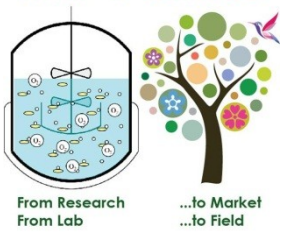


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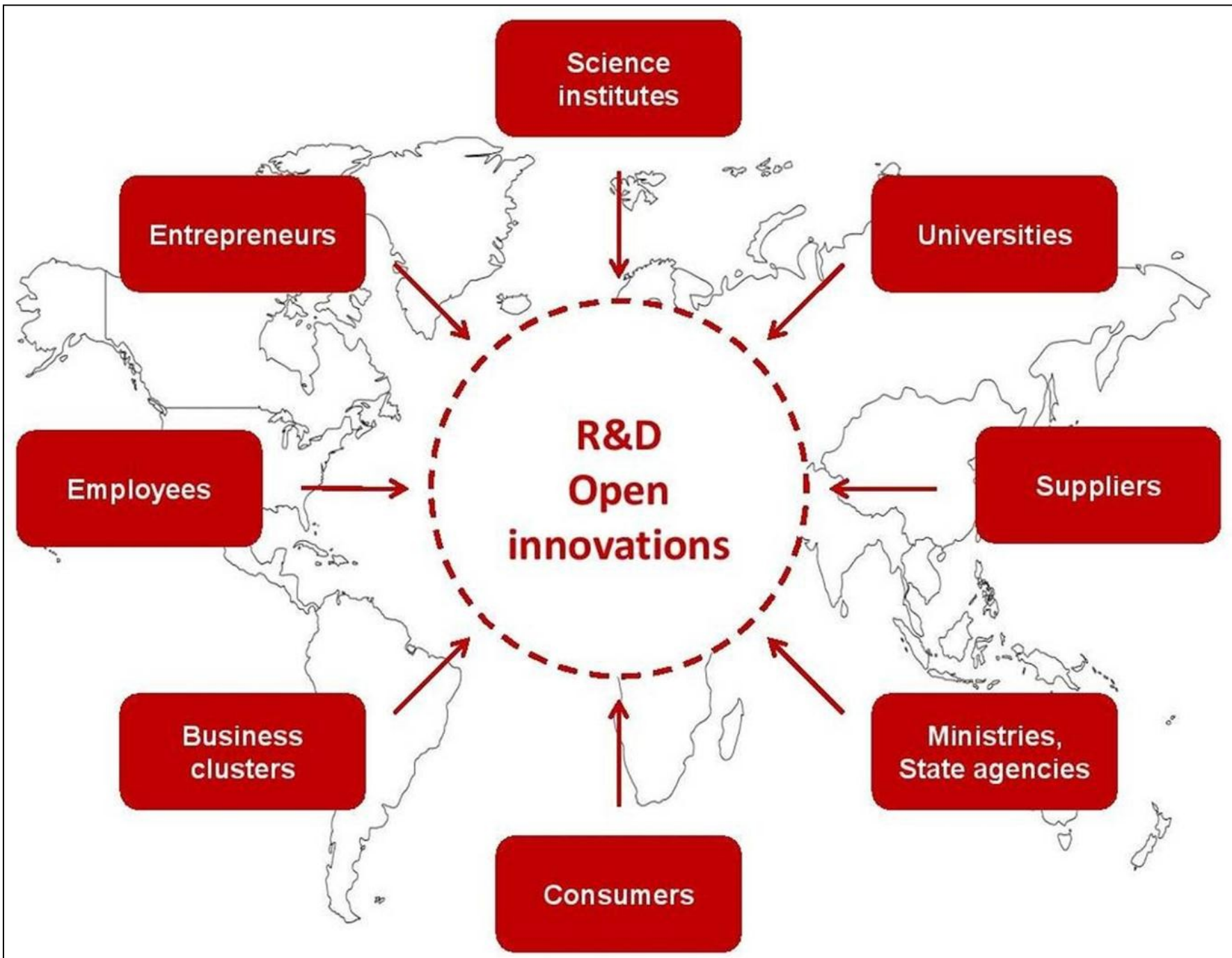
How can technology transfer from Lab to Market push companies for open innovation?

**Pr Souad Rouis, Entrepreneur
Center of Biotechnology of Sfax
Laboratory of Biopesticides**



OPEN INNOVATION

*The concept of open innovation was developed in the early 2000s by Henry Chesbrough teacher researcher at Berkeley. The principle of open innovation refers, as its name indicates, to a process of innovation by which the COMPANY is no longer "**closed**" on itself within its R & D department, but opens on the contrary, on a variety of other external actors (**researchers**, partner companies, customers, students, etc.) or internal (non-R & D employees). The notion of open innovation also implies that the innovation process is **less linear** and that alternative routes (in terms of products or services) to those initially planned can be taken.*



