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# DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PRODUCTS AND TECHNOLOGIES WITHIN COMPETENCE CENTRES

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# COMPETENCE CENTERS PROGRAMME

On 5 January 2016, the Ministry of Economics launched the implementation of Measure 1.2.1.1 "Support for the development of new products and technologies within competence centers" of Specific Support Objective 1.2.1 "Increase private sector investment in R&D" of the Operational Programme "Growth and Employment".

## THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM

is to increase the competitiveness of businesses by promoting cooperation between the research and industry sectors in the implementation of industrial research, new product and technology development projects.

## IN TOTAL, 10 COMPETENCE CENTERS RECEIVED SUPPORT UNDER ROUNDS II AND IV:

1. SIA "LEO PĒTĪJUMU CENTRS"
2. SIA "MAŠĪNBŪVES KOMPETENCES CENTRS"
3. SIA "LATVIJAS PĀRTIKAS KOMPETENCES CENTRS"
4. SIA "VIEDO MATERIĀLU UN TEHNOĻOĢIJU KOMPETENCES CENTRS"
5. SIA "Farmācijas, biomedicīnas un medicīnas tehnoloģiju Kompetences centrs"
6. SIA "IT KOMPETENCES CENTRS"
7. SIA "Viedo inženiersistēmu, transporta un enerģētikas Kompetences centrs"
8. SIA "Meža nozares kompetences centrs"
9. SIA "ETKC"
10. Sabiedrība ar ierobežotu atbildību "VMKC"



## FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE SELECTION ROUNDS:

The total available funding under the second and fourth rounds of the measure under the European Regional Development Fund is EUR 6 215 0605.

Round II: ERDF co-financing of competence centers amounting to EUR 24 485 713;

Round IV: ERDF co-financing of 37 664 892 euro for competence centers, including 12 014 892 euro for the implementation of cross-sectoral collaborative research projects.

**As of March 2022, a total of 227 research projects have been approved.**

As of June 2022, 137 unique collaborators have received support under Round 4. As of 30 September 2022, a total of more than 250 research projects have been supported, resulting in the development of 610 new products and technologies.

€ 36 360 183

Investments by merchants in research and development in the first full financial year, followed by a year in which the implementation of at least one research project has been completed (EUR).



Merchants who have introduced newly created products or technologies into economic activity

114



Number of supported merchants

167

€ 35 845 513

Attracted foreign funding (from international research programs, from foreign partners) for research in the business sector (EUR)

610

New products and technologies have been developed

657

Employment growth (number) in supported merchants

€ 62 518 531

Merchant's turnover after implementation of research results in economic activity or commercialization

€ 29 662 090

Volume of research projects (euro) involving cooperation between commercial operators and research and knowledge dissemination organisations

110

Number of research projects involving collaboration between commercial and research and knowledge dissemination organizations

180

Number of joint publications by researchers of the merchant and the research and knowledge dissemination organization

258

The number of doctoral students and doctors involved in research projects

83

Number of businessmen who cooperate with research institutions



LATVIJAS ELEKTRISKO UN OPTISKO REZĀRTU RAŽOŠANAS NOZĀRES KOMPETENCES CENTRS



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# COMPETENCE CENTRE OF ELECTRICAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION SECTOR OF LATVIA

Competence Centre of Electrical and Optical Equipment Production Sector of Latvia unites companies and research institutes with the aim to increase their competitiveness and to advance cooperation between industrial and research sectors in order to develop innovative products and technologies.



