



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today you receive the first edition of our TRANS³Net-Newsletter. In July 2016, our Central-Europe project TRANS³Net started. The objective of TRANS³Net is the establishment of a transnational cooperation network of ‘transfer promoters’ in the border-region between Germany, Czechia and Poland. ‘Transfer promoters’ operate in the initiation, implementation, and support of projects for knowledge and technology transfer between science and SMEs. They are to find in scientific organisations (e.g. transfer offices), in organisations close to economy (e.g. chambers of commerce) in intermediary institutions (e.g. technology parks and centres) as well as in public administrations (e.g. business development agencies). They help to overcome the various barriers between science and economy that are currently hindering their cooperation.



Figure: TRANS³Net project team (© CIMTT)

The following organisations are part of the TRANS³Net’s partner consortium:

Germany (Saxony)	Czechia (Usti-Region)	Poland (Lower Silesia)
TU Dresden, CIMTT (Lead partner)	J. E. P. University, Usti n. L.	Wroclaw University of Technology, CAMT
Innovation Centre Bautzen	District Chamber of Commerce, Decin	Wroclaw Regional Development Agency
Economic Development Corporation Ore Mountains	Economic & Social Council of the Usti-Region	Lower Silesian Voivodeship

Detailed information on project’s approach and procedure are to find on trans3net.eu, [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/trans3net) and [youtube](https://www.youtube.com/trans3net).

Kick-off Meeting, 23.-24.08.2016 in Dresden

In August 2016, 26 representatives of the nine project partners from the tri-lateral project region of Germany, Czechia and Poland met in Dresden to officially launch the project "TRANS³Net". Within two days, the project partners got to know more about each other’s organisations and their tasks, they discussed about the current state of knowledge and technology transfer in their regions and agreed upon a reference model describing the common understanding of transfer between the project partners.

Professor Roedel, vice-rector for research of TU Dresden congratulated the international project. At Kick-off Meeting, he emphasised: “TRANS³Net project is certainly a special case and a particular success during the first call of the Interreg Central Europe Programme. 620 applications were submitted but only 35 applications were selected for funding.”

More Impressions from the Kick-off Meeting you can find [here](#).



Figure: Professor Roedel, Vice-Rector of TU Dresden congratulates TRANS³Net project team for being successful during first call of CE programme (© CIMTT)



TRANS³Net-Reference model of transfer

At Kick-off Meeting, TRANS³Net project team agreed upon a common understanding of transfer, which will be the basis for project work in the upcoming almost three years. This so-called reference model defines where transfer processes between science and especially SMEs start, which activities belong to the process as well as when the process ends. This definition of a reference model was necessary in order to identify in which stages of the transfer processes support by ‘transfer promoters’ is potentially needed. It is also the starting point for the upcoming survey of transfer promoters implemented by TRANS³Net project team. You can read more about the TRANS³Net reference model of transfer [here](#).

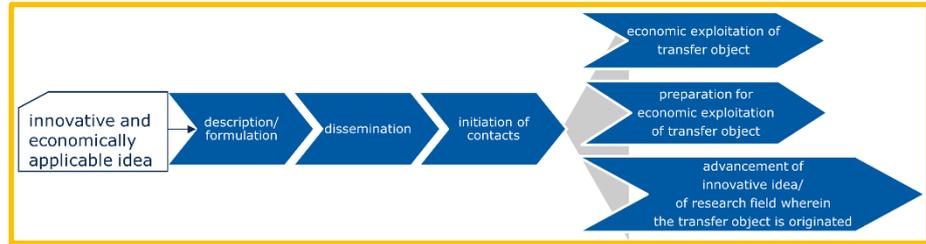


Figure: TRANS³Net reference model of transfer, agreed by all project partners
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Map of transfer promoters



Figure: Trilateral region between Germany, Czechia and Poland
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Soon, the investigation of transfer promoters in the trilateral region of Germany, Czechia and Poland will start. Aim of this investigation will be the establishment of transparency about transfer promoters that are active in the project region and what they can contribute to the initiation and implementation of transnational transfer projects in the border region. Survey of transfer promoters will be carried out based on an identification tool, which has been developed cooperatively between the TRANS³Net project partners during the first months of the project duration. After an adaption phase in November 2016, the investigation will start.

The result of this investigation will be a web-based Map of transfer promoters giving an overview about all transfer promoters that are active in the three-border region initiating and supporting the implementation of knowledge and technology transfer between science and especially SMEs. Besides the geographical location of the transfer promoters, the map will also provide information about offered services and competences as well as already existing experiences in the field of transfer between science and industry. You can have a look on the identification tool and follow the investigation [here](#).

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On 6th of April 2017 TRANS³Net-Transfer Promotor Event will take place at Innovation Centre Bautzen (Germany). There, transfer promoters from all three countries will have the opportunity to present their organisations and provided transfer-supporting competences, to start networking with other transfer promoters and to already discuss about potential collaborations.



Figure: Innovation Centre Bautzen (© TGZ Bautzen)

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