ACADEMIC RESEARCH

**EXCELLENCE
INNOVATION**

**National &
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Funding**

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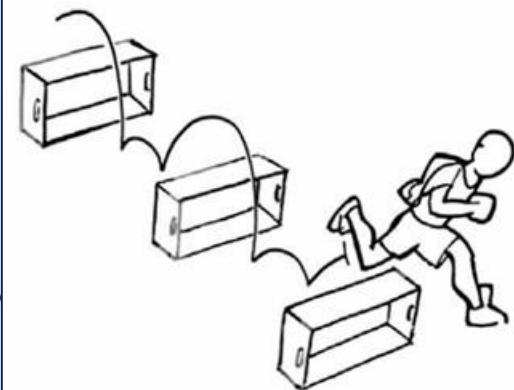
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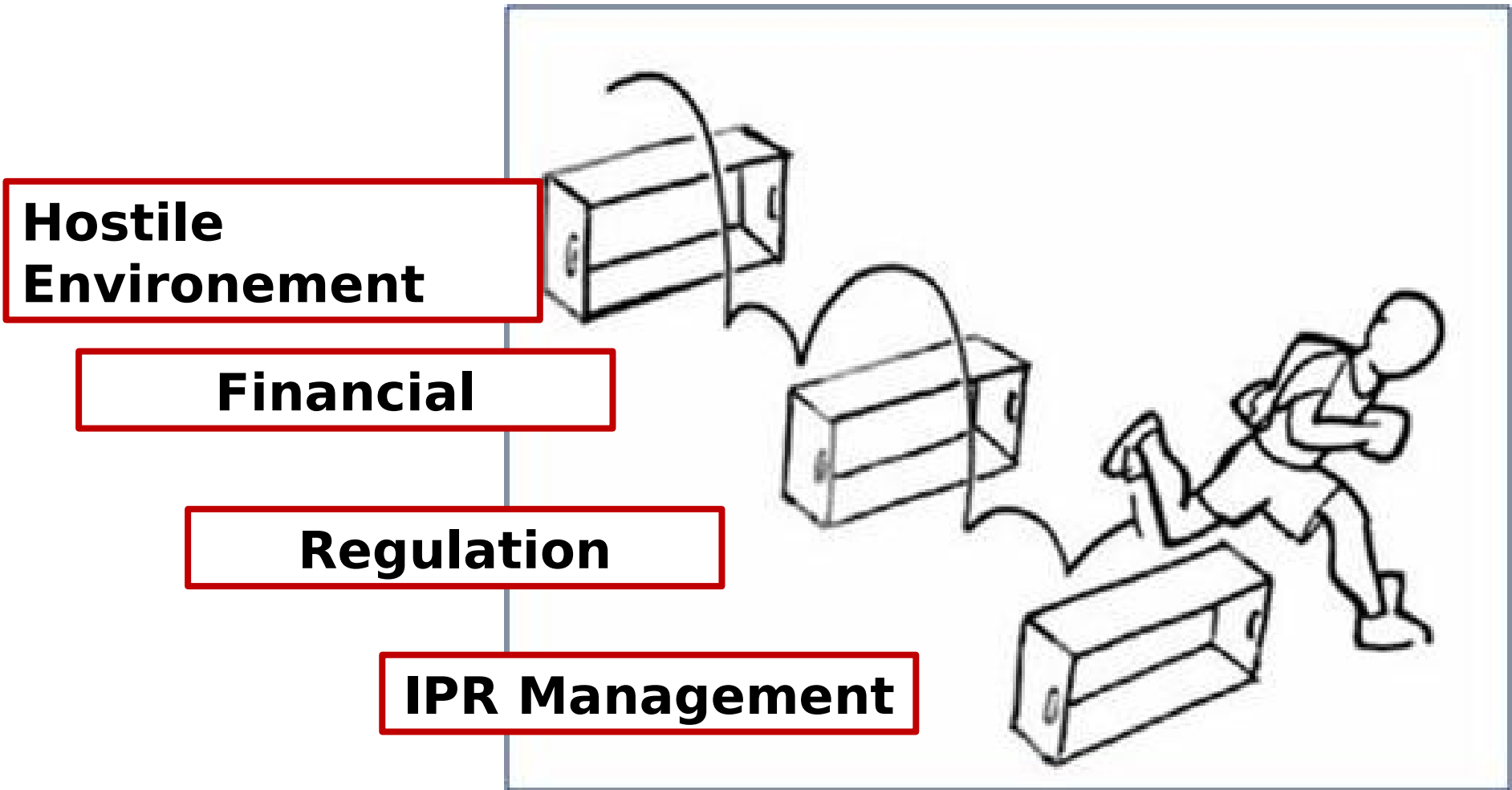
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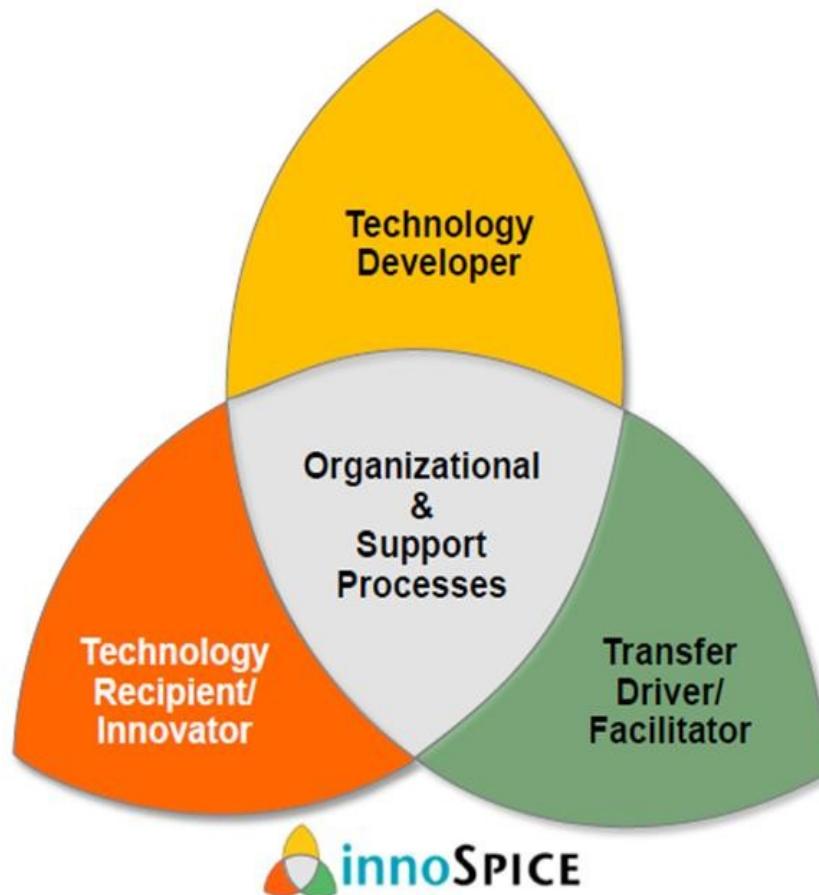


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innoSPICE Model



- innoSPICE is an **ISO/IEC 15504 conformant process reference & assessment model** for knowledge- and technology transfer and innovation activities.
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 - the fulfilment of processes (process dimension „what“?) and
 - the maturity of these processes (maturity dimension „how are they performed“?)
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- innoSPICE **Special Interest Group (SIG)** is new member of the SPICE User Group and the model is public available.

