

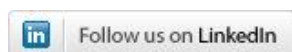
INNOVATION VOUCHERS ATTRACT 210 HIGH-TECH COMPANIES TO BRNO RESEARCH

Yesterday, a first Europe-wide call for applications for innovation vouchers finished. South Moravian Innovation Centre collected requests from 210 firms intending to co-operate with research institutions from Brno, Czech Republic.

Most frequently, companies seek co-operation with Brno University of Technology (112 applications). Beside the Czech businesses, firms from Germany, Austria, Slovakia and the Netherlands also enrolled. Prevailing sectors of business are building industry (27 %), trade and services (26 %), mechanical engineering (23 %), information and communication technologies (14 %), and life-sciences (10 %). Almost one third of all applicants belong to more than one sector.

Innovation voucher recipients will be chosen by a public drawing on May 16th. The city of Brno will distribute almost 300.000 EUR in total.

All information is available at www.innovationvouchers.cz.



About the South Moravian Innovation Centre

The [South Moravian Innovation Centre \(JIC\)](http://www.innovationvouchers.cz) is an agency that creates a favourable environment for innovative business in the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic. We help early-stage businesses grow, create jobs and compete on the market. We support collaboration between industry, R&D institutions and public administration bodies.

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