

Polish Technologies On-line

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Abstract

In February 2008 the internet service POLSKIETECHNOLOGIE.pl was opened by Information Processing Centre in Warsaw (OPI). The strategic objective was to improve access to technologies offered to the Polish small land medium enterprises by research organizations. The below article presents the portal's principles of working and observations after the first year of its functioning.

OPI experience in scientific information and innovation activities

The Information Processing Centre (OPI) is an independent governmental public research and development organisation under auspices of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education in Poland aimed to gather and supply information on the Polish science and technology. Scientific information and innovation is the long-term statutory obligation of the Information Processing Centre. It includes such issues as:

- analysis and statistics concerning Polish science
- scientific and technical information development
- information services and databases on science and technology
- transfer of the results of research from science to industry and implementation of novel technologies
- science promotion and popularisation

OPI is a publisher of databases and printed catalogues. The most important information collections produced and maintained in the OPI cover databases and publications on science and technology.

- database on Current and Completed Research and Development Projects in Poland SYNABA
- database "Scientific and Research Units" comprising information accumulated for the Ministry of Scientific Research and Information Technology by means of the "Unit Questionnaire"
- Research Projects financed by the Ministry of Scientific Research and Higher Education relying on the database owned by the Ministry
- Research Organizations in Poland database
- Who is Who in the Polish Science database

OPI information services and databases are installed on <http://www.opi.org.pl> server.

The Information Processing Centre is preparing reports concerning Polish science, technologies and innovation potential for Polish government (mainly for Ministry of Scientific Research and Information Technology), but also for public and private companies.

Since the 90s OPI is becoming more and more active in participation in national and international programmes and initiatives. In this way Information Processing Centre has gain an experience participating in international and nationwide projects, especially in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship for SMEs.

The methodology implemented in creation and development of the new internet service POLSKIETECHNOLOGIE.pl benefited mainly from experience of former initiatives as:

- cooperation of OPI with the UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organisation) office in Warsaw (UNIDO ITMO) in development of technology offers and technology requests database as a part of its studies concerning Polish innovation potential
- cooperation with the former governmental Agency of Technology Transfer (ATT) in development of the database of the Polish innovative products and technologies
- the Innovation Relay Centres network (IRC) 5.FP RTD UE (2000 -2004) and 6.FP RTD UE (2004-2008), as OPI used to be the co-ordinating organisation of the Innovation Relay Centre East Poland (5.FP RTD UE) and Innovation Relay Centre of Central Poland (6.FP RTD UE).
- In 1997-98 OPI participated in SCI-TECH PHARE I project on "Creation and Development of Innovation Transfer Centre" and in SCI-TECH PHARE II project "Nationwide and regional information services for SMEs – REGION EAST" in 2000
- the Polish Network of Technology Transfer and Innovation support for SMEs – STIM co-funded by the Sectoral operational Programme "Growth of enterprise competitiveness" under Action" support for development of business advisory organizations and business Advisory networks", overlooked by the Polish Agency for Entrepreneurship development (PARP) (ERDF Objective 1, from 2005 to 2006)