Source: innoSPICE ISO 15504

Organizational Process Category

(ORG)

Tendering; Contracting; Technology Transfer Management; Relationship Management; Human Resource Management; Incentive Structure; Decision Making

Technology Developer Process Category (DEV)

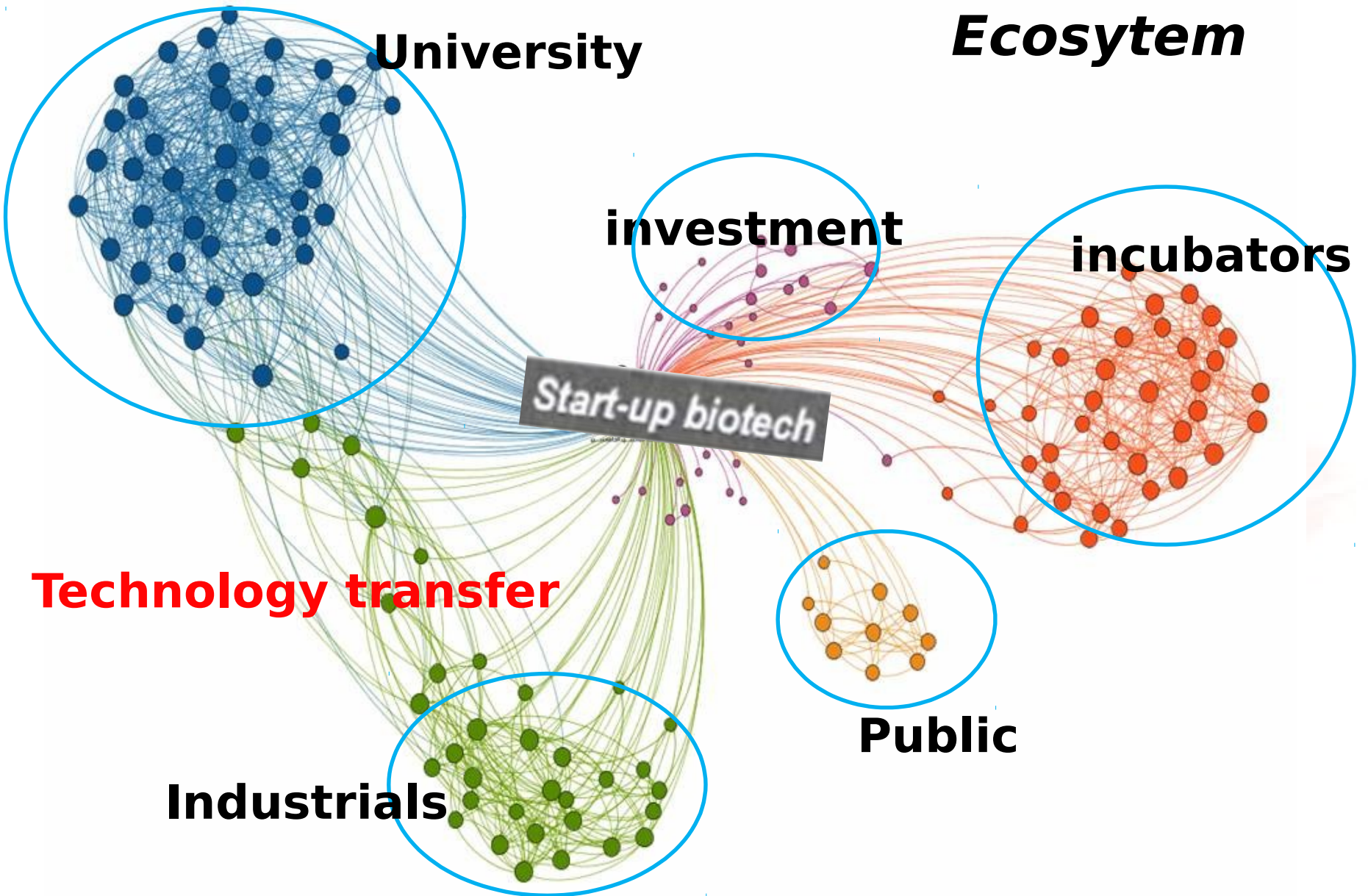
Research and development project proposal preparation, Applied Science Knowledge Creation, Experimental Science Knowledge Creation, Prototype Development, Technology Development, Technology Release

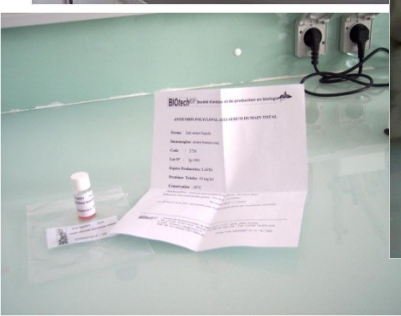
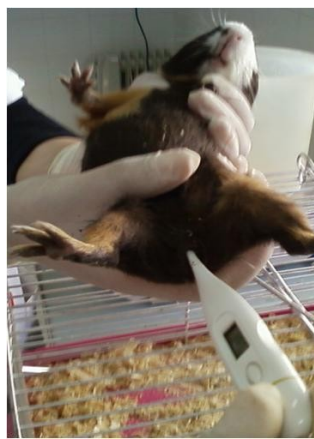
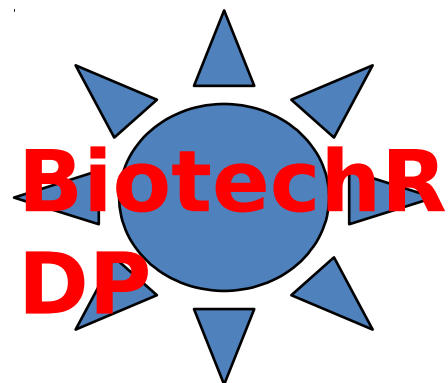
Technology Transfer Driver Process Category (TTD)

Technology Transfer Concept; Technology Evaluation; Intellectual Property Protection Determination ; Initial Market Assessment; Technical Analysis; Market and Competitive Analysis; Technology Value Evaluation; Go to Market Estimation; Commercial/Social-economic Interest Confirmation; Business Case Establishment; Financing Sources Raising