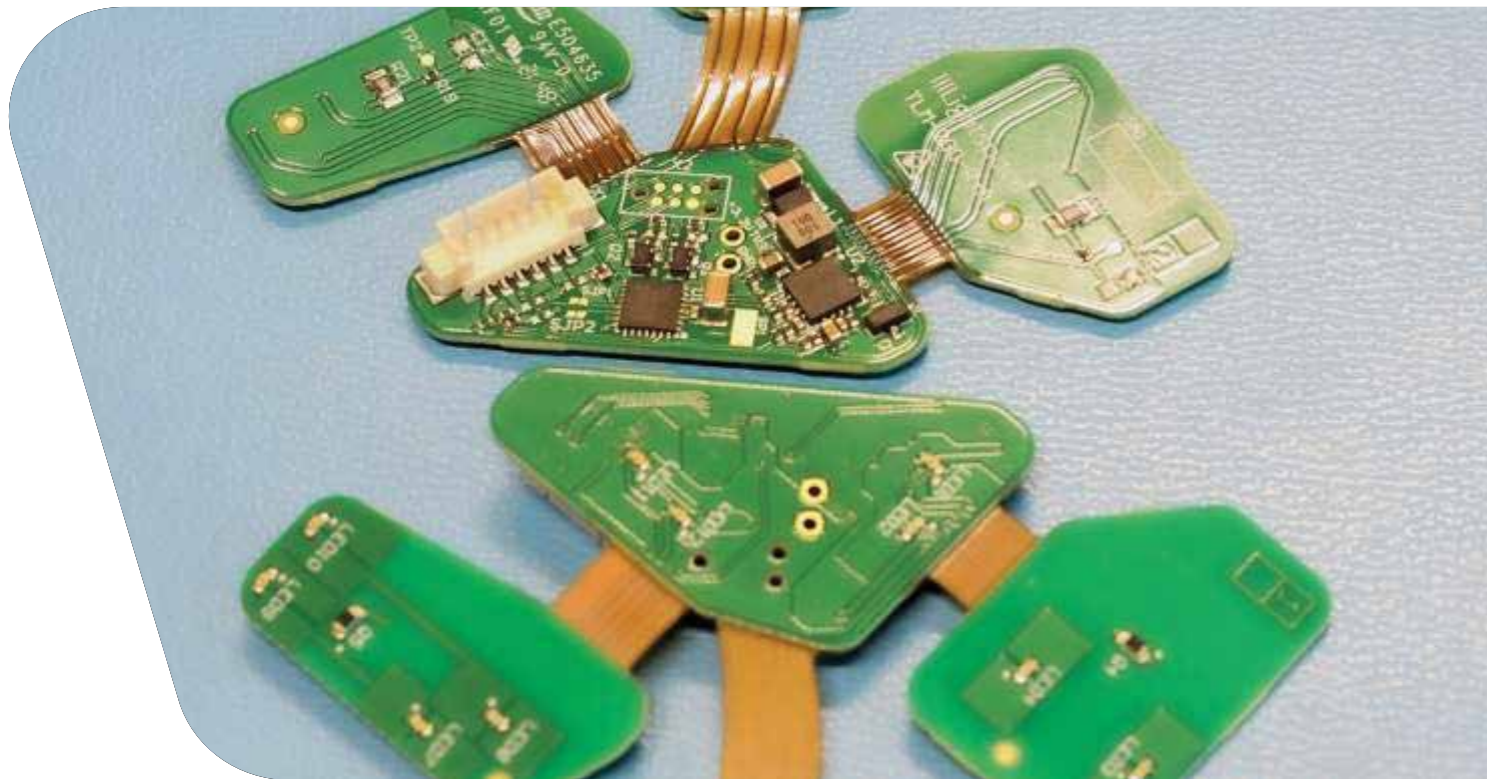
From 2016 till 2022



55 partners implemented 46 projects in the total amount of EUR 13,4 million including EUR 7,9 million ERDF financing in the following fields:

- Electronic, high-frequency radio, optical and physical measurement technologies;
- Research and production of microelectronics, electronics, and optics materials;
- Sensors and sensor systems, big data collection, analysis and modelling, image analysis, virtual reality systems;
- Robots and drones;
- Sound processing and acoustics;
- Communication technologies;
- Energy, energy storage and battery management systems.

## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AREAS:



### SIA "Hansamatrix Innovation" in cooperation with SIA "Lightspace Technologies"



**Title of the research project:** Development of an integrated electronics solution for determining the position of the head-up display in the area and providing remote assistance functionality.



**Purpose of the project:** development of algorithms for spatial orientation and remote assistance functionality and a compact (dimensions not exceeding 5 cm x 15 cm) and lightweight (up to 150 grams) electronic board solution to be integrated into the head-up display, which implements augmented reality head-up display absolute positioning in space with minimal drift, as well as augmented reality remote assistance functionality.



**Result of the project:** the research included the development of an electronics board, algorithms, and electronic sensors that enable precise localisation of the head-up display in space, audiovisual two-way communication, gesture control, and expand the possibilities for displaying and positioning virtual content in space.



### SIA "Edge Autonomy Riga"



**Title of the research project:** Significant improvements of electro-optical, gyroscopically stabilized aircraft cameras.



**Purpose of the project:** to develop 2 new types of gimbals with improved parameters for use in unmanned and manned aircraft due to interdisciplinary research.



**Result of the project:** improvement in stabilization level; improvement of image parameters and sensitivity of infrared (Long-Wave-Infra-Red or LWIR and Mid-Wave-Infra-Red or MWIR) cameras. Improving video processor consumption; optimizing the processing power of the video processor; increasing the natural frequency of the structure.

### VAS "Elektroniskie sakari" in cooperation with AS "SAF Tehnika"



**Title of the research project:** Measurement of radio spectrum parameters using an unmanned aerial vehicle



**Purpose of the project:** to develop a device for measuring radio transmitter parameters with a device mounted on an unmanned aerial vehicle. To develop software for automatic in-flight measurements and subsequent storage and processing of the acquired data.



**Result of the project:** developed prototype which will be used for the further development of a commercial product to be offered to national radio frequency regulators and radio operators to optimise their functions.



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# MECHANICAL ENGINEERING COMPETENCE CENTRE

**Mechanical Engineering Competence Centre (MKC)** is a project initiated by MASOC, within which the companies implement industrial research and develop new products and technologies in close cooperation with the research organizations.



From 2016 till 2022



**53 industry studies** were supported, **EUR 15,45 million** have been invested (of which **EUR 7.9 million** are co-funding of the **ERDF**)



Within the project successful products have been created in three research areas of smart specialization:



production technologies of automated engineering systems



material production technologies



transport technologies



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## SIA "Peruza"



**Title of the research project:** To improve the economic efficiency of the production process of high quality fish products with a comprehensive IT solution for raw material, product and process control and management.



