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Across Europe*

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Our sincere appreciation goes to the entire NAAC community for their openness, commitment, and dedication to strengthening the knowledge transfer profession across Europe.

What's New in This Edition

- Contributions from more than 35 National Associations across Europe and beyond
- Expanded insights into governance, funding models, training and policy engagement
- New reflections on emerging ecosystems and community building
- Practical examples, testimonials and lessons learned from the NAAC community
- Updated profiles, glossary and ecosystem overview
- Introduction of NAAC Global Guests and international perspectives

About ASTP

ASTP is a non-profit, member-driven organisation dedicated to advancing knowledge transfer between universities, research institutions, and industry. Our mission is to professionalise the field, empower practitioners, and maximise the societal and economic impact of public research.

Through training, peer learning, advocacy, and community-building activities, ASTP supports the professionalisation of the KT profession and strengthens the societal and economic impact of public research.

Today, ASTP brings together knowledge transfer professionals from across Europe and beyond, fostering collaboration, exchange of practices, and continuous professional development within the global KT community.

About the NAAC

The National Associations Advisory Committee (NAAC) is one of ASTP's governing bodies, bringing together 35 National Associations from 28 countries. It serves as a collaborative platform connecting national knowledge transfer communities, regional ecosystems, and European initiatives.

Through collaboration, exchange of experiences, and peer learning, the NAAC strengthens the visibility, professionalisation, and impact of knowledge transfer across Europe and beyond.

The NAAC supports:

- collaboration and knowledge exchange between National Associations
- professional development and capacity building within the KT community
- dialogue on policy, metrics, and ecosystem development
- stronger connections between national and European innovation initiatives

By bringing together diverse national perspectives and experiences, the NAAC contributes to a more connected and collaborative European KT ecosystem.

Preface

It is with great pleasure that I present the second edition of the Handbook for National Associations in Knowledge Transfer, a collective achievement of the National Association Advisory Committee (NAAC) of ASTP.

Since the publication of the first edition, the NAAC community has continued to grow and mature, now representing more than 35 National Associations across Europe. This growth reflects the increasing recognition of the crucial role National Associations play in strengthening knowledge transfer ecosystems – connecting practitioners, shaping national policy discussions, and fostering professional excellence.

This handbook captures the diversity, creativity, and shared commitment of our community. It is built on the experiences and reflections of those who lead and sustain National Associations – their experiences, lessons learned, and ongoing efforts to make knowledge transfer more impactful. Each contribution enriches our collective understanding of how to support innovation, collaboration, and societal benefit.

The NAAC remains a unique forum within ASTP: a place where peers exchange insights, align on priorities, and build bridges between national contexts and European initiatives. This updated edition reflects that spirit – one of openness, mutual learning, and continuous improvement.

On behalf of the NAAC, I would like to thank all members who contributed their time, experience, and enthusiasm to this project. I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to the former NAAC chairs; Michel Morant, Santiago Romo, and Hana Kosova. Together, we continue to advance the profession and ensure that knowledge transfer remains a driving force for Europe's innovation and prosperity.



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Introduction

Since its creation in 2014, the National Association Advisory Committee (NAAC) of ASTP has served as a forum for collaboration, exchange and peer learning among national Knowledge Transfer (KT) associations across Europe.

Bringing together both established and emerging National Associations (NAs), the NAAC supports:

- exchange of experience and practices
- collaboration across ecosystems
- professional development and capacity building
- dialogue with European initiatives and policy developments
- stronger visibility for the KT profession

Today, the NAAC community includes more than 35 National Associations representing diverse innovation ecosystems, organisational models, and stages of maturity.

While their structures and priorities differ, all share a common ambition: to strengthen the KT profession and maximise the societal and economic impact of research and innovation.

This handbook was developed as a practical and community-driven resource bringing together experiences, reflections, and examples from across the NAAC community. It aims to:

- inspire emerging associations
- support existing National Associations in their development
- encourage peer learning and collaboration
- showcase the diversity of approaches shaping the KT landscape

The contributions shared throughout this publication are not intended as prescriptive models or “best practices”, but rather as practical experiences that may help associations navigate similar opportunities and challenges within their own ecosystems.

Purpose of this Handbook

This handbook does not propose a single model for National Associations in knowledge transfer. National ecosystems differ significantly in their:

- institutional structures
- funding environments
- levels of KT maturity
- policy contexts
- professional culture

Instead, this publication brings together experiences and approaches from across the NAAC community to support peer learning, reflection and collaboration.

The handbook aims to:

- support emerging National Associations in their development
- provide ideas and practical approaches rather than prescriptions
- showcase the diversity of organisational and governance models across Europe and beyond
- encourage collaboration and knowledge exchange between associations
- highlight both successes and challenges experienced by the community

Whether you are establishing a new association, strengthening an existing one, or simply seeking inspiration from peers across Europe, this handbook is intended as a practical and evolving community resource.

| Principles of this Handbook

Practice-led: Grounded in real experiences shared by National Associations and KT practitioners.

Community-driven: Built through openness, collaboration, and peer-learning.

Diverse: Reflecting different ecosystems, governance models, and priorities.

Evolving: Designed as a living resource that can continue growing with the community.

Practical: Focused on approaches, examples, and experiences relevant to daily practice.

Insight



Some National Associations operate with dedicated staff and national programmes, while others are entirely volunteer-led. Both models contribute valuable perspectives to the European KT ecosystem.

The Evolution of KT Communities

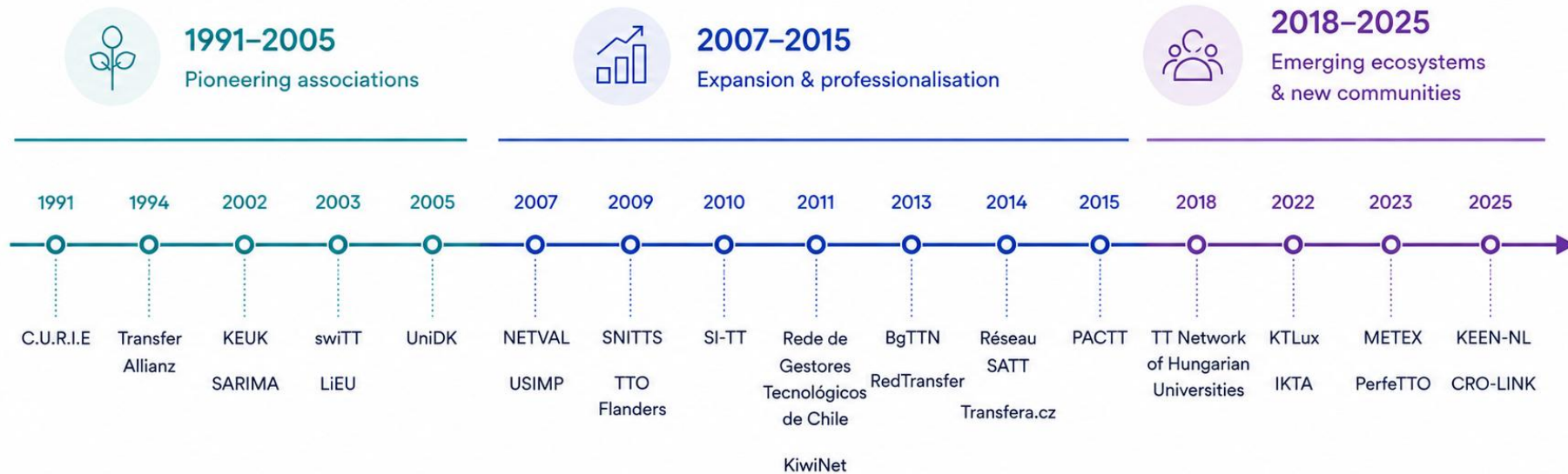
The NAAC Journey

Over the past decade, the NAAC has grown from a vision of connecting national networks into a vibrant community.