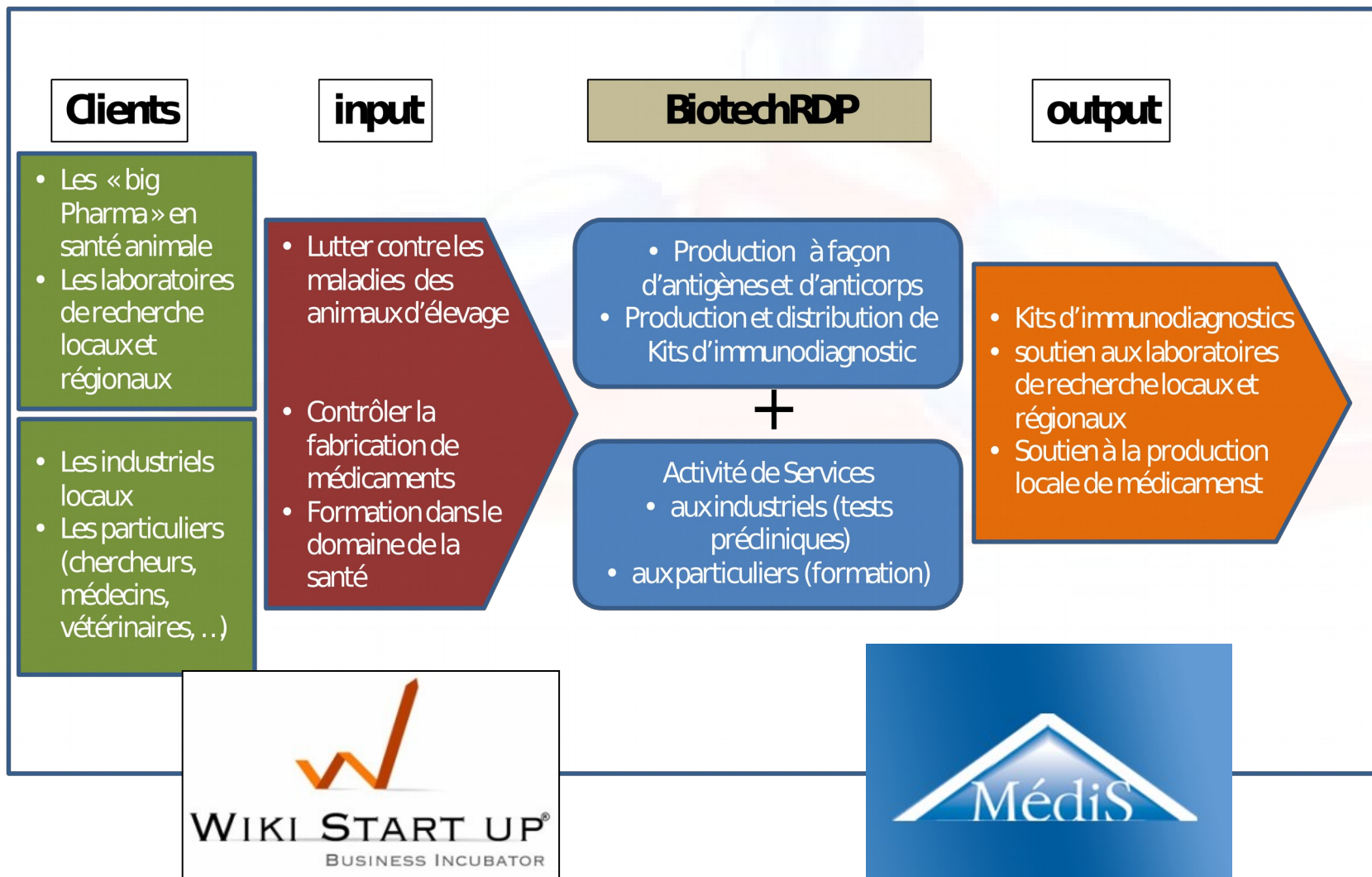
Supporting Process Category (SUP)

Contacts and Collaboration Development; Communication; Joint Review; Information Management; Training; Work Environment





Business Model





Be different
Be a transformer

VISION





Strategy/General Objectif

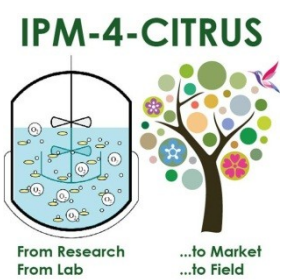
Establish and maintain consultation and collaboration between the different structures operating in the sphere of research, innovation and development

Create an environment encouraging to the exploitation of results by acting both on the demand and the supply of the results of research and innovations and by facilitating the Research-Development interface.



Specific Objectives

- 1/ Establishment of a strategic partnership with an industrialist interested in plant health for the transfer of biopesticide production technology and their commercialization**
- 2 / Accompanying this Public-Private Partnership in the process of legal and economic maturation**
- 3 / Realization of a proof of concept for a license and a business creation (spinoff / startup)**
- 4 / Reinforcing the rapprochement Research-Enterprise by initiating a dialogue between all the stakeholders for the creation of a chain of plus value (cluster)**



BUSINESS CASE

***Bt based Biopesticide
Valorisation:
« From Lab to Market »***

OF FUMER

ISOLAMENT DE BACTERIES
DU SOL, PRODUCTORES DE
BIOPESTICIDES

ETUDES
MICROBIOLOGIQUE,
BIOCHIMIQUE ET
GÉNÉTIQUE DES
BIOPHOSPHATES

PRODUCTION DE
BIOINSECTICIDES EN
ERLENMEYER ET EN
FERMENTEUR

- LES AGENTS PATHOGENES (AGRICULTURE BIOLOGIQUE)
- LES VECTEURS DE MALADIES (SAUTE PUBLIQUE)

Possibilités de
traitement des
forêts, arbres
fruitiers, palmiers
et oliveraies

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Culture en
Erlenmeyer
de B.
thuringiensis

Production de
Bioinsecticide
en Fermenteur
de 430 litres

Traitement des
eaux stagnantes:
source de germes
pathogènes

Différents
Bioinsecticides
formulés prêts
à l'emploi

Activités inspirées par le thème de l'écologie

Autosomal
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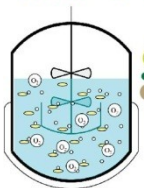
Observation
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des spores et
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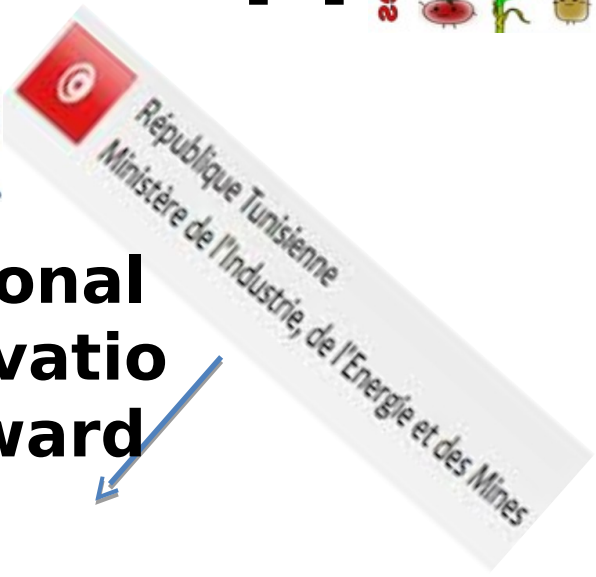
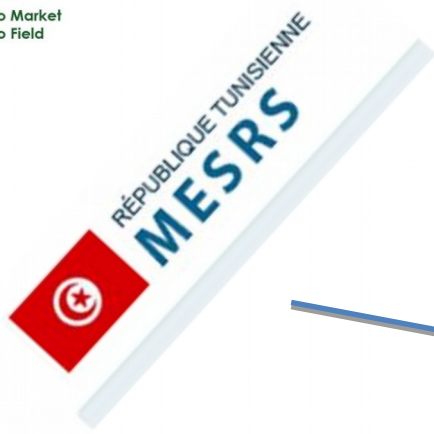
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Colonies isolées
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thuringiensis

