN) in Russia
- Active since May 2005



What is BRIN?

- Based on the best practice of the IRC Network
- It aims to create a sustainable network for technology transfer between UK and Russian organisations
- It has provided training and mentoring for Russian TT organisations to access new technology from the UK
- It will enable UK SMEs to access the results from Russian R&D



IRC Network Intranet
Building Technology Partnerships

Expected Impact

- Increased scientific technological collaboration
- Increased participation in collaborative R&D projects
- Creation of joint ventures
- Implementation of a sustainable UK/Russian TT exchange mechanism
- Development of long term relationships between UK and Russian technology actors

Expected Outputs - phase III

- Promotion of BRIN at UK and Russian events
- Minimum of 70 new TOs/TRs
- 14 EOIs in TRs/TOs
- 4 Transnational negotiations
- 1 Transnational collaboration
- 1 Conference in Russia

Russian Technology Transfer Network (RTTN)

- Consists of 60 innovation centres from 25 regions
- Over 1200 clients (SMEs and research establishments)
- Not for profit partnership
- Linked into other networks:
 - Union of Innovation Technology Centres of Russia (RUITC)
 - Russian Agency for support of small and medium businesses (RA)

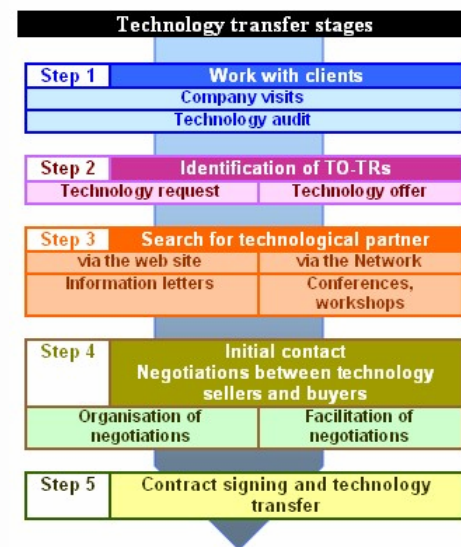


Beta Technology Limited

- Member of IRC network since 1997
- IRC North-Nord Manche
- Private limited company
- Innovation and technology consultancy
- FP7 National Contact Point
- Experienced EU project participant

Main Activities

- Support & training activity
- Promotional activities to increase BRIN membership
- Identifying potential participants
- Disseminating collaboration opportunities
- Capacity Building
- Brokerage
- Conference
- Sustainability plan
- BRIN website



Progress to date

The BRIN project started in May 2005

Phase I activity included several training workshops and seminars and a series of activities to promote RTTN and BRIN, including the UK-RF conference in Moscow (May, 2006).

Phase I also saw the construction of project mechanism and structure including the project web site.

Phases II & III were concerned with development of project activity and the positive support of international technology transfer.

Phases II & III also looked into the sustainability of the BRIN linkage. This aspect benefited from a timely announcement of a new CIP Call aimed at setting up a new integrated network covering the IRC activities.



Progress to date - phase III

- One conference held, second in March 2008
- Large number of TOs/TRs generated
- RTTN supported to enter EU IRC network
- Training and exchange visits undertaken
- Website established and maintained

Results to Date - phase III

		Month		7	of 8	
	Deliverables & Results	Project Target	Target to Date	Actual	Percentage To Date	Percentage over Project
1	Produce Financial Report	8	7	6	85.71%	75.00%
2	Produce Quarterly Activity Report	2	2	2	114.29%	100.00%
3	Arrange Attend Russia Conference	1	1	0	0.00%	0.00%
4	Attendance of Technology Transfer Events	1	1	4	457.14%	400.00%
5	Upload 50 TOs TRs to BRIN web site	50	44	89	203.43%	178.00%
6	EOI in TO TR's	14	12	13	106.12%	92.86%
7	Negotiations Started	4	4	0	0.00%	0.00%
8	Collaborations	1	1	0	0.00%	0.00%
9	Receive Russian TOs TRs from RTTN	20	18	45	257.14%	225.00%
10	Circulate Russian TO & TRs to UK IRCs	1	1	3	342.86%	300.00%

Results to Date - phase II & III

- Over 300 technologies disseminated
- Over 40 Expressions of Interest processes
- Fewer negotiations started
- No collaboration agreements

	Project Target	Actual	Percentage
UK TOs TRs to BRIN	100	241	241%
TOs TRs from RTTN	50	92	184%
EOI in TO TR's	34	43	126%
Negotiations Started	14	5	36%
Collaborations	5	0	0%

Lessons Learned

- Communication - well defined and agreed channels
- Clarity of expectations - project goals/outputs
- Systems and procedures - disaster recovery, use of technology
- Face to face interactions preferable - real or virtual
- Limited budget - limiting factor
- Infrastructure required to build substantial network
- Sustainability crucial - linkages to other initiatives
- Intermediaries/multipliers important
- Focus on sectors/themes

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