Growth of National Associations in Knowledge Transfer

The continued emergence of new National Associations highlights the growing importance of knowledge transfer within innovation ecosystems across Europe and beyond.



Founding a National Association

National Associations emerge in many different ways, shaped by the maturity of the national innovation ecosystem, the needs of practitioners, and the level of institutional or policy support available.

Some begin informally through peer networks and voluntary collaboration. Others are established through coordinated national initiatives involving universities, ministries, or innovation agencies. Regardless of their starting point, most successful associations evolve over time in response to the needs of their members and wider ecosystem.

Several recurring organisational approaches can nevertheless be observed across the NAAC community.

Who Takes the Lead?

Two broad approaches commonly emerge when establishing a National Association:

Bottom-up (grassroots)

Often initiated by a small group of motivated practitioners, KTOs, or institutions seeking to:

- community building
- exchange of practices
- improve visibility
- strengthen collaboration

This model is often driven by strong personal engagement and volunteer commitment.

Top-down (institutional)

Some National Associations are initiated or strongly supported by:

- ministries
- national university networks
- innovation agencies
- public funding bodies

These associations may benefit from stronger institutional legitimacy, formal coordination structures, and closer alignment with national innovation strategies.

In practice, many successful associations eventually combine elements of both approaches – balancing practitioner-driven relevance with institutional recognition and policy engagement.

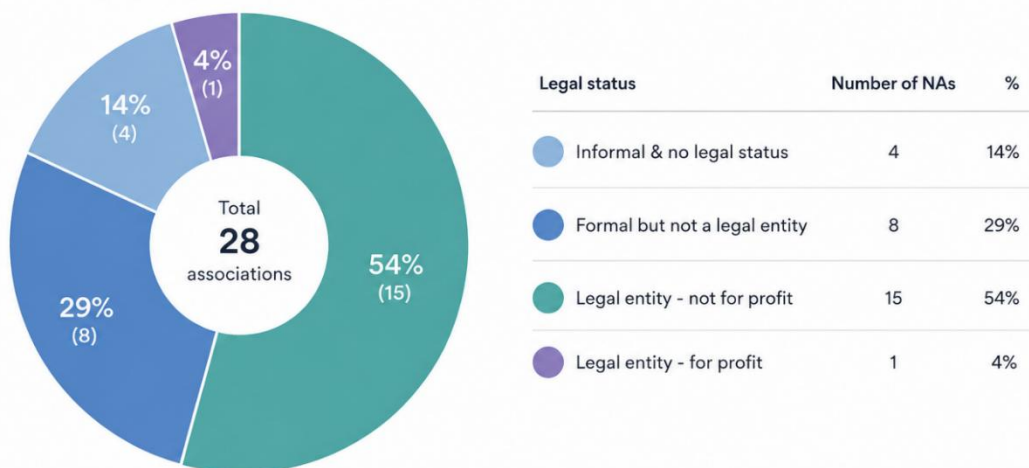
	 Grassroots (Bottom-up)	 Institutional (Top-down)
 Typically initiated by	Practitioners, KTOs, peer networks	Ministries, university networks, innovation agencies
 Main strength	Strong community engagement	Institutional legitimacy and coordination
 Often relies on	Volunteers and peer learning	Formal governance and national coordination
 Common motivation	Community building and professionalisation	National strategy and ecosystem alignment
 Potential challenge	Sustainability and resources	Maintaining practitioner engagement

Legal Status

National Associations operate under a wide range of legal and organisational structures.

Some are formally established non-profit entities with dedicated governance, membership systems, and financial structures. Others operate as informal networks or are hosted within existing organisations or university structures.

Distribution of National Associations by Legal Status
(Total = 28)



The majority of National Associations in the NAAC community operate as not-for-profit legal entities, reflecting a strong commitment to collaborative and mission-driven activities.

Common models include:

- formal non-profit legal entities
- informal or volunteer-led networks
- hosted structures within organisations
- associations without separate legal entity

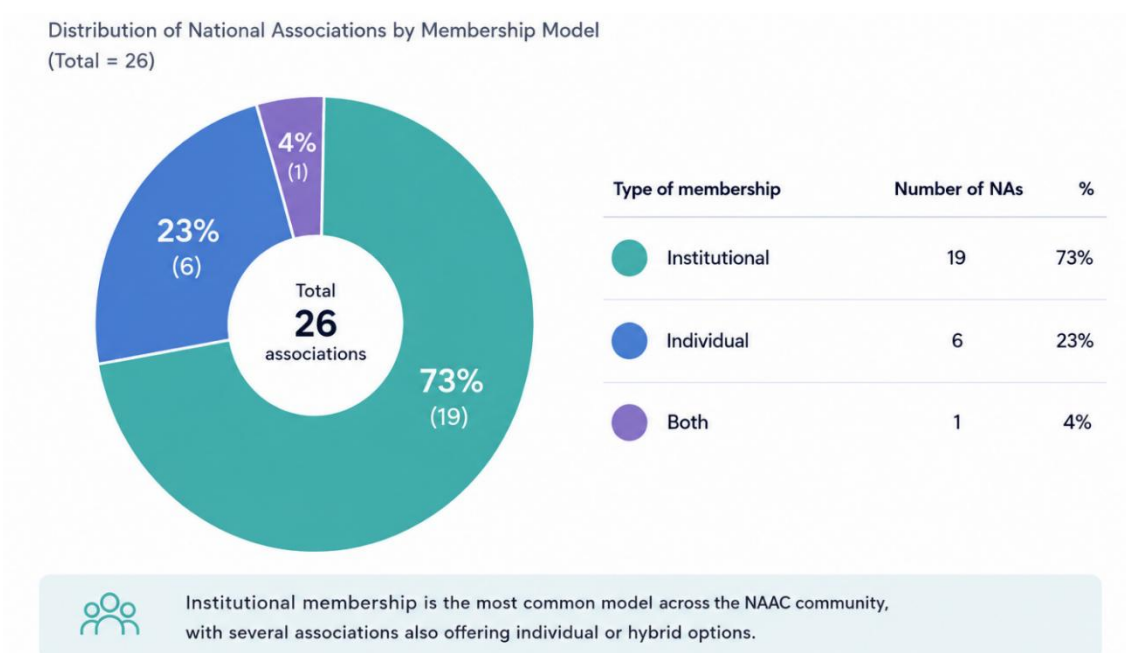
The chosen structure often reflects:

- the maturity of the ecosystem
- available resources
- national legal frameworks
- long-term ambitions of the association

While formal legal status may facilitate funding applications, governance, and external representation, several successful associations within the NAAC community also operate effectively through lighter or more informal structures.

Types of Membership

Membership models vary significantly between National Associations and are often closely linked to the structure of the national KT ecosystem.



Two broad membership approaches are most common:

Institutional membership: Universities, research institutions, hospitals, KTOs, or innovation organisations become members of the association.

This model is often associated with:

- stronger institutional representation
- coordinated national initiatives
- policy engagement
- shared professional standards

Individual membership: KT professionals join directly as individual members.

This approach is often used in ecosystems where:

- the profession is still emerging
- practitioners seek stronger networking and professional recognition
- institutional KT structures are less centralised

Several associations combine both models, offering different benefits and levels of participation for institutions and individual practitioners.