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Additional Ecosystem support



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**regional
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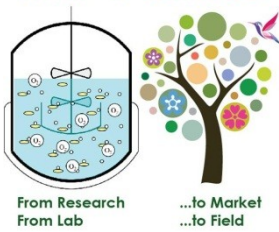
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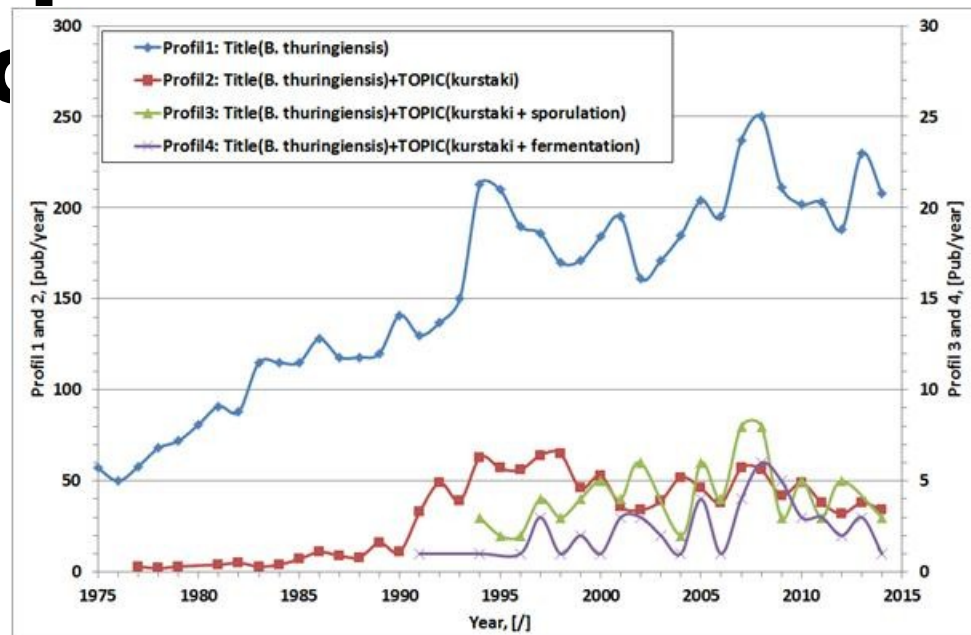


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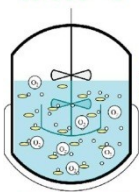


Biopesticide: Scientific Ex



Profile 3			Profile 4		
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USA	19	23.1	CANADA	24	46.1
CANADA	16	19.5	USA	15	28.8
MEXICO	14	17.0	TUNISIA	5	9.6
CHINA	12	14.6	BRAZIL	4	7.6
TUNISIA	9	10.9	INDIA	4	7.6
BRAZIL	8	9.7	MEXICO	3	5.7
INDIA	5	6.0	CHINA	3	5.7
ENGLAND	3	3.6	QATAR	2	3.8
FRANCE	3	3.6	TAIWAN	2	3.8
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ical origin and number of scientific papers related to profiles 3 and 4 (period : 1975 to 2015, source: WoS, Thomson)



From Research
From Lab



...to Market
...to Field

INNOVATION/ VALORISATION

IN MICROBIO

DI 10.1007/s00203-009-0458-y



ORIGINAL PAPER

A new Tunisian strain of *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* having high insecticidal activity and δ -endotoxin yield

Imen Saadaoui · Souad Rouis · Samir Jaoua

PATENT

Received: 13 November 2008 / Revised: 16 January 2009 / Accepted: 16 January 2009
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Abstract BLB1 is a new *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* strain, isolated from a Tunisian soil sample. Assay of toxicity of BLB1 crystal proteins resulted in an LC₅₀ of 70.32 ng of toxin per mg of flour against third instar *Ephesia kuehniella* with confidence limits of (31.6–109.04 ng). This LC₅₀ is less than that of the commercial strains HD1 used as a reference. The characterization of this strain by scanning transmission electron microscopy, analysis of its *cry* genes content by PCR-sequencing, and analysis of its δ -endotoxin patterns demonstrate that it belongs to the same subgroup than HD1, but ruled out the involvement of *cry*

during sporulation (Bechtel and Bulla 1976). These proteins are specifically toxic to insect larvae and are widely used as bioinsecticides against lepidopteran, dipteran, and coleopteran pests. Crystal proteins from numerous strains have been classified according to the similarity of their amino acid sequences and their insecticidal specificity (Höfte and Whiteley 1989).

In general, most Lepidopteron-specific *B. thuringiensis* toxins are known to be synthesized as a protein crystals composed of protoxin molecules of 130–140 kDa which, upon ingestion by larvae of a susceptible species, are dis-



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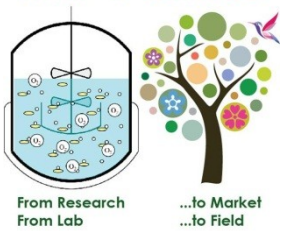
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**Recherche et caractérisation de nouvelles souches de
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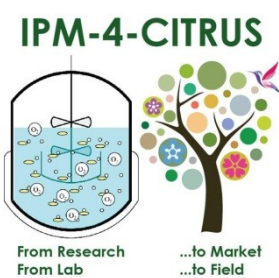
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STRATEGIC PARTENARSHIP





IPM-4-Citrus

CALL: H2020-MSCA-RISE-2016

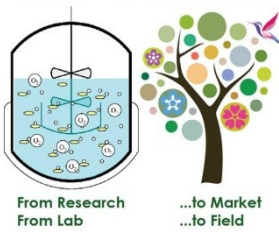
NUMBER: 734921

DURATION: 48 MONTHS / START: 01 APR 2017

PROJECT COST: 801,000.00 €

CONTACT (PO): TIPHANIE SPANIER, REA

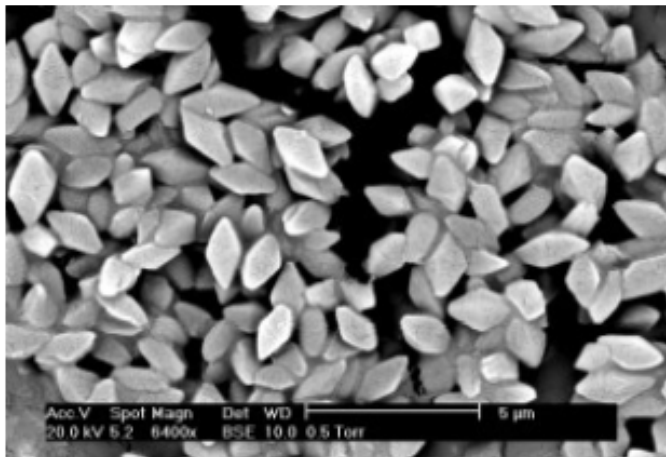




IPM aims...

