

Prospective Partner Profile in FP7 Space projects: Invent Baltics LLC (www.invent.ee)

Invent Baltics (INVENT) is an innovation consulting company for complete project life cycle management. People employed by the company demonstrate excellent track record in setting up international consortia for technology development and commercialization, business consulting of technology based enterprises and management of international research projects. INVENT has successfully launched more than 30 FP7 and EUREKA Eurostars grants.

Space has been among one of the key areas of our interests. We have established a remarkable network of professional contacts and cooperation partners around Europe. Our cooperation network includes key players like EADS Astrium, Logica, OHB Sweden AB (former Space Systems Division at Swedish Space Corporation) and International Space University. We are strategic cooperation partner to Enterprise Estonia which also acts as Estonian Space Office.

INVENT is a partner of the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) offering innovation support to Estonian small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and research centers in technology transfer and international R&D cooperation. INVENT is a partner of the FP7 project “Making Progress and Economic enhancement a Reality for SMEs” aiming to acquire a comprehensive insight into the design, implementation and impact of existing SME research and innovation support programmes and initiatives in the whole EU27 Member States.

Since space-related activities were initiated in Estonia, INVENT has established itself as a key service provider of space-related support activities. INVENT has been facilitating the process of Estonian European Space Agency (ESA) membership and more active participation of Estonian organization in FP7 “Space” thematic priority. Our main references are as following:

- INVENT was the coordinator of the project “*Space related awareness for entrepreneurial and R&D activities*”. Among the results were White Paper “Towards Estonian Space Policy”; assessment of Estonian space potential; study trip to ESTEC and compilation of manual “How to cooperate with ESA”; training seminars in cooperation with International Space University.
- INVENT coordinated the establishment of the Estonian Space Technologies Competence Centre (E-Space) and afterwards acted as an advisor of space cluster – Estospace.
- INVENT was the coordinator of the project “*Introduction of the downstream applications and opportunities of space technology to the Estonian entrepreneurs*”. Among the results were Estonian Space Strategy of Downstream Services – Technical and Benchmark Report; training seminars and study trips in partnership with prominent European Space players - Italian Space Agency, UK Space Agency, German Aerospace Center, EADS Astrium, Logica, ESRIN
- INVENT organized large space-themed conference - Space Downstream Services 2010 (www.satfuturis.com) with nearly 300 participants were attending in Tallinn, May 2010.

Currently INVENT is a partner in an FP7 project NordicBaltSat (NBS). The objective of the NBS project is to map the space related technological expertise in the Baltic States and Poland and develop a joint technological programme for further R&D cooperation with ESA and within the “Space” thematic priority of FP7.



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