Ultimately, the membership structure should reflect the objectives, culture, and practical realities of the national ecosystem the association aims to support.

Insight



The most sustainable National Associations often evolve gradually – adapting their structure, governance, and activities as their ecosystem matures and community needs change.

Managing a National Association

Once established, National Associations often evolve significantly over time. As activities expand and member expectations grow, associations typically need to develop clearer governance structures, operational coordination, and long-term sustainability strategies.

Associational structures often evolve gradually in response to:

- ecosystem maturity
- membership growth
- resources
- national priorities
- operational ambitions of the association itself

Some associations remain highly informal and community-driven, while others operate as fully formalised organisations with dedicated staff, structured governance, and strategic national roles.

Governance and Structure

Governance models vary considerably across National Associations. Most associations are guided by a Board, Steering Committee, or Executive Committee responsible for:

- strategic direction
- decision-making
- representation of members
- financial oversight
- coordination of activities

Leadership structures commonly include:

- executive boards
- steering committees
- working groups
- thematic task forces
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

While some National Associations operate through highly structured governance systems, others intentionally maintain lighter and more flexible coordination models.











The network is only vibrant as the members make it.

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Staff and Volunteers

The balance between professional staff support and volunteer engagement differs widely across the NAAC community.

	 Volunteer-led	 Hybrid	 Fully Staffed
 Coordination & support	Mostly informal, run by volunteers alongside their regular roles	Shared between volunteers and part-time or small coordination support	Dedicated team or secretariat providing full operational support
 Main strength	Strong community ownership and grassroots engagement	Flexibility and ability to balance community input with operational needs	Continuity, capacity and ability to deliver at scale
 Main challenge	Limited time and capacity may slow progress	Coordinating volunteers and staff; ensuring clarity of roles	Securing sustainable resources to maintain operations
 Typical focus areas	Community building, peer learning, events, advocacy initiatives	Events, training, working groups, communications, member engagement	Training programmes, national projects, communications, policy engagement, events
 Often seen in	Early-stage or emerging ecosystems	Growing associations expanding activities and membership	Mature national networks with established roles and strategic mandates

Many associations rely heavily on volunteers – particularly during their early stages – with practitioners contributing their time alongside their regular institutional roles. Volunteer engagement often plays a crucial role in:

- community building
- event organisation
- working groups
- mentoring
- advocacy activities
- and knowledge sharing

As associations grow, some gradually introduce dedicated operational support through:

- part-time coordinators
- secretariat functions
- project managers
- communications support
- or fully staffed offices

Several more mature associations now operate with dedicated teams responsible for training programmes, events, national projects, communications, and policy engagement.

At the same time, many associations emphasise that strong volunteer engagement remains essential regardless of organisational size. Maintaining strong member engagement remains a key success factor across the NAAC community.

Insight



The most resilient National Associations often combine strong community ownership with sufficient operational coordination and continuity.

Finance and Funding Models

Sustainable funding remains one of the most important – and often most challenging – aspects of managing a National Association.

Across the NAAC community, funding models vary significantly depending on:

- national context
- ecosystem maturity
- organisational structure
- available public support
- and the scale of activities delivered by the association

While some associations operate with dedicated staff, national programmes, and diversified income streams, others continue to rely primarily on volunteer contributions and limited operational budgets.

Most National Associations combine multiple funding sources rather than relying on a single revenue stream. The chart below shows how commonly each source is used across the NAAC community.

Funding Source	What it typically supports	How commonly used across NAs*
 Membership fees	Core operations, coordination, member services, communications	 Very common
 Training & events	Conferences, workshops, training programmes, webinars, networking activities	 Common
 National or public funding	Operational support, strategic programmes, project grants from ministries or agencies	 Moderately common
 Projects & collaborations	EU projects, national initiatives, collaborative ecosystem programmes, commissioned activities	 Moderately common
 Sponsorship & partnerships	Industry sponsorships, strategic partnerships, support for events, publications, initiatives	 Less common
 Other income (e.g. services, publications)	Publications, certification programmes, advisory services, consultancy	 Less common

* Based on experiences shared within the NAAC community.

Common Funding Sources

The most common funding models observed across the NAAC community include:

Membership fees: A core funding source for many associations, particularly those with institutional members.

Training & events: Conferences, workshops, and training programmes often provide additional operational income.

National or public funding: Some National Associations receive support or funding from ministries, innovation agencies, public research organisations and national development programmes.

Projects & collaborations: Several associations participate in European projects, national initiatives, collaborative ecosystem programmes and commissioned activities.

Sponsorship & partnerships: Industry sponsorships and strategic partnerships may also support conferences, publications, networking activities, or specific initiatives.

Financial Sustainability

Experiences across the community show that financial sustainability is rarely achieved through a single funding model alone.

Many associations gradually evolve towards more diversified approaches combining:

- membership income
- events and training
- public support
- partnerships
- project-based activities

At the same time, several smaller or emerging associations continue to operate successfully with limited budgets by relying strongly on volunteer engagement, institutional goodwill, and collaborative partnerships.

Operational ambitions often need to remain aligned with available financial and human resources.

Insight



Diversified funding models generally provide greater long-term stability and flexibility, particularly as associations expand their activities and professional responsibilities.

Activities

National Associations across the NAAC community organise a wide variety of activities designed to support knowledge transfer professionals, strengthen collaboration, and contribute to the development of national innovation ecosystems.

While the scale and scope of activities differ significantly between associations, several recurring priorities can be observed across the community:

- professional development
- networking and peer exchange
- advocacy and ecosystem representation
- awareness building
- collaboration between academia, industry, and public stakeholders

Many associations gradually expand their activities over time as their membership, visibility, and operational capacity grow.



| Training & Professional Development

Training and professional development activities are among the most common priorities across National Associations.

These may include:

- workshops and masterclasses
- webinars and online learning
- certification programmes
- mentoring initiatives
- communities of practice
- training courses

Several associations also support:

- RTTP or professional recognition
- competency frameworks
- career pathways

| Conferences & Networking

Most National Associations organise regular networking activities that help strengthen peer connections and community engagement.

Examples include:

- annual conferences
- member meetings
- peer-learning sessions
- informal networking gatherings

These activities often play an important role in:

- sharing practices and experiences
- strengthening collaboration
- reducing fragmentation across institutions
- building stronger professional communities

Policy, Advocacy & Ecosystem Engagement

Several National Associations increasingly contribute to national and regional innovation discussions by:

- representing KT professionals
- engaging with policymakers
- contributing to consultations
- supporting ecosystem alignment
- promoting the visibility of knowledge transfer activities

In some ecosystems, associations also play an active role in:

- national strategy development
- innovation policy discussions
- entrepreneurship initiatives
- research valorisation frameworks

Collaboration & International Engagement

Many National Associations actively collaborate with:

- universities and research organisations
- ministries and innovation agencies
- industry partners
- investors and entrepreneurs
- European projects and networks
- international KT associations

The NAAC itself plays an important role in strengthening these cross-border connections by facilitating exchange and collaboration between ecosystems.

Insight



As National Associations mature, their activities often expand beyond networking to include professional development, ecosystem coordination, and policy engagement.

Building a Future Together

National Associations continue to play an increasingly important role in strengthening knowledge transfer ecosystems across Europe and beyond.

As the profession evolves, many associations are expanding their activities, strengthening collaboration with stakeholders, and contributing more actively to policy, professional development, and ecosystem coordination.