<http://www.ipm-4-citrus.insa-toulouse.fr/>

IPM-4-CITRUS aims to strengthen collaborations between academic and non-academic partners based in 3 European Member States (France, Germany and Italy), 2 Associated Countries (Turkey and Tunisia) and 1 Third Country (Lebanon), to develop two new bio-pesticides active against citrus pests and scale them up from lab to market.



Bacillus thuringiensis

The project's research and innovation activities are based on a multidisciplinary approach, which aims at understanding and sensitising stakeholders about the health risk factors related to citrus pests and developing an alternative **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** approach based on biological control. In conjunction with validation through field tests, the project will pave the way for future commercial exploitation of these new biopesticide products by drawing up a feasibility study for future spin-off activities and/or new production lines in partner SMEs.

Staff secondments and inter-sector and international mobilities between complementary partners will represent a unique opportunity to optimise bioproduction processes and obtain high added-value bioproducts, while building up the partners' skills and reinforcing the training of early-stage researchers through knowledge sharing and networking. The project will also adopt a concrete RRI approach by favouring public engagement and informal education through the different outreach activities aimed at a variety of target groups.

IPM-4-CITRUS



HORIZON 2020 FUNDED

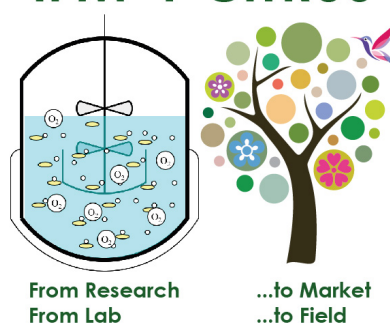
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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Understanding & sensitising stakeholders about the health risks related to citrus pests

Developing an alternative IPM approach based on biological control

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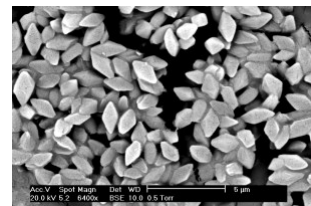
11 PARTNERS

6 COUNTRIES

4 YEARS DURATION



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STRAIN USED:

Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki BLB1 and LIP

Citrus

TARGETED PEST:

insect larvae
Phyllocnistis citrella & *Prays citri*



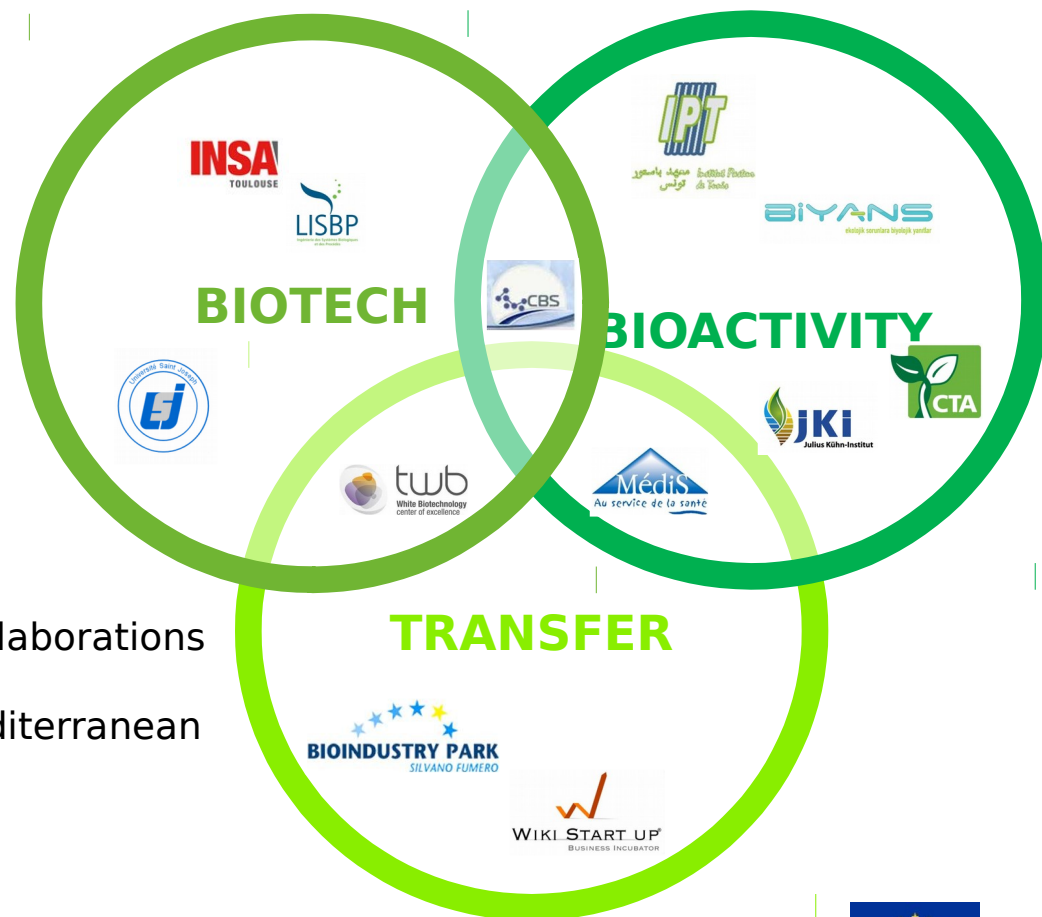
Interdisciplinary Intersectoral International

GOAL :

- Strengthening Academia & Industrial collaborations
- Optimising bioproduction processes
- Developing new biopesticides in the Mediterranean region

HOW :

- Feasibility study for future spin-off activities and new production lines,
- Benchmarking the opportunities & obstacles related to bringing innovative ideas to the market.



