Turkey’s R&D System

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In 2004, SCST developed a National Science and Technology Strategy spanning the timeframe between 2005-2010.

As the main modality for this strategy Turkish Research Area was defined.

Two significant targets:

a. To raise GERD up to 2% in 2013.
   *Turkey doubles her R&D investment.*

b. To raise FTE R&D personnel up to 150,000 in 2013.
   *Turkey nearly tripled the stock of FTE researchers in quantitative terms.*
Turkish Research Area

• Policy instruments:
  • Developing legal frameworks
  • Promoting R&D networks
  • Promoting entrepreneurship
  • Enhancing demand for R&D
  • Promoting curiosity-driven academic research
  • Establishing infrastructure
  • Fostering STI culture in the society
  • Enhancing internationalisation of R&D activities
Internationalisation of R&D

- Globalisation > emergence of global value chains > integration of developing countries
- Opportunity for moving up > a continuous process of change
- Qualitative change is essentially driven by innovation.
- Innovation is the result of firm's interaction with its environment.
- Today, this interaction requires global perspective.
- Our responsibility is "to provide institutional infrastructure for internalisation of R&D activities"
- EUREKA network is one of a kind.
EUREKA and Turkey

- EUREKA is a European network that supports businesses performing close-to-market R&D.
- EUREKA is a long-established European network, present in 39 countries and having also the European Union as one of its members.
- Turkey has been the member of the network since the beginning (1985)
- A rising star in the network
  - Ranked 28th among all in 2008
  - Ranked 12th in 2009
- Will take the Chairmanship in 2012-2013 term
Support System

• Grants Program no: 1509 for International R&D Cooperation
  • SMEs: 75% of eligible costs
  • Large companies: 60% of eligible costs

• Significant Tax incentives
Thank you...

Cooperation is the key!

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