At the same time, the NAAC community itself continues to grow – welcoming emerging associations, new ecosystems, and broader international perspectives.

Through continued collaboration, openness, and peer learning, National Associations can continue to support one another in addressing shared challenges and opportunities in the years ahead.

This handbook is intended as a living resource that can continue evolving alongside the community and the wider KT landscape.

Insight



The continued growth of the NAAC community reflects the increasing recognition of knowledge transfer as a strategic profession within innovation ecosystems worldwide.



Representatives from the NAAC community during the ASTP Annual Conference 2025 in Vilnius, Lithuania

What We've Learned as a Community

The experiences shared throughout this handbook highlight both the diversity and the common foundations of National Associations across the NAAC community.

While associations differ significantly in size, governance models, funding structures, and ecosystem maturity, several recurring patterns and shared challenges emerge across national contexts.

The overview below summarises some of the most common approaches, characteristics, and observations identified throughout the community.

Category	Most Common	Less Common	Observations
 Membership Type	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual 	Institutional structures often support stronger ecosystem coordination and policy engagement.
 Legal Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal non-profit entities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal networks 	Several emerging associations begin informally before evolving into more structured entities.
 Core Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training, events & networking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry-funded programmes 	Activity scope often reflects ecosystem maturity and operational capacity.
 Staff Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small teams supported by volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large dedicated offices 	Staffing levels are closely linked to funding stability and service ambitions.
 Funding Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership fees & public support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully self-funded models 	Diversified income streams generally improve long-term sustainability.
 Government Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited interaction 	National innovation priorities often influence the role and visibility of associations.
 Metrics & Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member surveys & activity reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National KT benchmarking 	Mature ecosystems increasingly focus on demonstrating broader KT impact.

Despite differences in structure and resources, many successful National Associations share several common characteristics:

- strong community engagement
- active peer learning
- clear strategic purpose
- sustained commitment from practitioners and institutions alike

The diversity of models across the NAAC community demonstrates that successful associations evolve in response to their ecosystem, resources, and member needs.

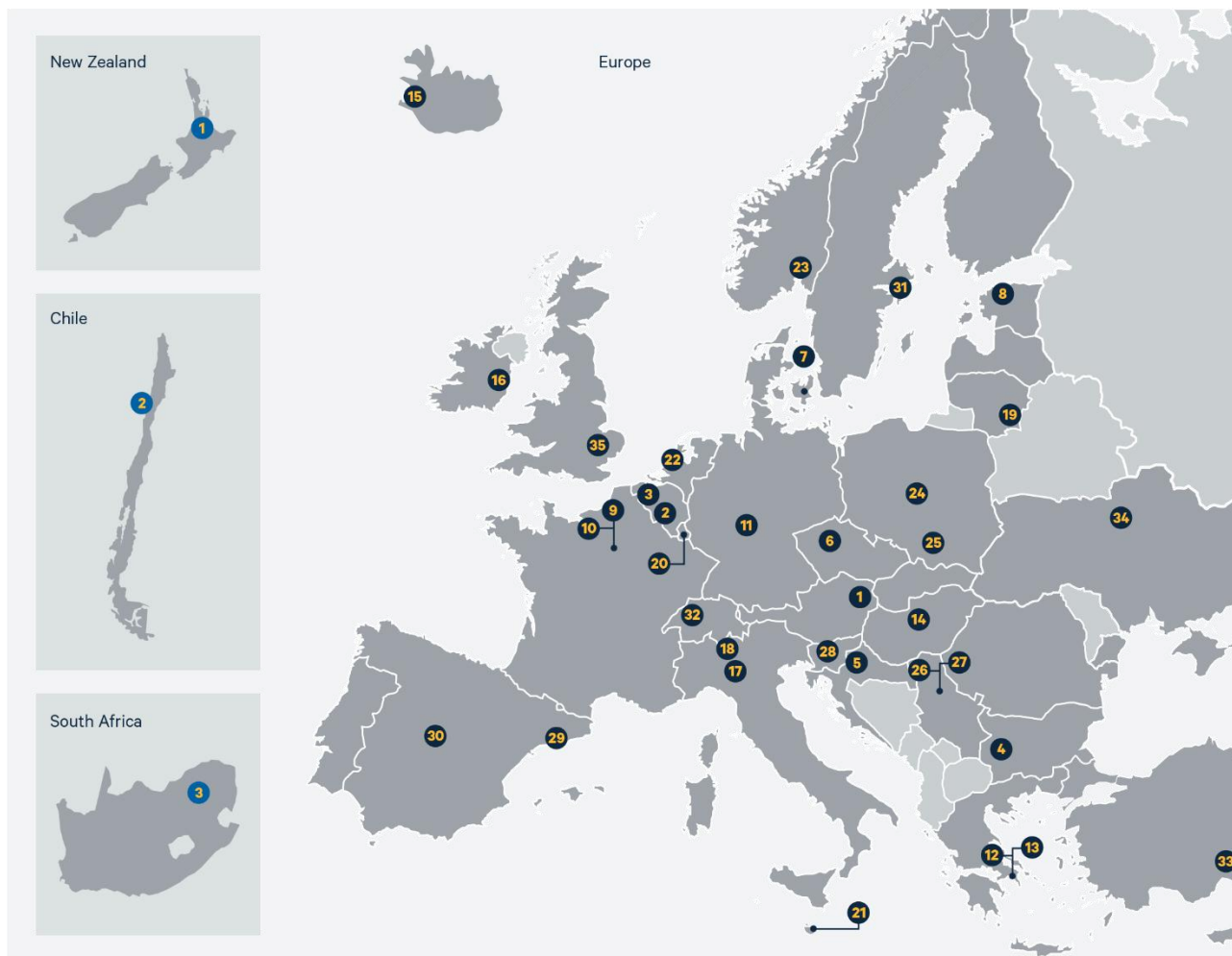
At the same time, many shared challenges remain – including long-term sustainability, professional recognition, policy engagement, and demonstrating the broader societal impact of knowledge transfer activities.

The continued exchange of experiences across the NAAC community remains one of its greatest strengths and will continue to support the future development of knowledge transfer ecosystems across Europe and beyond.

Appendix 1: Glossary

ASTP	European Association of Knowledge Transfer Professionals
ATTP	Alliance of Technology Transfer Professionals
CE	Continuing Education points
EU	European Union
FTE	Full-time Equivalent
IP	Intellectual Property
KE	Knowledge Exchange
KT	Knowledge Transfer
KTO	Knowledge Transfer Office
NA	National Association
NAAC	National Association Advisory Committee
RTTP	Registered Technology Transfer Professional
SIG	Special Interest Group
TT	Technology Transfer
TTO	Technology Transfer Office

Appendix 2: Map of the NAAC Community



- 1 Austria, Informal Austrian KT Network
- 2 Belgium, Réseau LIEU
- 3 Belgium, TTO Flanders
- 4 Bulgaria, BgTTN
- 5 Croatia, Informal Croatian KT Network
- 6 Czech Republic, Transfera.cz
- 7 Denmark, Universities Denmark
- 8 Estonia, Informal Estonian KT Network
- 9 France, Réseau C.U.R.I.E.
- 10 France, Réseau SATT
- 11 Germany, Transfer Allianz e.V.
- 12 Greece, METEX
- 13 Greece, Praxi Network

- 14 Hungary, ETTF
- 15 Iceland, TTO Iceland
- 16 Ireland, IKTA
- 17 Italy, Netval
- 18 Italy, PerfeTTO
- 19 Lithuania, Informal Lithuanian KT network
- 20 Luxembourg, KTLux
- 21 Malta, Informal Maltese KT Network
- 22 Netherlands, KEEN-NL
- 23 Norway, FIN
- 24 Poland, IP Management Poland
- 25 Poland, PACTT
- 26 Serbia, Formal Serbian TT Network