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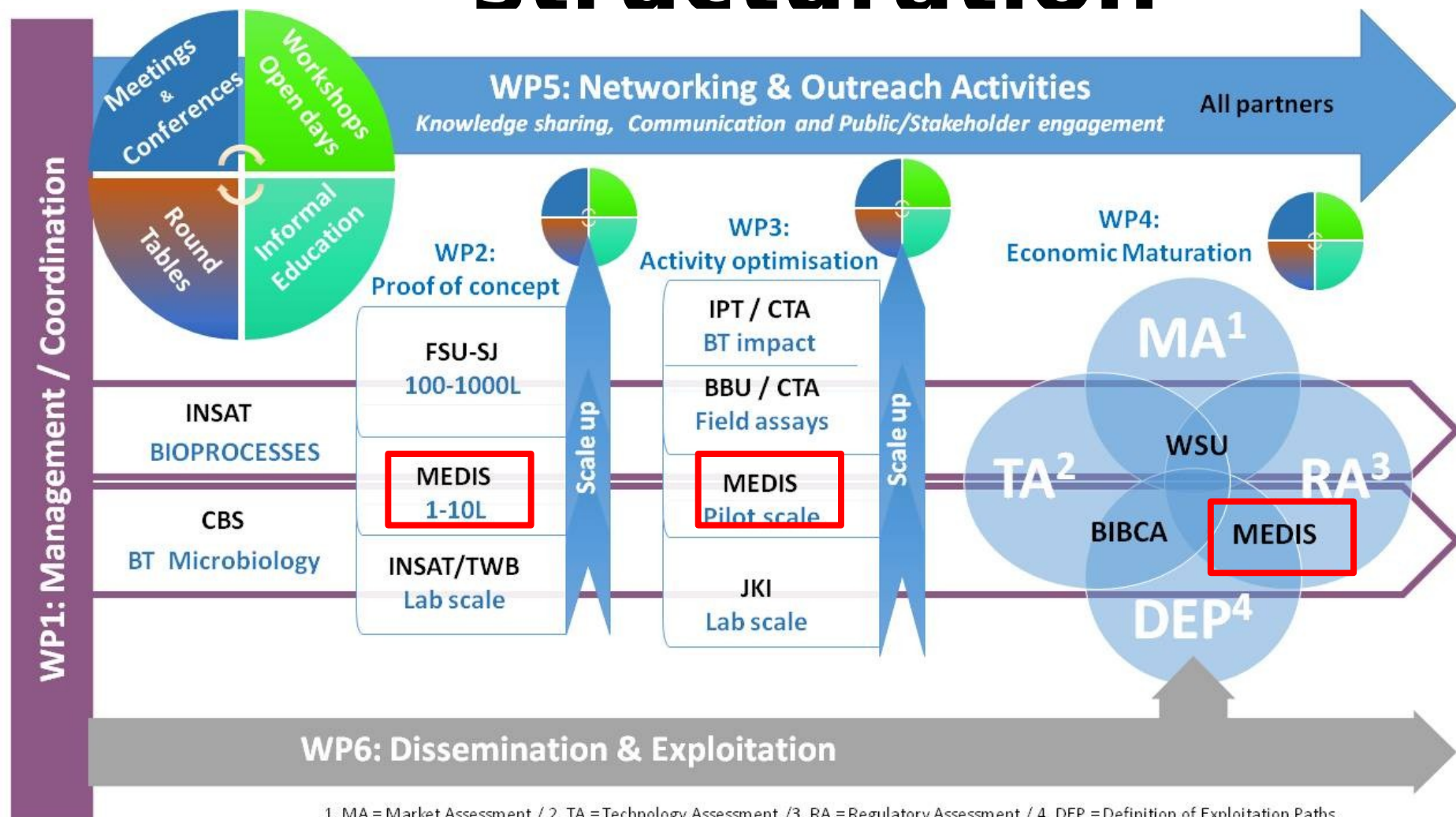


A pool of competency... with human resource

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IPM-4-Citrus, WP structuration



1. MA = Market Assessment / 2. TA = Technology Assessment / 3. RA = Regulatory Assessment / 4. DEP = Definition of Exploitation Paths



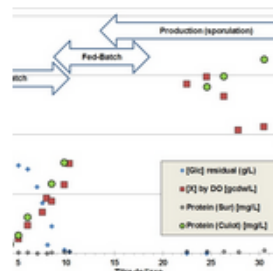
News

Tous Citrus news Event Round table Training



ESOF Toulouse, conference Session Biopesticides , July 2018

ESOF (EuroScience Open Forum), Toulouse, July 2018 Conference Open innovation for biopesticides: a new paradigm*** Place : Mercure Hotel – Conques-Cordes Although traditional innovation used to be a vertical process within companies, a new open innovation paradigm has emerged with a triple-helix model involving interactions between policy-makers, academia and



Training TP2

INDUSTRIAL MICROBIOLOGY, FERMENTATION AND SCALE-UP – CELL CULTIVATION IN BIOREACTORS (M14 AND M17) Training TP2 is dedicated to "Industrial microbiology, fermentation and scale-up" associated with a Demo Day on "Scale up (from Erlenmeyer to bioreactor) and product recovery", the consortium has acted to realise it at CBS (at valorisation unit, ...

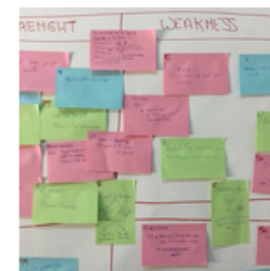
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Training TP1

(20th April 2018, CBS, Sfax): "Biocatalyst improvement & bioreactor cultivation: from basic concept up to intensified bioproduction" PM1 was associated with 2 satellites events (TP1 and RT1), Training TP1 is briefly described hereafter. Secondments have been planned in relation to each partner's skills and expertise and the most relevant meeting ...

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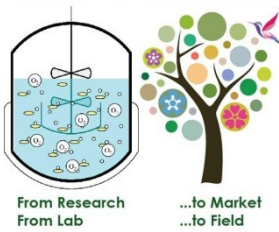
Roundtable RT1

PM1 was associated with 2 satellites events (TP1 and RT1), Round Table RT1 is briefly described hereafter. RT1 was initially scheduled at FS-USJ in M6. Due to delay in the project, this RT was realised at CBS in association with PM1 (M12). A world café is an innovative method of ...

