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**Goals**

The ORP project aims at the enhancement of technology transfer. It shall be a tool to ensure efficient cooperation between academic institutions and companies in the translation of scientific achievements into economic effects. It will assess the potential of the regions involved and enable the exchange of experience and best practices in building relations between academia and economy.

**Results**

The project involves modern academic centres in large innovative regions which consider the exchange of knowledge one of the main sources of funding for scientific research. The participants of the ORP project aim to improve the cooperation and communication with economic and business environments by developing an electronic tool – OPEN RESEARCH PLATFORM – the main result of the project.

The Platform shall facilitate communication and the exchange of information between its users – universities, companies, young and experienced entrepreneurs, self-government institutions, etc. Moreover, the Platform shall be the forum for exchange of good practices, experience and ideas, i.e. for using the open innovation method.

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