- 27 Serbia, Informal Serbian KT Network
- 28 Slovenia, SI-TT
- 29 Spain, Red OTC
- 30 Spain, RedTransfer
- 31 Sweden, SNITTS
- 32 Switzerland, SwiTT
- 33 Turkey, ÜSIMP
- 34 Ukraine, UTTA
- 35 United Kingdom, KEUK

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

- 1 New Zealand, Kiwinet
- 2 Red de Gestores Tecnológicos de Chile (Chile)
- 3 SARIMA (South Africa)



Appendix 3: Profiles of NAAC Members

Belgium

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Formal but not a legal entity	11 Board Members	French	2003	Walloon Region	300k

MISSION STATEMENT

Réseau LiEU is a network dedicated to fostering collaboration and innovation among universities, businesses, and public institutions. Its mission includes:

- *Facilitating Knowledge Transfer: Promoting the exchange of knowledge and expertise between academic institutions and industry to enhance research and innovation activities.*
- *Encouraging Partnerships: Building strong partnerships between universities, enterprises, and public bodies to drive innovation.*
- *Supporting Innovation: Providing resources and support for innovative projects and initiatives that address societal and industrial challenges.*
- *Providing advice on intellectual properties.*

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	0	Universities	5	2

Range of Activities and Services

- Development of common awareness tools dedicated to researchers: [Memo of services to researchers](#)
- KTO academy (specific training for KT professional)
- IdeaLiEU (ideation and facilitation dedicated to projects setup, idea testing, value proposition assessment)
- Indicator consolidation
- Communication, social network and marketing
- Advice on intellectual properties
- Patent database analysis

Belgium

TTO Flanders

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Formal but not a legal entity	VLIR-TTO - 5 TTO Directors	Flemish	2009	100% Members	Ad hoc

MISSION STATEMENT

TTO Flanders is a joint initiative of the Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) of the five Flemish universities (Ghent University, University of Antwerp, KU Leuven, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Hasselt University) and their associated universities of applied sciences and arts. Together we build the bridge between our university associations and society. This way we act as a unique portal to our knowledge and technologies.

Our mission is: to maximise the valorisation of the knowledge and expertise available within the universities and universities of applied sciences and arts for economy and society; to further promote the collaboration between the knowledge transfer services of the Flemish universities and to create a unique point of contact; to strengthen the services of knowledge transfer through the development of common resources and to share best practices; to emerge together, and therefore stronger, at European and international level. Five university associations, one point of contact.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	0	Universities	5	1

Range of Activities and Services

- Exchange of best practices between TTO directors
- Advice and reporting to the government
- Communicate impact stories and publish a brochure on impact results
- Organisation of a yearly TTO Flanders-event
- Representation at events of third parties
- Unique portal to our knowledge and technology

Bulgaria

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Formal but not a legal entity	3 Board Members	Bulgarian, English, Russian	2013	GIS-Transfer Centre Foundation	10K

MISSION STATEMENT

Mission of the BgTTN is to increase the effectiveness of our members in knowledge transfer and innovation through networking, sharing good practices and established national standards and KPIs for knowledge transfer.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	N/A	KTOs	31	3

Range of Activities and Services

- National & international networking
- Knowledge transfer between academia and companies as well as within the industrial sector
- Partner search for cooperation in the development & implementation of advanced technology
- Support commercialisation of research results and technology oriented start-ups
- Incubation and acceleration support
- National annual conference
- Education & training courses for TT&I
- Representing the interest of our members to policy and society
- Lobbying
- Technology and Invention Store (searchable TT-Database for technology offers and requests)
- Internet platform for networking

Croatia

Cro-Link

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Formal but not a legal entity	N/A	Croatian	2025	Ministry of Science, Education and Youth & memberships	N/A

MISSION STATEMENT

CRO-LINK is dedicated to fostering innovation and knowledge transfer, enhancing collaboration between academia and industry, and accelerating the commercialisation of research. By providing expertise, resources, and strategic support, we empower researchers, entrepreneurs, and businesses to transform ideas into impactful solutions that drive economic and societal progress in Croatia and beyond.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	N/A	Universities, Non-academic research centres, KTOs (public and private)	N/A	0

Range of Activities and Services

- Short training courses and dissemination activities about intellectual property, patenting, licensing, management of research contracts and know-how and support to the formation and growth of spin-off companies
- Promotion of the culture of knowledge transfer within institutions and relationship with industry, in order to improve the impact of public research
- Valorisation of research activities in relation to knowledge transfer in the public sector through an annual collection of data by Members
- Networking among members (internal meeting, sharing of best practices and documents, working groups)
- Networking activities among universities, companies, institutions and financial organisations (General meeting, courses, workshops, conferences, seminars, etc.)

Czech Republic

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity – for profit	Board	Czech, English	2014	Members	41.1K

MISSION STATEMENT

Transfera.cz is a unified platform protecting the interests of the Czech transfer community; its objective is to advance and strengthen knowledge transfer.

- Strengthening mutually beneficial relationships between academia and industry
- Supporting innovation with the aim of improving the competitiveness of the Czech Republic
- Maintaining partnerships with relevant public authorities
- Providing information, expert opinions and analyses in the field of knowledge transfer
- Establishing international cooperation with similar institutions abroad
- Supporting the dissemination of R&D results

Membership

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Individual and Institutional	1,027	Universities, Research Institutions, Industry, Non Academic Research Centres, Patent Attorneys	33	1

Range of Activities and Services

Transfera.cz also supports and co-hosts:

- Internships and missions for knowledge transfer experts to foreign institutions
- Expert training programmes
- Matchmaking events
- Joint marketing of R&D results via a project database
- Working groups focused on current priority topics

Denmark

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DANSKE
UNIVERSITETER

UNIVERSITIES DENMARK

LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Informal & no legal status	9 Board Members	Danish, English	1967	100% Members	15.7K

MISSION STATEMENT

To develop the competencies and networking opportunities among the professionals working with knowledge transfer and commercialisation at the member-institutions.

Membership

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	Different for each member depending on size	Universities and University Hospital/region. The other regions/university hospitals are mostly represented through a partnership with the regional university	9	0.5

Range of Activities and Services

- Annual Meeting
- Training sessions throughout the year developed by the members themselves
- Individual memberships of ASTP
- The governing body initiatives projects to further the professionalisation of KT and commercialisation among the Danish universities and university hospitals

France

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RÉSEAU C.U.R.I.E.

LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	12 Board Members	French	1991	N/A	N/A

MISSION STATEMENT

"Public research is our future. Valorisation is the key to build that future."

From this statement flows our "raison d'être": nurture valorisation that builds the future. How do we do this? By making our members' daily lives easier whenever possible: We offer them services and activities tailored to their needs.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	700	Universities, PROs, Hospitals, Schools, KTOs	226	6

Range of Activities and Services

- Training
- Annual conference and other events
- Annual survey
- Workgroups
- Services for researchers
- Services for companies
- Advocacy and lobbying

France

Réseau SATT

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	5 Managing Board Members	French, English	2014	100% Members	N/A

MISSION STATEMENT

The association aims to carry out shared actions to increase the efficiency, readability, and visibility of the SATTs. Through its actions, the Réseau SATT allows for:

- Providing a common portfolio of technologies to transfer
- Forming partnerships
- Displaying shared values
- Carrying out common communication

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	N/A	KTOs (SATT)	13	0

Range of Activities and Services

Organisation Events:

- DeepTech Connect: biennial event to connect industrials and investors with startups created by the 13 SATT/SATTE or other French and international KTOs
- Tech 365 meetings: one-day of access for companies to a catalogue of technologies from Réseau SATT and other French KTOs, through virtual business meetings

Services:

- Tech 365.fr: subscription-based marketplace with all the technology offerings of SATTs and KTO partners

Germany

Transfer Allianz e.V.