**Purpose of the project:** to develop a solution for commercially valuable fish processing companies that process at least 10-20 tons of commercially valuable raw material per day with an average value of 3,5 to 4 €/kg.



**Result of the project:** a solution for the evaluation and processing line with a fish fillet trimming solution allowing sequential evaluation of both sides of one fillet, which required two computer vision stations and double information processing and linking capacity. To process the information obtained, an IT solution i-Fish was developed to store, process and display the quantitative data received from the fish fillet quality control station at different cross-sections.



## SIA "Peruza"



**Title of the research project:** The technology for computer-aided recognition and robotic sorting of crumpled parcels.



**Purpose of the project:** to develop a virtual parcel sorting conveyor platform with artificial intelligence software that can generate a synthetic dataset of parcels in different sizes, positions, and coatings.



**Result of the project:** a virtual parcel sorting conveyor platform with artificial intelligence software has been developed which allows the system to locate parcels in different sizes, positions, and coatings. The resulting computer vision system can estimate the contours of the packets, their spatial evaluation, and the optimal removal sequence, as well as to recognise whether a packet barcode is placed face down.



## SIA "ROBOEATZ"



**Title of the research project:** To develop of a robotic food preparation machine.



**Purpose of the project:** to develop a prototype for a robotic catering machine, including technological schemes and process flows, using a completely new food preparation mechanism where no human is involved in the creation of the result.



**Result of the project:** a prototype of a robotic food preparation machine with a control system. The product, developed by RoboEatz and research partner MAK IT, has attracted great interest from the world's leading food service providers as it not only addresses existential challenges such as labour shortages, but also joins leading global consumer demands in product personalisation and traceability and addresses sustainability issues within the strategic objectives of the Farm to fork Green Deal.



## SIA "DINEX LATVIA"



**Title of the research project:** Development of collapsible type conductors.



**Purpose of the project:** to develop a prefabricated type of conductor that can be made from universal components without welding, that is, using individual parts as a constructor.



**Result of the project:** developed a new product, a component used in the exhaust system of commercial vehicles to compensate for vibrations during engine operation. The new product will allow the company to occupy a certain market share in the segment of leak-free flexible elements, as well as to use this product in the design of EURO7 exhaust systems.



# FOOD INDUSTRY COMPETENCE CENTRE OF LATVIA

The **Latvian Food Sector Competence Centre's (LFSC)** area of Smart Specialisation is knowledge-intensive bioeconomy - innovative solutions in agriculture and food production. The aim of the LPKC is to support research that seeks solutions to the challenges of the sector.

Food Industry Competence Centre of Latvia (FICCL) has two scientific directions:

1. To increase the market for products of Latvian producers, including:

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research on packaging
- 

research of new technologies that increase product' shelf life and storage conditions
- 

development of new products for wider market preferences

2. Increasing the added value and competitiveness of production, including:

- improving the use of food by-products in higher value-added products;
- research in agriculture and pomiculture to improve the efficiency of resources - suitable varieties and breeding technologies;
- development of new, innovative high value-added products, making maximal use of existing markets, technologies and production factors.

 From 2016 till 2022



**65 supported projects**; developed **new technologies – 73**; developed **new products – 514**; private co-funding **EUR 5,1 million.**, including ERDF funding of **EUR 7,4 million.**



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## SIA "MILZU!"

-  **Title of the research project:** Study of product formulations and production technologies for the introduction of MILZU! products in the beverages and creams segment.
-  **Purpose of the project:** the aim is to expand the **Milzu!** product range by researching new product segments. This project will develop new product formulations and technologies for dairy alternatives and vegan creams. The project will include both industrial research and experimental development activities, as well as publication of the results.
-  **Result of the project:** using local raw materials, Latvian grey peas and pea proetin, as well as hemp protein, a number of new products have been developed, commercialised and internationally recognised as innovative products. Totaly 12 products have been developed. The products developed by the project have gotten international recognition (SIAL Paris 2022 Award)






## SIA "KRONIS"

-  **Title of the research project:** Development of innovative products in soft packaging and their introduction into the production process.
-  **Purpose of the project:** the aim of the project is to explore the possibility of developing and producing new product groups in packaging: soup concentrates, ready-to-serve soups, hot sauces, ready-to-eat meals with or without added animal products. This requires scientifically sound research on the technological and microbiological aspects of product production and storage.
-  **Result of the project:** the project resulted in the introduction of 36 new product units that are currently available on the market. The project has created new technologies for the production of ready meals in soft packets, as well as a new technology for animal products.



## SIA "Roboetz" in cooperation with SIA "Mak IT"

-  **Title of the research project:** Development of robotic food preparation equipment.
-  **Purpose of the project:** the scope of the project was to develop the principles of recipe construction for a robotic food service system, including capabilities of dosing and collecting various ingredients as well as cooking them in a specific cooking unit.
-  **Result of the project:** based on research there were developed several feeder types for solid and liquid ingredients, including the motion preferences for various physical properties of the ingredients and thermal processing of the ingredients involving embedded tools for stirring and mixing. These actions resulted in hardware and software developments to reach the target - a digital recipe constructor and robotic system's ability to cook meals.

