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Promoting Innovation for Local and Regional Development

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What UNECE does

- helps to implement global UN initiatives at the regional level
- fosters sustainable development & economic cooperation in its region



4 Keys for Innovation at the Regional and Local Level

- Business climate
- Education
- Analysis of strengths and weaknesses
- Science-industry links



Business Climate

Reduce obstacles to entrepreneurial activity

- streamline regulations
- tax fairly
- fight corruption
- improve infrastructure
- enforce private contracts
- protect private property



Education

Innovation needs smart people

- Invest in education

Innovation needs business orientation

- Integrate business-relevant courses into secondary and university education
- Involve business community



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Analyse strengths and weaknesses

Successful economic development needs

- Honest and realistic assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the region or town
- Draw also on external evaluation/expertise
- Benchmarking against others
- Involve all stakeholders



Science-industry Links

- Large differences across countries and regions in link between research inputs and innovation outputs
=> implementation gap



Science-industry Links

- University-business outreach
 - student placement
 - staff mobility
 - consulting
- Commercialization
 - technology transfer offices
 - Incubators and science parks



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promotes

- innovation and competitiveness
- public-private partnerships
- entrepreneurship
- financing innovation and
- intellectual property rights



UNECE's Work

- provide a forum for the exchange of experiences
- collect/ disseminate good practices and policy recommendations
- engage in capacity building and policy advice



An invitation to work with us

- Let us know your interests
- Share your experiences and information
- Participate in our events
- Organize and host events w/ us



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