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DEUTSCHER VERBAND FÜR
WISSENS- UND TECHNOLOGIETRANSFER

LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	9 Board Members	German, English	1994	Memberships, sponsoring, grants	300K

MISSION STATEMENT

TransferAllianz e.V. is the German Association for Knowledge and Technology Transfer (KTT). It unites universities, non-university research institutions, patent exploitation agencies and other transfer service providers to form a nationwide, growing network. Through our approximately 110 members, we have access to the experience and research results of over 250,000 scientists in public research. As spokesperson for professional knowledge and technology transfer, we represent the interests of our members in politics and society. In 11 working groups, we are dedicated to exchanging experiences, discussing and commenting on the various specialist topics of KTT as well as the organisation and further development of the association.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	Depending on size, between 500-2,000	Universities, Research Institutions, KTOs (for profit and not for profit)	110	1.5

Range of Activities and Services

- 1 Annual Conference and 1 National Conference (per year)
- Education & Courses (20-30 per year with partners)
- Digital Communication Formats: tools, news, discussions (10 per year)
- 11 working groups on current KT topics (e. g. AI, indicators, life sciences, software, commercialisation)
- Surveys on trends and key metrics in KT
- Participation in funded KT projects
- Involvement in political committees and stakeholder dialogues regarding funding initiatives in KT
- National & International Networking
- Lobbying

Greece

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Formal but not a legal entity	11 Board Members	Greek	2023	None	0

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote a culture of innovation, knowledge exchange, and knowledge transfer within Greece, contributing to the country's economic development and competitiveness in the global marketplace. To educate KTO personnel, enhance networking across KTOs, support co-operations among its members and coordinate its actions for the benefit of its Members with the ultimate recipient being the society and the economy.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	0	Universities and Research Centres	37	1

Range of Activities and Services

- Annual Conference with contemporary themes, speakers from Greece and abroad, task forces, case studies, round table discussions, etc.
- Networking and training days at the national level in collaboration with industry sectors
- Presentation of patented inventions in sectoral companies
- Development of collaborations
- Targeted educational seminars
- Training of KTO personnel on current issues of strategy and innovation development by KT experts
- Improving existing practices, publishing original works, etc.
- Presentation of good examples of KT
- Presentation of innovative ideas that have been transformed into technological solutions
- Innovation talks by key ecosystem participants
- Creation of a guide to the know-how transfer process, common to all
- Annual collection of KTO activity data to recognise their work
- Dissemination of information to decision-makers and other ecosystem participants

Hungary

ETTF (Technology and Knowledge Transfer Forum of Hungarian Universities)

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Formal but not a legal entity	Member's Committee	English, Hungarian	2018	N/A	N/A

MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the collaboration is to help shape how Hungarian universities approach and think about knowledge transfer, by sharing expertise, spreading information, and developing common methodologies and tools. The partnership also aims to make the most of the advantages that such collaboration offers. A further objective is to continuously improve the culture for innovation mindset and the framework for commercialising research results.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	N/A	Universities	8	N/A

Range of Activities and Services

- Sharing and jointly interpreting information related to university knowledge transfer among members, and developing professional positions or recommendations when needed
- Initiating collaborations with other stakeholders involved in knowledge transfer, supporting alignment of interests, and advocating for shared goals
- Organising training programs and other educational activities to support the professional development of members
- Supporting joint initiatives aimed at promoting innovation-oriented thinking more broadly
- Jointly developing and applying tools and systems that support knowledge transfer processes

Ireland

IKTA (Irish Knowledge Transfer Association)

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Irish Knowledge Transfer Association

LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Informal & no legal status	15 Board of Representatives	English	2022	Knowledge Transfer Ireland	0

MISSION STATEMENT

The objectives of the Association are to support and advance the practice of knowledge transfer, i.e., the sharing of knowledge, skills and technologies between public research organisations and commercial enterprises, for collective benefit and public good in Ireland. IKTA supports its members in the development of knowledge transfer, innovation, entrepreneurship, consultancy, continuing professional development and related activities to support development of the knowledge economy in Ireland.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Individual	0	Universities and Research Performing Organisations with staff performing KT activities in Ireland & Northern Ireland	110	0

Range of Activities and Services

- Supporting the professional development of KT practitioners through networking and best practice sharing
- Promoting collaboration and enhancing the effectiveness of KT activities
- Keeping members informed on national and international developments in KT and innovation
- Raising the profile and impact of the KT profession in Ireland
- Advocating for KT and contributing to policy at national and EU level
- Promoting accreditation (ATTP/RTTP) within the KT community
- Representing members in international networks (e.g. ASTP, AUTM, KE UK)
- Providing guidance and expertise to stakeholders across academia, industry and government
- Promoting IKTA as a key source of knowledge and best practice in KT
- Recognising member achievement and supporting career development in the KT profession

Italy

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	General Assembly, 9 Board Members	Italian	2007	30% Members, 45% Projects, 25% Training & Services	1.1M

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Netval is fostering the valorisation of public research through: sharing and strengthening the competencies and good practices of universities, public research organisations and research hospitals in their “Third Mission” activities to generate economic, social and cultural impact from research activities; promoting the culture, best practices and policies of knowledge transfer by acting as an institutional interface and link with the business world and the ministries; supporting knowledge transfer offices in their valorisation, exploitation and dissemination activities.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	Full Member: 3,000 Associate Member: 1,000	Universities, Public Research Organisations, Research Hospitals, Other Institutions	113	5

Range of Activities and Services

- Delivering training on IP, KT and research management
- Organising an annual conference
- Running the multi-site Master KEI programme in IP valorisation and knowledge exchange ([EU-recognised best practice](#))
- Managing [Knowledge Share](#), a deep-tech matchmaking platform for research and industry ([EU-recognised best practice](#))
- Conducting national KT surveys for 20 years and maintaining a key database aligned with ASTP standards
- Supporting capacity building, proof-of-concept and national/international networking initiatives

Italy

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Italian Technology Transfer Office Network
in Life Science

LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Formal but not a legal entity	14 Representative Members: 1 Coordinator Hub, 2 Coordinating Centres	Italian, English	2023	50% Ministry of Health, 50% Members	5M

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission is to create, strengthen and enhance a national Network that supports research valorisation and innovation in the Life Sciences sector, fostering coordinated connections between Knowledge Transfer Offices and key stakeholders in biomedical and clinical research. The goal is to encourage collaboration with businesses, investors, and institutions promoting a national culture of knowledge transfer, and bridging the gap between research and society to foster knowledge and generate social and cultural growth.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	0	Research Hospitals, Universities, Research Foundation (non-Academic Research Centres)	54	N/A

Range of Activities and Services

- Prior Art & Market Analysis Tools for research validation and market potential assessment
- IP Showcase through the PerfeTTO Technology Portfolio, a digital catalogue displaying the IP of Network partners
- Business Matching activities for connecting research centres and companies
- KOL & Provider Database, a database of key experts and service providers
- Updated Legal, Regulatory & Policy documents that can be used in the KTO daily activities
- Basic Training programs introducing the fundamentals of KT for new recruiters and more advanced training for professionals
- TT Accelerator program, a 6-month acceleration pathway providing expert mentoring, legal and technical support, and business development consultancy

Luxembourg

KTLux

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Informal & no legal status	N/A	English	2022	None	0

MISSION STATEMENT

We are an informal group of professionals from different academic institutions across Luxembourg willing to create a community in the knowledge transfer domain to: share experience and best practice (peer learning); carrying out common communication to key stakeholders; set up a training program for KT professionals; bring Luxembourgish key stakeholders to the table.

