



Valorization of R&D in the innovative practice is understood as systematic activities of the R&D institutions aimed at achieving economic benefits from the R&D outputs shared by the institutions and researchers. One of the ways of doing so is that institution establishes a separate organizational entity specializing in the R&D valorization activities.

The STU Scientific, s.r.o. is a limited liability company founded by the Slovak University of Technology (STU) in Bratislava in order to ensure the transfer of the STU knowledge and R&D results in the business and social practice. Its mission consists in valorization of the intellectual property of the STU in Bratislava, members of its academic community and other partners. Within the STU it cooperates closely with the STU Technology Incubator, Technology Transfer Unit and various departments and institutes at the STU faculties. All these efforts may be seen in a broader context the STU development towards entrepreneurship and innovation elements within its educational programmes and R&D activities. In line with this STU Scientific has been cooperating with the STU Institute of Management – host of the Global Entrepreneurship Week events and activities in Slovakia for some years. Another facets of the STU Scientific activities are consulting and training services as well as publishing of the quarterly journal on technology transfer and innovation „Transfer“ in printed and on-line version.

STU Scientific, s.r.o. administers the ownership interests of the STU in the spin-off companies focused on valorization of innovations in various business segments. The sharing of business results among the university and the private entities or persons is determined in a transparent manner. The STU spin-offs are established by university employees, graduates, PhD students or students, sometimes in cooperation with external business persons or entities, e.g. business angels. The know how is transferred via the STU Scientific, s.r.o. into the new companies in order to be commercialized.

Currently there are active the following spin-off companies spun-out by the STU Scientific and drawing from the STU R&D potencial:

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