# COMPETENCE CENTRE FOR INTELLIGENT MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGIES

The Smart Materials and Technologies Competence Centre (VMKC) serves as a platform for the biotechnology and smart materials industries, including business, research organisations and higher education institutions.

The Competence Centre for Smart Materials and Technologies (VMTKC) has already proven its sustainability as a cooperation platform, as the Competence Centre is the direct successor of the Competence Centre for Environment, Bioenergy and Biotechnology Ltd (VBBKC) and the Competence Centre for Smart Materials and Technologies Ltd (VMTKC). The Competence Centre ensures continuity and the transfer of knowledge and competences from previous periods

**Research and development areas:** smart materials that change their properties in response to external environmental stimuli; biotechnology, a branch of biology and engineering that uses natural biological systems (such as micro-organisms) to produce biologically relevant substances; a field that includes areas facing the reduction of environmental pollution and the sustainable use of natural resources.



From 2016 till 2022

76

The VBBKC has 76 studies carried out by 25 companies

24

The VMTKC by 24 companies with 31 studies

23

The VMKC by 23 companies with 33 studies

360

More than 360 new jobs were created as a result of the studies.



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## SIA "Kinetics Nail Systems"

**Title of the research project:** Optimization of compositions of pigmented and clear UV-curing nail coatings, reducing the risks of skin irritation: prevention of the oxygen oxidation layer and reduction of the maximum amount of monomer in composite systems.

**Purpose of the project:** to conduct research to optimize the compositions of UV-curable pigmented and clear coatings to obtain coatings with a reduced risk of skin irritation.

**Result of the project:** three new technologies have been developed and implemented in the company and 3 new products have been developed and validated: HEMA-free base, HEMA-free pigmented layer, HEMA-free top layer. The research results and key insights have allowed both to optimize the work of the research and development at the laboratory, creating new coatings in a much shorter period of time, and have allowed gaining in-depth knowledge about acrylate monomers.



## SIA "Baltic 3D.eu"

**Title of the research project:** Development of 3D printable aircraft interior parts that meet EASA safety standards.

**Purpose of the project:** the aim of SIA Baltic3d.EU research project was to develop 3D printable drawings of aircraft interior parts that would be ready for certification according to EASA (European Union Aviation Safety Agency) requirements.

**Result of the project:** as part of the research, 10 aircraft interior parts were developed, including 3D designs of the parts and their prototypes were made. In order to ensure the certification requirements of aircraft interior parts in accordance with the EASA guidelines, the combustion and mechanical properties of the materials were also laboratory tested as part of the study, as well as the mechanical tests of the parts themselves were performed.

## SIA "Vianova"

**Title of the research project:** Development of production process of high-modulus asphalt concrete reinforced with glass fiber.

**Purpose of the project:** goal of the project was develop asphalt production in Latvia using local mineral materials, local recycled modifiers (fiber glass, crumb rubber) and recycled asphalt to produce high-modulus asphalt mix, which will meet requirements according to local Latvian road construction specifications and will be economically, environmentally and technically more attractive.

**Result of the project:** then mixtures with best test results were used for test section for high intensity local road P2 (Juglas papīrfabrikas ciemats – Upesciems) . Samples of paved test section asphalt layers have been taken and tested as well. Two asphalt mixes were designed according to local Latvian road building specifications.



# COMPETENCE CENTRE OF PHARMACEUTICALS, BIOMEDICINE AND MEDICINAL TECHNOLOGIES

**Biopharmaceuticals, biomedicine, medicinal technologies, biotechnology** – development of diagnostic and medical treatment technologies, application of artificial intelligence solutions in research and development of medicinal technologies, including studying of cell and gene activation processes suitable for new medical products, re-purposing of existing drug molecules by using biotech and in vitro testing methods, telemedicine solutions.



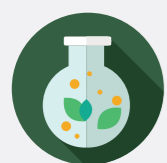
From 2016  
till 2022



**43 projects supported;** private co-funding **of EUR 8.8 million**, including ERDF funding **of EUR 7 million**, number of new products and technologies created in the supported enterprises after **receiving support 93**, number of entrepreneurs **supported 23**

## Research and development areas:

- Pharmaceuticals, originator and generic medicines - research on active pharmaceutical ingredients and development of finished dosage forms in the niche of new generics and radiopharmaceuticals, as well as pre-clinical studies on originator molecules for synthetic medicines;
- Natural substance medicines, dietary supplements, functional cosmetics - to develop new dietary supplements and cosmetic products using extracts of active substances from Northern European plants and their biotechnological (fermentation) modification technologies, in line with the trends of the functional cosmetics industry in different regions of the world, as well as the development trend of dietary supplements to become a part of disease prevention programmes.



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## AS "MADARA Cosmetics"

**Title of the research project:** Development of new cosmetic products with vitamin C as well as development of production technology.