Membership

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	FEE (€)	TYPE OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	None	Universities, Research Institutions	~40	0

Range of Activities and Services

Events:

- KTLux breakfast: 3 meetings per year to address issues in relation to funding instruments etc
- KTLux coming together meetings: 2 meetings per year

Netherlands

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Knowledge Exchange &
Entrepreneurship Network
Netherlands

LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	5 Board Members	Dutch, English	2025	100% Members	70K

MISSION STATEMENT

To inspire and connect the national knowledge exchange community in the Netherlands, to support further development of the profession nationwide. We connect knowledge transfer and entrepreneurship professionals, we build expertise and professionalism, and promote collaboration with all relevant stakeholders. Together, we're building a robust national infrastructure for knowledge exchange and entrepreneurship, giving the field of knowledge utilisation a strong, recognisable place within the Dutch innovation ecosystem. KEEN has a broad profile. We bring together the full spectrum of knowledge utilisation and impact in the Netherlands and work together to further develop our profession. This ranges from knowledge transfer and startup support to supporting social entrepreneurship and knowledge utilisation from social, cultural, and creative disciplines.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	2,000 - 3,000	KTOs and incubators from Universities, University Medical Centres, RTOs, Universities of Applied Sciences, some National Research Programs & National Research Institutes	~20	0

Range of Activities and Services

- Organising national KTO masterclasses (training and skills development)
- Connecting and strengthening KT professionals (community building)
- Developing national guidelines, templates and harmonised practices
- Improving transparency and efficiency in KT processes (e.g. IPR terms, governance)
- Providing insights and advice to stakeholders (ministries, agencies, boards)
- Contributing to policy development and strengthening the innovation ecosystem

Poland

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	PACTT Council: 7 people	Polish, English	2015	100% Sponsors	0

MISSION STATEMENT

The Polish Association of Centres for Technology Transfer (PACTT.pl) is a voluntary association of representative units of Polish universities responsible for the protection, management and commercialisation of university IP.

Our goals are: Integration of the professional environment dealing with the KT in academic ecosystem; exchange of knowledge, experience, standards and good practices; development of KT professionals; cooperation in the field of commercialisation of research results; joint representation of the members of PACTT.pl before public administration bodies, employers' associations and other entities operating toward innovation and cooperation between science and business. This representation applies, in particular, to such actions as: initiating pro-innovation activities of national character, preparing and giving opinions on legal changes and issuing opinions on strategic documents and actions taken by authorised bodies in the area of national innovation policy.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	None	Universities, Academy of Science Institutes, Research Institutes, Non-Academic Research Centres	110	0

Range of Activities and Services

- PACTT conferences (twice a year: spring and autumn)
- Online webinars and training
- Live seminars and training programs
- Other events:
 - PACTT - Pfizer Academy (two editions)
 - Scientific Award (Astra Zeneca)
 - PACTT Science-Business Innovation Fair and Exhibition, Łódź, Poland
 - International Poznań Fairs, Science and Startup Zone (multiple annual events)

Slovenia

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	President & Governing Board	Slovenian	2010	Memberships, gifts, grants/funds, other services	3 - 4K

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the SI-TT association is to protect the interests of the membership and to develop knowledge transfer activities as a profession in corporate and general public.

The goals of the association are: To contribute to the success of the Slovenian economy, to the progress and well-being of the country and the citizens of the Republic of Slovenia; To design and adapt professional standards for professionals in the field of KT; To create uniform criteria for measuring the success of KT activities; To establish an association of Slovenian KTOs; To foster networking and socialising among members; To increase the reputation of KT activities; To promote acknowledgment and respect for professional standards and business ethics; To support collaboration of the association with related organisations at home and abroad.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	0	Research Institutions, Business Support Organisations, Government Agencies	34	0

Range of Activities and Services

- Represent members' professional interests and rights
- Contribute to national standards, policies, and regulations
- Facilitate networking, collaboration, and knowledge exchange
- Promote professionalism, ethics and the KT field
- Advocate members' views to institutions and stakeholders
- Collaborate with national and international organisations
- Support development and favourable conditions for KT
- Provide mediation and professional support to members
- Organise events, publications, and communication activities
- Recognise achievements and engage the public
- Support young talent and community initiatives
- Conduct revenue-generating activities (events, publications, consulting, advertising)

Spain

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Formal but not a legal entity	9	Spanish	1997	Associated Members (not Universities)	N/A

MISSION STATEMENT

RedOTC's mission is 'to promote and disseminate the role of universities as essential elements in the national innovation system'.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	800 for Associated members	Universities, Public Research Organisations and other entities	81	0.75

Range of Activities and Services

- Training courses in various areas of knowledge transfer: contracts, creation of EBTs, protection of results, incorporation of the gender perspective
- Organisation of the annual Technical Conferences, a meeting point for professionals from Spanish transfer offices and participation in the Spanish University Research Conferences
- Elaboration of the I+TC+D Survey on research and knowledge transfer in Spanish universities
- Elaboration of technical notebooks of interest for the sector, dissemination and communication activities
- Partners and collaborators at national and international level

Spain

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	9 Board Members	Spanish	2013	Memberships, sponsors, events, courses	160K

MISSION STATEMENT

Redtransfer – Association of Professionals in Knowledge Transfer, Innovation and Research Management is the Spanish association of professionals involved in knowledge transfer and innovation management. It was created in 2013 with the mission of supporting and promoting the exchange and knowledge Transfer. The association aims to enhance the impact of research on society and the economy by supporting and professionalising knowledge transfer and innovation management practitioners.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Individual	120 regular fee; 60 under 30 years; 90 - 110 for institutional plans	KT professionals from Universities, Technology Centres, Healthcare research centres, Non-academic research centres, Science and Technology Parks, Innovation consultancies, Patent agencies, Law firms, Innovative companies	320	2

Range of Activities and Services

- Events such as Annual Conference and professional seminars and conferences
- Training and professional recognition
- Position papers and studies of interest as well as repository of professional materials and reports
- Support for employment and professional mobility
- Special Interest Groups
- Promotion of the Association at national and international level

Sweden

SNITTS (Swedish Network for Innovation and Technology Transfer Support)



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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	9	Swedish, English	2009	Memberships and activities	125K

MISSION STATEMENT

SNITTS mission: Within SNITTS, we come together to, both collectively and individually, strengthen the ability to contribute to positive societal development through collaboration and innovation.

