

## Hanselka: Cooperation with Industry Is of High Priority

University Barometer of the Stifterverband Reflects Increasing Importance of Cooperation between Universities and Industry – KIT has 500 Ongoing Industry Projects

**According to the University Barometer of the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft published yesterday, 93% of the rectors and presidents of German universities support an extension of cooperation with industry. The President of Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Professor Holger Hanselka, considers cooperation with industry to be essential for solving the grand challenges of the future.**

“The grand challenges of society, such as the Energiewende or safe and ecofriendly mobility, can only be managed in close cooperation with industry. Cooperation projects with industry therefore are of high priority at KIT. Having about 500 ongoing projects with industry, innovation is firmly established at KIT as the third pillar besides research and teaching,” Hanselka says. “Both partners benefit from knowledge transfer in both directions – from research to industry and vice versa -. Close vicinity to application also is an asset for teaching activities.”

In 2013, KIT acquired more than EUR 51 million – of a total of EUR 357 million third-party funds – directly from industry. These funds were used to finance strategic research cooperation. To account for the variety of challenges and topics, KIT uses a number of innovation tools. At the “Joint Labs” on the KIT campus, KIT scientists cooperate closely with researchers from industry. Examples of joint labs are the Project House e-drive with Daimler AG, the BELLA Laboratory in cooperation with BASF AG, a joint lab with Bosch AG, cooperation projects with industry partners, such as Siemens AG under Competence E, and other company-on-campus projects, e.g. with Schaeffler AG.

Joint innovation instruments also include shared professorships, endowed professorships, shared research groups, and industry fellowships. Science and industry meet at the KIT Business Club: It supplies information, identifies potential fields of cooperation, and establishes contacts. So far, about 30 renowned companies have joined the Club.

Knowledge transfer from the KIT is reflected by 52 patent applications and income from royalties in the amount of EUR 2.2 million in 2013. In

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2013 alone, seven spinoffs were established by KIT scientists. The KIT presently is a partner in six spinoffs.

**The Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is a public corporation according to the legislation of the state of Baden-Württemberg. It fulfills the mission of a university and the mission of a national research center of the Helmholtz Association. Research activities focus on energy, the natural and built environment as well as on society and technology and cover the whole range extending from fundamental aspects to application. With about 9400 employees, including more than 6000 staff members in the science and education sector, and 24,500 students, KIT is one of the biggest research and education institutions in Europe. Work of KIT is based on the knowledge triangle of research, teaching, and innovation.**

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