

## **Regional SMEs benefit from 12,000 and 6,000 Euro vouchers Innovation support: Financial funding for euregional R&D cooperations doubled**

**Aachen region / Euregio Meuse-Rhine.** Within the initiative "HYPERREGIO - Innovation Hub Euregio Meuse-Rhine", small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from the Aachen region can receive financial support for a promising cooperation with other companies or knowledge providers from beyond the borders to Belgium and the Netherlands. In order to further promote this, the amounts of the so-called B2B (Business to Business) and B2S (Business to Science) vouchers have now been doubled to 12,000 Euro and 6,000 Euro respectively. So far, the Aachen companies TLK Energy, Dynchem and TFI Aachen, as well as hightech ceram Dr. Steinmann und Partner GmbH (htc) from Blankenheim, district of Euskirchen, have benefited from support.

"Innovative small and medium-sized enterprises looking for suitable knowledge institutions or business partners can contact Peter Gier from AGIT (phone +49 241 963 1052, p.gier@agit.de) or one of the euregional or regional partners, such as the district of Euskirchen, the city and city region of Aachen, at any time," says Ralf P. Meyer from the regional business development agency AGIT, which coordinates the HYPERREGIO projects. "A team of technology transfer and business development managers evaluates cross-border cooperations in an unbureaucratic manner. The most promising receive one of the coveted vouchers as start-up financing," adds Meyer.

With HYPERREGIO, SMEs from the Euregio Meuse-Rhine are supported in making better use of existing knowledge beyond national borders and in finding the right know-how partner for their technology-oriented development project in the neighbouring country. In addition to the possible start-up financing, the approximately 30 project partners offer numerous events for SMEs for cross-border networking and matchmaking as well as personal support by the managers mentioned.

The EMR Interreg V-A projects "HYPERREGIO - EarlyTech" and "HYPERREGIO - Innovation2Market" are financed by the European Regional Development Fund and regional funds.

Further information: [www.hyperegio.eu/voucher](http://www.hyperegio.eu/voucher)

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**Photo (Gaby Mahr-Urfels / AGIT mbH):** Ralf P. Meyer (right) and Peter Gier from AGIT gave the official starting signal for the doubled voucher amounts.

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