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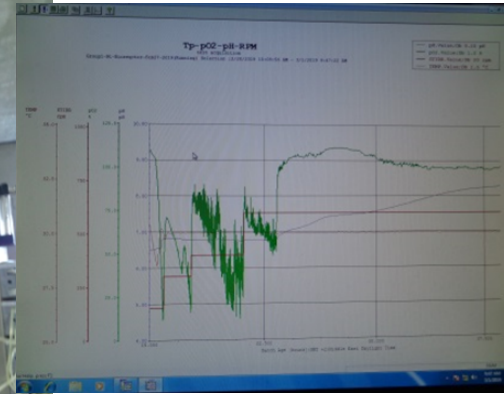
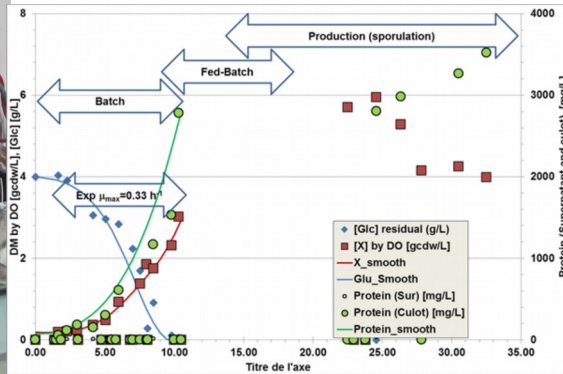
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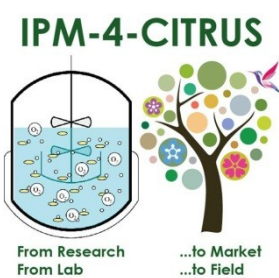


TRAININGS...

BEIRUT Training TP2 training @ USJ,
Industrial microbiology, fermentation and
scale-up - Cell cultivation in bioreactors



SFAX Training TP2 training @ CBS,
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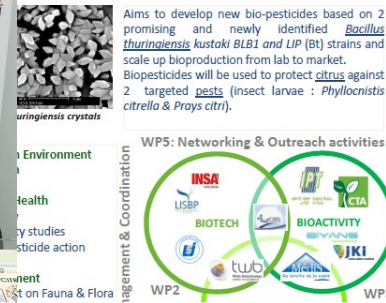


NETWORKING ACTIVITIES... ROUND TABLES



IPM-4-CITRUS Integrated Past Management for Citrus

Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) - Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) - H2020-MSCA-RISE-2016
Integrated Pest Management; from Research to Market
Project Number: 734921 (April 2017 / April 2021)



Institut Pasteur de Tunis Actions of partner 8

Venoms & Therapeutic Molecules lab (LR 16- IPT 08)
NanoBioMedika Research Team
"Based approach on biological control"



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TUNIS Rencontre5plus5-IPM-4- Citrus-, 7April2017 (Tunis, Tunisie) managed by IPT

ANKARA Biyans-seminar, April2018 (Ankara, Turkey)

TOULOUSE European Science Open Forum, July 2018.



BEIRUT Foire des sciences, Bierut-LEB, March2018 (USJ, Lebon





NETWORKING ACTIVITIES... ROUND TABLES

BEIRUT ROUND TABLE: STATE-OF- THE-ART OF BT CULTURE; COMPARING & SHARING EXPERIENCES



TAANAYEL Visit of Biopesticide Start-up (Lebanon) - April 2019





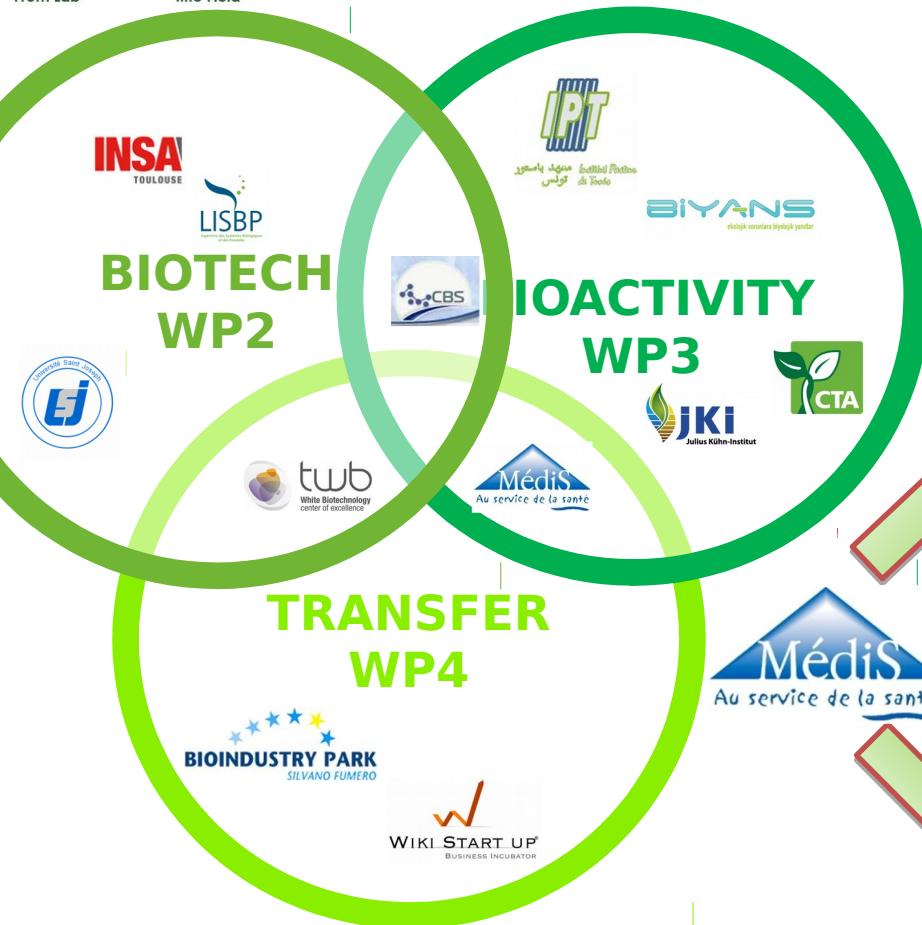
INNOVATION & TRANSFER

4 DIMENSIONS OF INNOVATION INTO IPM-4-CITRUS:

1. **Robust fermentation process** with low cost raw material + 2 endemic *Bt kurstaki* strains
2. **Alternative instrumentation** for real time process monitoring (objective : process monitoring and control)
3. **Standards & norms** for Bt production process for the MENA & Sub-Sahara African countries
4. **Innovative application strategy** for controlling leaf miner insects through epiderm (formulation)



FROM LAB TO MARKET...

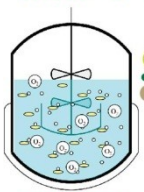


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Plant				

1 production site (Nabeul)
 Tunisian and African markets
 1 endemic strain (Btk BLB1)

For MEDIS :

- 1 Manager
- 1 Bioprocess engineer
- 1 Formulation engineer



From Research
From Lab



...to Market
...to Field



Thank you

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