

Advantages and problems with trans-European joint ventures

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Abstract

The Fraunhofer Society in Germany and Chalmers University of Technology in Sweden have founded the Fraunhofer-Chalmers Research Centre for Industrial Mathematics to undertake and promote scientific research in the field of applied mathematics, to the benefit of Swedish and European industries, commerce, and public institutions. Having started its operations with six people in September 2001, the Centre has completed its start-up phase and has now a staff of twenty-five people and a budget of two and a half million Euros. I will discuss advantages and problems with trans-European joint ventures based on my experiences of this exciting initiative.

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