

A photograph of a modern, multi-story office building with a light-colored facade and large glass windows. The building features a prominent blue logo consisting of a stylized asterisk or snowflake shape, with the word "Teles" written in a sans-serif font above it. The building is set against a clear sky, and a utility pole is visible in the foreground on the right. The overall scene is captured in a slightly desaturated, blue-tinted color palette.

# Teles Public R&D&I and Research Funding in Finland

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Tekes **finances** research and development work and offers **expert services** for innovative companies and research organisations in Finland.

Funding for research organisations, universities and other public organisations is targeted to projects generating commercial potential for business and promoting wellbeing in society and the environment.

## Year 2009

- Of all R&D&I **projects** included networking...

**Strong tradition of Open Innovation**

[http://www.research.fi/en/resources/cooperation\\_with\\_business](http://www.research.fi/en/resources/cooperation_with_business)

“--targeted to projects generating commercial potential for business and promoting wellbeing in society and the environment.”

- Systemic approach to facilitate the **value chain in innovation environment**
- Life cycle => is it a mission completed?
- Weaknesses: general understanding of the IP value, especially among SMEs and strategic research

## General Terms and Conditions for Tekes Research Funding

- Publicity and dissemination of results required
- Ownership shall be transferred to the organisation (beneficiary)
- Research organisation obliged to search for potential commercial use
- Obligation to negotiate with companies that have financed the project

## In practice:

- Consortium agreements
- Following EU State Aid Framework principles (3.2.2)
- <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?year=2006&serie=C&textfield2=323&Submit=Hae&submit=Hae&ihmlang=en>

**‘Compensation equivalent to the market price** for the intellectual property rights’ refers to compensation for the full economic benefit of those rights. In line with general State aid principles and given the inherent difficulty to establish objectively the market price for intellectual property rights, the Commission will consider this condition fulfilled if the research organisation as seller negotiates in order to obtain the maximum benefit at the moment when the contract is concluded.

- **Compensation equivalent to the market price** in total may include:

- VTT (Technical Research Centre of Finland)
- Universities (15)
- Other public research organisations (state agencies and institutes)

- Public-private partnership
- Long term cooperation
- Multidisciplinary
- High standard research, pre-competitive
- Managed through a non-profit limited company, jointly owned by the shareholders, and a virtual research organisation.
- Shareholders are companies big/small, universities and research institutes.
- Operating through Strategic research Agendas and open research programmes

- More:

[http://www.tekes.fi/en/community/Strategic%20Centres%20for%20Science\\_%20Technology%20and%20Innovation%20\(SHOK\)/360/Strategic%20Centres%20for%20Science\\_%20Technology%20and%20Innovation%20\(SHOK\)/1296](http://www.tekes.fi/en/community/Strategic%20Centres%20for%20Science_%20Technology%20and%20Innovation%20(SHOK)/360/Strategic%20Centres%20for%20Science_%20Technology%20and%20Innovation%20(SHOK)/1296)



1. Forestcluster Ltd: Forest cluster
2. TIVIT Ltd: Information and communication industry and services
3. FIMECC Ltd: Metal products and mechanical engineering
4. CLEEN Ltd: Energy and environment
5. RYM Ltd: Built environment
6. SalWe Ltd: Health and well-being

- Ownership of results
  
- Access rights to the results
  - Non-exclusive
  - Global
  - Irrevocable
  
- Special provisions for access rights to background information

- Tekes in English:

<http://www.tekes.fi/en/community/Home/351/Home/473>

- Tekes funding principles:

<http://www.tekes.fi/en/community/Funding%20principles/551/Funding%20principles/1422>

- Finnish science and technology Information Service

<http://www.research.fi/en>

- VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland

<http://www.vtt.fi/index.jsp>

- National Innovation Strategy (inc. IPR strategy) by Ministry of Employment and the Economy

<http://www.tem.fi/?l=en&s=2411>