**Purpose of the project:** investigate vitamin C derivatives and other plant substances to be incorporated into a stable cosmetic product with pronounced collagen stimulation, pigmentation mark reduction and skin tone improving functions, visual properties and low risk of irritation. In addition, develop technological process schemes for resource-efficient introduction of products in commercial production.

**Result of the project:** ECOCERT certified vitamin C stabilised face cream and serum developed and launched for sale.



## SIA "Access AV" in cooperation with SIA "Apply"

**Title of the research project:** Radiological evaluation of native computed tomography images in patients with acute ischemic stroke in the anterior cerebral circulation - technology development and integration in the image evaluation process using a neural network.

**Purpose of the project:** to clarify the technological possibilities of neural networks in the identification of acute ischemic cerebral stroke in native computed tomography images.

**Result of the project:** the proposed assumption was practically tested and confirmed - with the help of trained neural networks, it is possible to differentiate a patient's examination between normal, pathology (non-acute cerebral ischemic stroke, hematoma or other trauma, tumors) and acute cerebral ischemic stroke. 300 patients were used for training and another 150 for practical validation. The accuracy of neural networks in diagnosis reaches 70%. Several directions were determined for further development of the technology and improvement of accuracy - detection of hyperdense artery, introduction of age groups as an additional parameter for the creation of neural networks, as well as additional diagnoses (various types of hematomas) were identified with which it would be possible to supplement the diagnostic functionality of this technology relatively quickly.

## SIA "PharmIdea"

**Title of the research project:** Investigations of the technology of local application long-acting injection dosage form developed on the basis of Ca<sup>++</sup> salts for the production of anti-cancer immunological preparation (TLR9 agonist) agatolimod.

**Purpose of the project:**

- to gain knowledge about the development of a local, Ca<sup>2+</sup>-salt-based, long-acting GZF production technology using agatolimod (AGAT) as an active substance;
- to develop a GZF platform of Ca<sup>2+</sup> group biomaterials, in which either chemotherapeutic, or immunomodulatory, or adjuvant therapy molecules could be integrated in the future.

**Result of the project:**

- gained knowledge about the possibilities of developing the production technology of a local long-acting injection drug delivery system based on Ca<sup>++</sup> salts using agatolimod as one of the immune system receptor stimulating agonists as an active substance;
- developed the laboratory-scale technology for the production of the long-acting injection dosage form of agatolimod and produced the experimental series.

# IT COMPETENCE CENTRE

IT competence Centre was founded in 2010 and its participants are ICT industry merchants and leading Latvian universities - the University of Latvia, Riga Technical University and Ventspils University of applied sciences.

From 2011, the IT competence Centre implements projects with co-financing from European Union funds, where support is available for sectoral and cross-sectoral.



From 2016  
till 2022



**42 projects supported;** private co-funding of **EUR 5.2 million**, including ERDF funding of **EUR 7.1 million**, number of new products and technologies created in the supported enterprises after **receiving support 19**, number of entrepreneurs **supported 37**

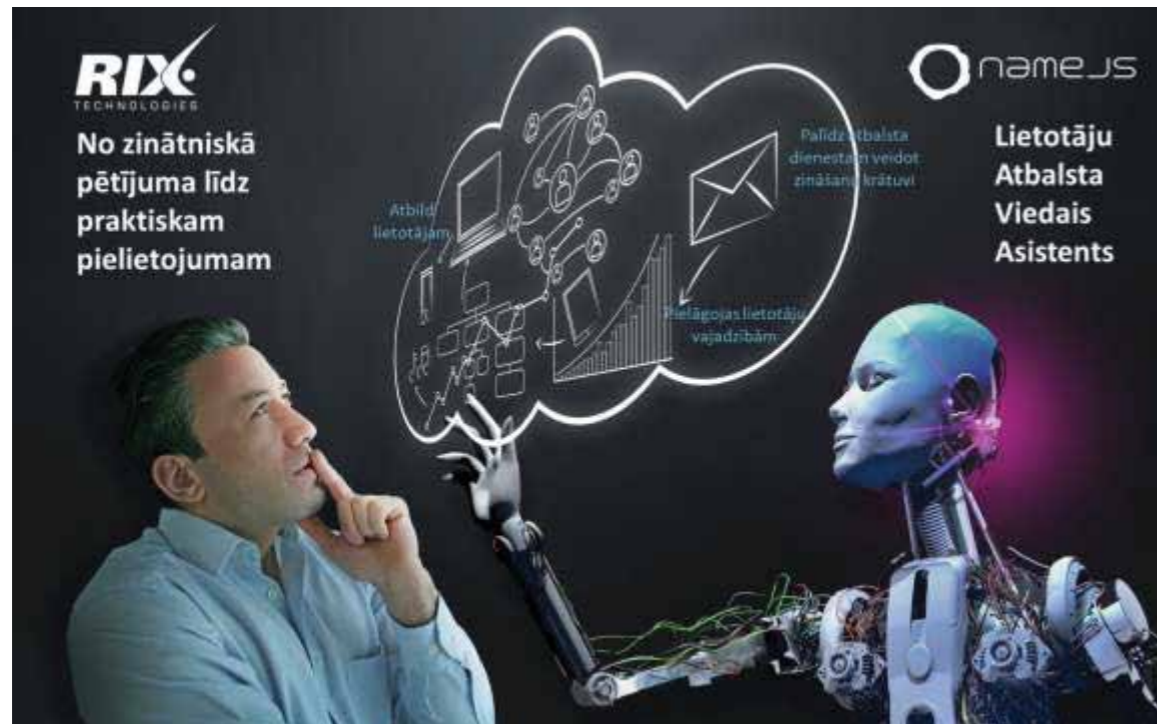
## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AREAS:



business process  
analysis technologies



natural language technologies



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### SIA "Tilde"



