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*Success Stories from the
Industry – Research Institution Interface*

Erfahrungen mit FIT-IT Projekten bei der PROFACTOR GmbH

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FIT-IT Success Stories

PROFACTOR GmbH

- Privately own research centre in Steyr, Upper Austria
- Main research focus: manufacturing and production research
- Involvement in the following FIT-IT thematic programs
 - Embedded Systems (6 Projects – 5 in coordinator role)
 - Visual Computing (1 Project – 1 in coordinator role)
 - Semantic Systems (1 Project – 1 in coordinator role)

FIT-IT Success Stories

The FIT-IT Programme in general

- Very focused research topics
- Relatively high success rate (compared to European or international programs)
- Relatively high funding rates (time-to-market range is about 3-8 years)
- Only little administrative work (compared to European or international programs)
- Cooperation between industrial and academic/research partners

FIT-IT Success Stories

Experience during the project/consortium formation

- Begin early with the formation of the consortium and the proposal writing
 - International partners can be principally included
 - Agreement on a (draft) model for the (scientific) dissemination and (commercial) exploitation plan before submitting the proposal
- A smaller consortium (e.g. 2-3 partners) is easier in its administration
- A bigger consortium (e.g. 5-6 partners) may have a larger impact
- In case of a positive evaluation the consortium can typically start the project about 3-4 month after submitting the proposal

FIT-IT Success Stories

Experience during the project execution

- The project results are more focused and “better” compared to European and international projects
 - Very focused RTD projects
 - Smaller consortiums
 - “Local” project teams compared to international teams
- A tight cooperation with the project partners is essential for a successful project
 - By physical and virtual project meetings
 - Avoid the formation of sub-groups (i.e. by larger projects)
- Only “small” management reports required every 6 month
- At least one review during the project execution phase

FIT-IT Success Stories

PROFACTOR's benefit from participation in FIT-IT projects

- Very focused research and development work on a specific research topic
 - Know-how development in specific research topics
 - Participation in European and international RTD programs
- Formation and set-up of research teams
- Cooperation with “potential” industrial (end)-users
- Consolidation of the “academic” research network
- Research programme which takes the (scientific) research and potential later (commercial) exploitation into account