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Title

Institutional support for improving the performance of the Tunisian research and innovation system.

Sector(s)

Scientific Research

Technological Development

Problem description

The project addresses a number of aspects related to the National Research and Innovation System (NRIS) which can be improved towards the promotion of innovation and value creation. These weaknesses of NRIS are particularly related to:

- National innovation policies and strategies which are not enough coordinated with economic and institutional operators;
- Rigid regulatory framework for innovation;
- Management which has to be improved towards the expected results;
- Lack of technology transfert structures and weakness of the interface between research-innovation structures and the socio-economic environment;
- Insufficient stakeholder participation (including the private sector) in the RI strategic process;

In the light of this analysis, the central problem is the inadequacy of the NRIS 's governance, particularly at the organizational and regulatory levels, and the fragility of the mechanism for the exploitation of research results.

Objectives

- Main objective:

Contribution to the improvement of the competitiveness of the national economy and its increased integration in the world economy and in particular within the European area by strengthening the contribution of the national research and innovation system.

- Specific objective:

Improving the operating modes and the performance of the Research and Innovation system towards value creation.

Results

Expected results:

Result 1: Revisions to policies, legislation and practices governing research and innovation based on EU acquis are proposed.

Result 2: Improvements to the steering mechanisms of the strategy and governance of the research and innovation system are proposed .

Result 3: The managerial and technical capacities of the General Directorates responsible for research and innovation strengthened.

Result 4: The visibility and notoriety of NRIS at the local and international level strengthened.