**Title of the research project:** Automated creation of multilingual subtitles.



**Purpose of the project:** the aim of the project was to develop a solution that would allow the costs and time contribution related to preparation, translation, and insertion of video content subtitles to be significantly reduced, as well as to significantly expand the possibilities for export of original video content created in Latvia, ensuring automated preparation of subtitles of videos created in Latvian in English and Russian languages. Moreover, such a solution ensures the availability of original content to various groups of society – people with hearing impairments, arrivals and residents of the country who have poor command of Latvian, as well as to any consumer of video content who chooses to read text instead of listening to audio.



**Result of the project:** the project has resulted in prototype – cloud service for automated subtitling and translation, as well as a multi-lingual video content subtitling process developed and tested by partner organizations. After the end of the project, the experimental prototype will be developed further by creating a universal, wide-use cloud service.



### SIA "WeAreDots" in cooperation with SIA scientific technical firm "LĀSMA" with the support of SIA "Altas IT"



**Title of the research project:** Multiobsite detection and tracking for vehicle traffic monitoring: 3D-LiDAR and camera data pooling.



**Purpose of the project:** the project aimed to develop real-time technology simultaneously for detecting and tracking multiple vehicles, fixing their motion events, and planning transportation movements through a combination of 3D laser scanning and camera data.



**Result of the project:** the industrial study resulted in the creation of a 3D laser scan and video camera system model to overcome light changes, shadow interference and object occlusion (overlap) problems in real-time detection and tracking of multiple vehicles. A prototype for real-time validation of multi-vehicle detection and tracking technology using LIDAR and camera combined data has been developed during experimental development.

### SIA "ABC Software"



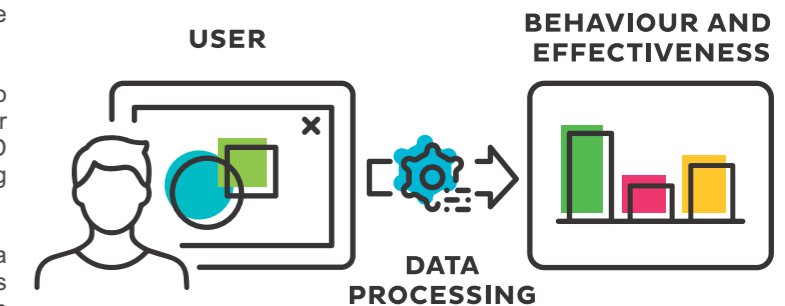
**Title of the research project:** Development of a common behaviour model for users of specialised IT systems in the engineering design sector using AI/ML algorithms.



**Purpose of the project:** the objective of the project is to develop a method of constructing a typical behaviour model for users of the widely used IT systems (AutoCAD and Lotsia PDM) in the engineering design sector, drawing on experience of simultaneous use.



**Result of the project:** the study led to the creation of a new method that, through a machine learning approach, is capable of dynamically analyzing the actions of IT system users in a multi-system environment, creating user-type behavioral profiles, monitoring behavior for each user and identifying its outliers.





