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CEITEC experience: Project implementation

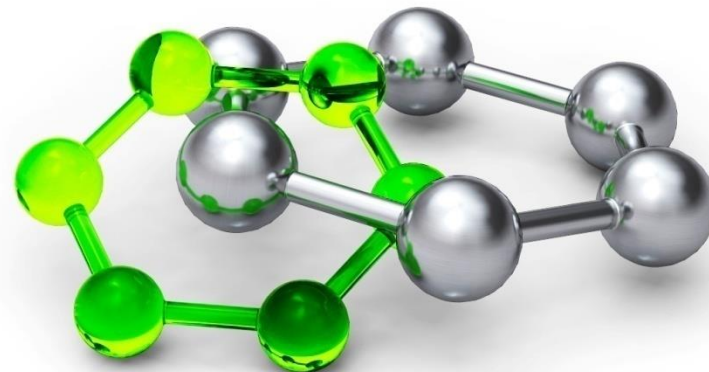
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OP Výzkum a vývoj
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Public procurement and tendering

- Nearly 1.000 tenders
- Challenges:
 - Tendering of unique scientific instruments
 - Establishing detailed technical specifications
 - Buying equipment+consumables in CZ = 20 – 50 % margin on DE prices
 - Takes time

Audit

There is no project without a proper audit ...

- Audit requirements:
 - Internal audit – 1x year
 - External audit – 1x year
- Audit bodies with power to inspect:
 - Managing authority – 1x year
 - Ministry of Finance – 1x year
 - Tax office – depending on issues
 - European Commission, DG REGIO
 - European Court of Auditors

Changes of the project

- Science is not static, always changing
- Change statistics (as of May 2015):
 - 56 major changes
 - 218 minor changes
- Many project changes:
 - Equipment
 - Key personnel
 - Budgets
- Approval speed:
 - Average: 79 days
 - Min: 14 days, Max: 262 days

Project related bureaucracy

Project application

- CZ: cca 4.500 pages
- EU: cca 1.500 pages

Funding decisions

- EU: 6 pages
- CZ: cca 100 pages

Project sustainability

- In academic research and RI sustainability depends of national and EU science policies and funding
- Need to provide good service and outcomes, strive to be better than other infrastructures

Conclusions – Lessons learned

- Need to build administrative capacity for
 - Project submission
 - Project implementation