



1. Innovation ecosystem in GREECE

The "innovative" vision of the Region of Western Greece, as stated in its RIS3 is to become a regional pole of research and innovation for young scientists, researchers and businesses. Its innovation ecosystem is relatively strong, while efforts are done to nurture the system are accumulating from the side of the Regional Authority, the research community (including higher educational establishments, public research organisations, a science park, technology hubs), the 3 Chambers of Commerce & Industry and non-profit support organisations (foreign and NGO types).

A strong research pole is noticed in agricultural technologies, chemistry and materials, nanotechnology, environmental technologies and fuels, life sciences and biotechnology, tourism & culture, information & communication technologies & energy application (two horizontal priorities).

Amongst the strengths of the Regional Innovation Ecosystem in Western Greece are included:

- Openness and internationalisation
- Over a decade of history of start-ups in the broader ICT area
- Creation of a start-up community with public sector and NGO support
- Enthusiasm of young people in startups
- Strong Primary Sector.

2. How the ecosystem will be supported by INTECMED project

INTECMED aims to develop an integrated innovation ecosystem at local level to support technological transfer and commercialization of research results. The project will use a methodology of building resilience into risk management (BRIM) to develop a shared vision of how to build start-ups overcoming inexperience and gap between academic knowledge and business development. As INTECMED concept has been based on the innovative idea of the PATRAS IQ Exhibition, is expected to bring together the research potential of the region with the business world mainly for mature ideas produced within Higher Education and Research Centers.

INTECMED will accelerate the deployment of an innovation ecosystem integrated in Greece, to support the entrepreneurship of researchers, developing a shared vision on how support the creation of new companies by bridging the gap between academic knowledge and business development. Moreover, through **e-bazaar web platform** developed through INTECMED by University of Patras, a connection between inventors and investors will be successful and will offer them a space to network, promoting exchange possibilities.

3. Short description of the Regional Alliance Innovation Transfer (RAIT) in Western Greece





The Greek RAIT has as its purpose to develop the BRIM system and localized it aiming to map the regional priorities and the technological & business identity of the specific region. The regional committee is responsible to operate the INTECMED tools and procedures. The Greek RAIT Regional Committee is composed on key representatives of the regional innovation ecosystem of WESTERN GREECE region, which are the Organising Committee of PATRAS IQ divided in the following categories:

- Policy Makers
- Research & Education
- Business Support Organizations

and the 2 partners of INTECMED project:

RAIT Greece – Who are the members ?

Policy Makers

- Region of Western Greece
- Hellenic Republic – Ministry of Development and Investment
- Hellenic Republic – Ministry of Education & Religious Affairs

Research and Education

- University of Patras
- Hellenic Open University

Business Support Organizations

- Chamber of Achaia

INTECMED COORDINATING PARTNERS:

- Chamber of Achaia (Lead Partner)
- University of Patras (Project Partner 1)

Incubators for innovation and technological transfer in the Mediterranean

Through INTECMED project, the RAIT in Greece has achieved on establishing a network of policy makers, research & Education representatives and Business Support Organisations as well, consisting forces which put efforts to improve and enhance the innovation ecosystem of the Region. Through the Greek RAIT, a Call of Innovative ideas has been launched and a Local Assessment board has been set up while officially has been launched the Regional Innovation Facility Point (RIFP) in the premises of Patras University.