# ENERGY AND TRANSPORT COMPETENCE CENTRE

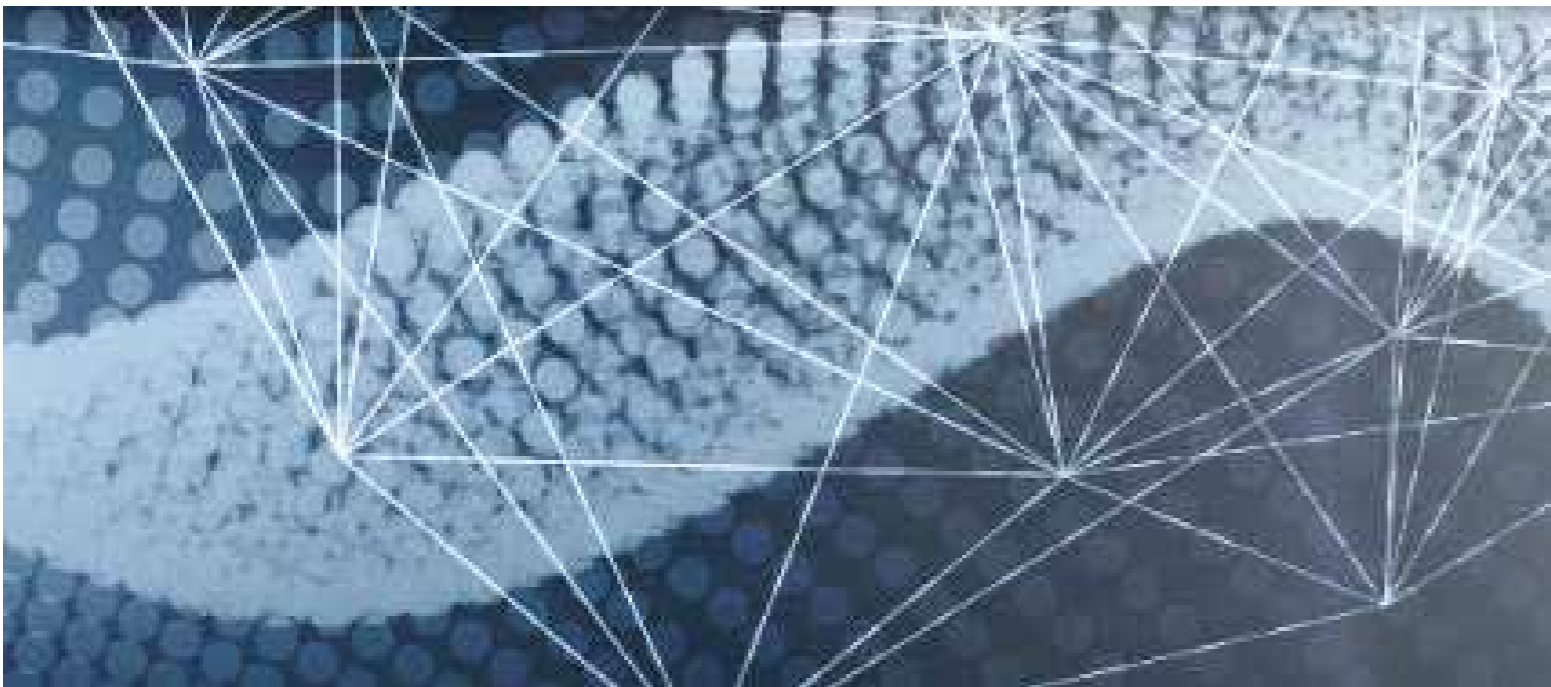
The objective of the ETKC Competence Centre is to support at least 10 research activities in line with the defined research orientations, developing new products and technologies in the sector and introducing them into production, thus promoting cooperation between research and industry and increasing the competitiveness of traders in the sector.



From 2016 till 2022



ETKC - 19 studies carried out by 16 companies, private co-funding of EUR 3.1 million, ERDF funding of EUR 4.6 million; VITEKC - private co-funding of EUR 1.7 million, including ERDF funding of EUR 3.1 million, 18 companies carried out 11 studies, Number of newly created products and technologies in supported companies after receiving support 23



The chosen smart specialisation area of the Energy and Transport Competence Centre (ETCC) is smart energy, which comprises three research sub-areas:



smart energy general questions



intelligent engineering systems and energy production solutions



smart energy and transportation



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## SIA "Baltic Scientific Instruments"



**Title of the research project:** Development of a free-release radioactive pollution monitor for nuclear power companies.



**Purpose of the project:** the aim of the project is to develop a Free Release Monitor for nuclear power companies, which could determine: gamma and beta radiation intensity of the measured object; the total activity of the object in a wide range of radionuclide activity (low and medium activities); the radionuclides present in the measured object and the activity of each radionuclide; weight of the object.



**Result of the project:** Experimental sample of the construction system.  
Research report on radiometers for total radiation dose rate measurements.  
Research report on design development.  
Experimental sample of the automation electronic unit.  
Research report on the development of testing and calibration methodology.  
Prototype of a free-release radioactive pollution monitor.  
Prototype performance test protocol of the free-release radioactive pollution monitor.



## SIA "Edge Autonomy"



**Title of the research project:** Development of a vertical take-off and landing aircraft.



**Purpose of the project:** the aim of the research is to develop a new generation aircraft with vertical take-off and landing. The company plans to apply the knowledge gained from the previous study to integrate it into a new product - the Penguin VTOL. The new product will give the company the opportunity to compete in a new category of aircraft and potential additional income.



**Result of the project:** 1 prototype aircraft.



## SIA "Lesla Latvia"



**Title of the research project:** A study for the establishment of a shared infrastructure system for charging electric scooters.



**Purpose of the project:** the research will include an analysis of the use of existing shared scooter systems based on empirical data and the development of a model for optimal infrastructure creation. In addition, the project envisages conducting a study on providing wireless energy transmission in a strong external magnetic field in order to develop a mechanism for connecting scooters without using moving parts, while providing wireless charging of scooters. At the end of the project, an experimental prototype of the system is expected to be demonstrated.



**Result of the project:**

1. Activity: Completed a study on the development of an optimization model for electric scooter charging infrastructure and prepared a scientific article for publication.
2. Activity: Based on the results of activity 1, a prototype of the electromagnetic closing system of the electric scooter was developed.
3. Activity: Based on the results of activity 2, a prototype of the electromagnetic closing system of the electric scooter was developed.
4. Activity: developed a general prototype of a publicly available charging system for an electric scooter.