SNITTS vision is that Sweden continually develops its ability to create knowledge-intensive innovations for global benefit and a sustainable world.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Individual	130	Universities, Government, Industry and Research Institutions	292	1

Range of Activities and Services

- Annual conference “Innovation by Collaboration” held each year in September/October
- General Assembly held annually in March
- Training courses organised regularly throughout the year
- Webinars hosted on a recurring basis
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for focused discussions and collaboration
- Member-only LinkedIn group for sharing insights, knowledge, and professional discussions
- Participation in national innovation working groups and representation of the network
- Regular newsletter publications, active LinkedIn presence, and dedicated website for information & updates

Switzerland

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	6	English, German, French, Italian	2003	>95% Members <5% Events & Training	110K

MISSION STATEMENT

swiTT's vision is to advance Switzerland as a powerhouse of knowledge transfer, supported by a thriving network of collaboration and shared expertise.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional or Individual	245 Academic; 370 Business; 2,120 Supporting	N/A	153	1

Range of Activities and Services

- Annual conference and General Assembly held each year in January
- Monthly swiTT Talks online sessions via Zoom
- swiTT Academy courses delivered online or in person
- Site visits to member KTOs
- Internal LinkedIn group for members to ask questions and exchange knowledge
- Annual report with national knowledge transfer statistics
- Monthly e-newsletter
- Active LinkedIn presence
- Dedicated website
- Invited talks for stakeholders in Switzerland and internationally
- Participation in working groups on national policies and reports

Turkey

ÜSIMP (University-Industry Collaboration Centers Platform of Turkey)



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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	9 Board Members	Turkish	2007	Memberships, events, projects, services	70K

MISSION STATEMENT

To contribute to the establishment, institutionalisation and improvement of quality and performance of university-industry collaboration interface organisations by developing a national culture of cooperation and collaboration, and to contribute to the development of policies, strategies and action plans for effective and efficient implementation of knowledge transfer practices for proper exploitation of university-based knowledge and technologies for the benefit of the society.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	230	TTOs/KTOs, Industry, Research Institutions, Agencies & Chambers	140	3

Range of Activities and Services

- Organisation of different activities, such as Symposia and Workshops on UIC, KE/KT and IPR
- Experience sharing amongst best practice KTO's and trainings at different levels of expertise including recognised courses leading to RTTP CE points
- Novel self-assessment tools for capacity building for KTOs and industrial sectors: such as USIMP Innovation Scorecard and USIMP Interface Self-Assessment methodology which are offered to members
- University-Industry Collaboration National Congress and National Patent Fair organised annually where University Patents are presented to the Sector
- Reports to guide the policy makers in their decisions and new programmes: Topics such as KE/TT Metrics, UIC, KTO Employee Loyalty and Contentment Studies
- Working Groups on current challenges for the preparation of policy recommendations as well as international participation and representation of the Turkish ecosystem

Ukraine

Ukrainian Technology Transfer Alliance (UTTA)

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Formal but not a legal entity	13 Board Members	Ukrainian	2026	N/A	N/A

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of UTTA is to create a unified national knowledge transfer ecosystem by consolidating the efforts of universities, research institutions, and businesses to transform Ukraine's intellectual capital into real innovative products and economic growth.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional and individual	N/A	Universities, Research Institutions, innovation offices, KTOs, TISCs, science and industrial parks, public authorities and regional development agencies, experts and practitioners	220	N/A

Range of Activities and Services

- National conferences and thematic forums for knowledge exchange among KT and innovation professionals
- Regular networking sessions connecting academia, research centres, and industry
- Platforms to showcase innovations and pitch R&D results to investors and businesses
- Monthly meetings of governing bodies for strategic coordination
- Training programmes and workshops on intellectual property and research commercialisation
- Access to templates, guidelines, and best practices for innovation management
- Advisory support on technology valuation, licensing, and partnerships
- Support in building consortia and participating in national and international projects

United Kingdom

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Knowledge Exchange UK

LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	10 Non-Executive Directors	English	2002	Memberships, training courses, events, sponsors	N/A

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to promote best practices, set standards and represent our sector to enable excellence in knowledge exchange.

We aim to be the leading professional body for knowledge exchange, offering expert guidance, setting sector standards, and influencing policy. By leveraging our global reach and diverse membership, we will connect, develop, and empower KE practitioners to deliver sustained impact for public good and prosperity.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	1,270	Universities, Research Institutions, Catapult Centres, Funding agencies, Charitable Research Organisations, Government bodies, Industry bodies, Commercial companies, Professional service companies	200+	12

Range of Activities and Services

- Annual conference and national Knowledge Exchange awards
- Courses, workshops, online training, masterclasses, seminars, and consultations
- Guidance documents and toolkits
- Professional development support and mentoring scheme
- Recruitment board and weekly job updates
- Online membership community
- Directors forums, regional networks, and Special Interest Groups



Appendix 4: Profiles of NAAC Global Guests

Chile

Red de Gestores Tecnológicos de Chile

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	7 Board Members	English, Spanish	2011	N/A	80K

MISSION STATEMENT

Strengthen the national and Latin American innovation ecosystem through actions that promote knowledge transfer and public-private discussion around innovation management.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional and individual	1000 institutional; 70 individual	KTOs	150	2

Range of Activities and Services

- Annual events
- Training
- Awards
- Work of commissions or special interest groups
- Job opportunities
- Generate public policy

New Zealand

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	5 Board Members, 3 Independent Directors and 2 Shareholder-Representative Directors	English	2011	Government & philanthropy	3.5M

MISSION STATEMENT

To foster a national commercialisation network that transforms public research into economic benefits for Aotearoa New Zealand. KiwiNet is Aotearoa New Zealand's national collaboration for research commercialisation. We don't do commercialisation ourselves—we empower the knowledge transfer professionals and researcher-founders who do. Through shared PreSeed Accelerator Funding, mentoring, capability-building and common practice, we help teams validate markets, de-risk technology and build scalable ventures. Working with universities, public research organisations and industry/investors, we accelerate spin-outs, licences and partnerships across priority sectors—creating new companies, high-value jobs and solutions with global potential.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional	None	Universities or knowledge transfer subsidiaries and public research organisations	15 shareholders	10

Range of Activities and Services

- Deployment of a shared commercialisation fund through a collaborative investment committee
- Support for researcher entrepreneurship through funding, mentoring, and development programmes
- Professional development and capability building for knowledge transfer professionals
- Shared frameworks, best practices, and support for accreditation
- Engagement with investors, corporates, and an active mentor network
- Programmes to support spin-outs and commercialisation pathways
- Sector benchmarking and contribution to policy development
- Recognition of achievements through annual awards
- Monitoring outcomes through reports, case studies, and performance metrics

Southern Africa

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LEGAL STATUS	GOVERNING BODY	LANGUAGE	FOUNDING YEAR	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	ANNUAL BUDGET (€)
Legal entity - not for profit	3 Board Members	English	2002	Memberships, training, funded projects	700K

MISSION STATEMENT

To catalyse sustainable socio-economic development across Southern Africa by building and strengthening individual, institutional, and regional capacity, promoting best-practices and facilitating professional development and recognition in research and innovation management and administration, while leveraging our distinctive practitioners and experts-led ability to influence, educate, and advocate with an authentic voice.

Membership

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	FEE (€)	MEMBERS	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERMANENT STAFF (FTE)
Institutional and Individual	47 with bulk discounts	Individuals, Research Institutions	~650 - 700	8

Range of Activities and Services

- Deliver training/capacity building courses (standard & customised): in person or online
- Promote professional development and access to professional recognition - research management (IPRC) and KT (RTTP via ATTP)
- Annual Conference and Pre-Conference Workshops
- Webinars and masterclasses
- Quarterly newsletter
- Host a variety of Communities of Practice (Special Interest Groups)
- Inclusion in funded activities (e.g. exchange, mentorship, expert-in-residence, training) associated with funded projects
- Vacancies listings
- Manuals and resources
- Network with other organisations in Africa and beyond
- Advocacy
- Surveys (e.g. salary, capacity development requirements, KT)