TT Professionals in Germany

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Overview: Public Research in Germany

Academia

- 400 universities, Medical Schools and universities of applied sciences (Fachhochschulen)

4 Public Research Organisations

- Helmholtz-Society (18 institutes, 12,300 scientists); 3,8 bn Euros
- Max-Planck-Society (82 institutes, 5,500 scientists); 1,9 bn Euros
- Fraunhofer-Society (67 institutes in Germany, 16,000 scientists); 2 bn Euros
- Leibniz-Association (86 institutes, 8,700 scientists); 1,5 bn Euros

Federal research institutes

Publicly funded interdisciplinary projects & initiatives
Before year 2000

- only few organized Technology Transfer Offices for IP management of Research Institutions
  - university-integrated TTO‘s
    - small
    - integrated
    - inexperienced
Technology Transfer in Germany

Publicly funded programmes to support professionalization of TT

- Establishment of regional TT offices
- Funding for institutes to establish TT structures

Techtransfer Today

- Organization
  - TTOs integrated in universities/institutes
  - External TT Organizations

- Focus
  - Regional
  - Sectoral
Developing TT professionals

Skills in technology transfer are acquired by

- Learning by doing
- Training courses and workshops provided by national TT organisations/professionals
- Knowledge exchange at national meetings and conferences
  - TT networks of research organisations
  - National network „Technologieallianz“
- Making use of European training offers
  - ASTP-Proton training
  - ENTENTE (exchange programme for European TT professionals)

In Germany there’s no specific national degree programme for technology transfer
Developing TT professionals

RTTP
- recognize and promote individuals with core competencies in TT
- approved training for individuals wishing to acquire skills in TT

EU KTS (European Knowledge Transfer Society)
It seeks to provide the necessary framework and infrastructure to support the development of the KT profession by
- accreditation of course providers
- certification of professionals
- availability of comprehensive data on KT activity

CLP (Certified Licensing Professional)
- program was launched in 2008 to recognize professionals in TT
- Publicly recognize the licensing professional's experience and qualifications;
- Focus the licensing professional's individual development on internationally applicable standards, ethics, and excellence
Thank you
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