# FOREST SECTOR COMPETENCE CENTRE

**MEŽA NOZARES KOMPETENCES CENTRS** support at least 23 research projects according to the defined research directions by developing new products and technology and make direct input into the production, thereby promoting cooperation between researchers and industry, and increasing the competitiveness of industry developers.

The Forest Industry Competence Centre covers two scientific research directions:



Increasing forest capital and forestry



New wood materials and technologies



From 2016 till 2022



Number of new products and technologies created in the supported enterprises after receiving **support 25**, number of entrepreneurs **supported 28**. Total project amount: **12,987 milj.EUR**, t.sk. **ERAF 7,489 milj.EUR**, private investments **5,498 milj. EUR**



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## SIA "Koksnes plūsmas datu centrs"



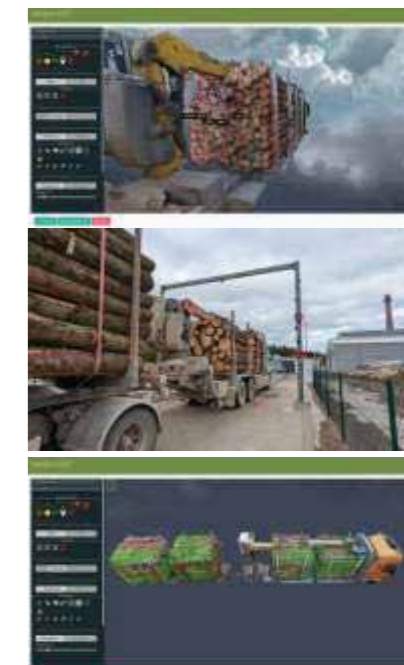
**Title of the research project:** Group survey automation capabilities.



**Purpose of the project:** develop a technical solution, including the functionality of the information system, for the automated determination of the parameters for the group survey of round timber, thereby increasing the efficiency of the group survey and reducing the likelihood of human error.



**Result of the project:** the company has both acquired additional knowledge through this project and developed an IS solution that enables processing of timber measurement data from automated surveying equipment. Technical specifications for construction and equipment have been developed. A measuring device actually built in nature. Data circulation is ensured, planned system interface solutions for data processing have been achieved. The accuracy of the measurements tested and calibrated. A solution for remotely measuring the quantities used for the grouping of round timber gives the results of adequate accuracy and procedures have been developed to make the product fully available on the market.



## LVMI "Silava"



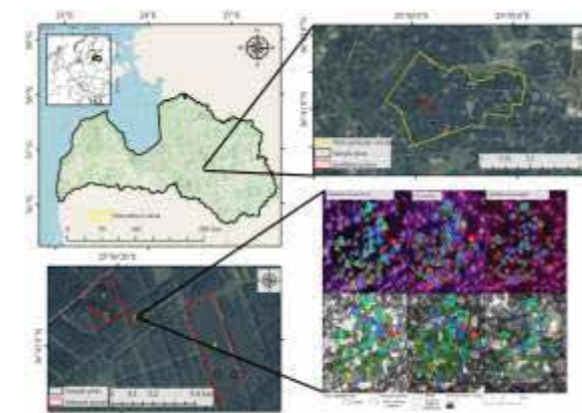
**Title of the research project:** Technology for early diagnosis of the genetic determination part of resistance-related features for common spruce.



**Purpose of the project:** the aim is to develop technology for the early effective diagnosis of the part of the genetic determination of resistance-related traits in breeding plantations, using remote sensing methods, and thus to provide the possibility of increasing the resistance of forest stands in the future expected climate.



**Result of the project:** the technology developed as part of the study includes the selection of reference trees (by measuring their juice flow as a direct measure of moisture adequacy and photosynthetic activity index as an indirect indicator) in different vitality classes, the extraction of remote sensing data and the use of the developed algorithm to process them using the chlorophyll index as the most significant determinant factor. Remote sensing data (images) shall be acquired when spruce flourishing and flowering has ended, eliminating the impact of these processes on the signal and thus reducing the proportion of misclassified objects (trees). This method enables early diagnosis of stress-less persistent genotypes, reducing the probability of secondary damage occurring.



## SIA "Funduss"



**Title of the research project:** Recycling of glued wood structural residues into useful large-scale wood construction materials.



**Purpose of the project:** to explore the possibility of recycling residues resulting from the manufacture of glued timber structures into materials suitable for the manufacture of construction structures. Formatting leftovers and growing dimensions using large-scale wedge pin connections and construction grade adhesives are a potential solution to achieving the goal.



**Result of the project:** development and testing of technology for the growing of residual dimensions of glued wood structures, which would allow the recycling of residues resulting from the manufacture of glued wood structures into large-scale raw materials suitable for the manufacture of building structures. Definition, verification of the technology, issues identified during the inspection and necessary improvements in ensuring the conformity of the technology with the principles of laws and regulations and industrial technology have been performed.









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