

	<p><i>“Supporting Potential and Existing Research intensive SMEs”</i></p> <p>Study Visit Lorraine Metz – 25&26th June 2007</p>
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Biography

Region of ADANA delegation (Turkey):

CUMITAS has started to manufacture Earth-moving machinery and Industrial machinery in his own brand “CUKUROVA” in 1986. Today Çumitaş has currently an annual production capacity of 2,000 units of earth-moving and industrial machinery. The products are diesel forklift trucks (7 model) with a loading capacity from 2.5 to 8 tons, three wheeled battery-operated forklift trucks (1 model) with a loading capacity of 1.5 tons, articulated (1 model) and rigid backhoe loaders (2 model) with a bucket capacity of 1.0 cubic meter and wheel loaders (1 model) with a bucket capacity of 2.5 cubic meters. The Company has a 20-25% share of the local market and holds the ISO 9000 Quality Assurance Certificate from TSE, Turkish Standards Institute. <http://www.cumitas.com/en/index.php>

Atermit Machinery Company has been founded at 2000, under the wings of Emin Özgür Holding Company which has been founded in 1956. Atermit Machinery mainly manufactures EPS machines, EPS and EPP molds, thermoforming molds, plastics injection molds and more kinds of special design machines. Atermit Machinery is specialized with the professional designers, experienced work team, high technology machines and the sensitivity about best quality.

Adana Chamber of Industry (ADASO) is a chamber which supplies collective needing, simplify of career activity, provide solution for the economic and social problems of Adana as well as the problems of their members, render perfect and faster services based on the Institutional Law to the society, members, staff and executives, develop the quality consciousness of the Chamber staff and members and be a role-model for their members. <http://www.adaso.org.tr/eng/pages.aspx?pageid=2006>

TUBITAK-ADANA University-industry joint research centre was established in 2000 by joint efforts of the scientific and technical research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK), local industries and Cukurova University under the “University-industry Joint Research Programme (USAMP) of the Technology Monitoring and assessment Directorate of TUBITAK; the main activities of the centre is to promote closer interaction between the university and industry sectors and contribute development of the region though RTDI. <http://usam.cu.edu.tr>

Region of Praha delegation (Czech Republic):

City Development Authority Prague (CDAP) is a contributory organisation set up by the City of Prague. Its competencies and activities are to prepare and process strategic, urban and city development materials and programmes of Prague. The main documents are the City Development Plan (or Land Use Plan) and the Strategic Plan. CDAP also manages citywide information system of data on the city territory, provides co-operation with development plan and decision-making organizations, provides expert consultation in the area of city development and land use and strategic planning, supports co-operation between public and private sector in carrying out the basic objectives of the City and represents Prague in the process of Planning Permits Presentation. www.urhmp.cz

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Business and Innovation Centre of CTU, Czech Technical University Prague

Since its foundation in 1990, the Business and Innovation Centre of the Czech Technical University in Prague – BIC CTU has been dealing with three major activities, namely:

- support of innovative SMEs, services provided by the Business Incubator;
- transfer of innovative technologies and knowledge, consultancies related to the science and research programmes;
- protection of intellectual property rights, patent services, licenses etc.

The Business and Innovation Centre is member of European network EBN (European Business and Innovation Centre Network) and Czech network Science and Technology Parks Association of the Czech Republic.

The Business and Innovation Centre supports an implementation of a transfer technology as a transformation of results of science and research to commercial form. <http://www.tic.cvut.cz>.

Technology, Society Studies at the Institute of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic

The Centre conducts systematic interdisciplinary research into mutual relationships of science, technology, and society. Research is based on the broad theoretical background of philosophy, economy, and sociology (of science and technology), innovation studies, science policy studies, and technology assessment. At present, research is focused on several fundamental thematic areas. The changes in the current forms of knowledge production are followed in the form of theoretical analysis. Those changes comprises higher rate of social accountability of knowledge, more emphasis on its economic application, increasing heterogeneity of its resources, the problem of evaluation, more stress on social and cultural

values applied in research programmes. The Centre participated in more European projects focused on R&D policy, innovation policy, benchmarking of R&D centres of excellence, Central European science systems in transition, institutionalisation of ethics in science, etc.
www.stss.flu.cas.cz/index.php