The Innovation, Partnership and External Relations Department (IPREX) supports researchers in projects implying collaboration with social and economic stakeholders. It also supports research projects containing a valorisation aspect and developed with a public or a private partner, financed by national, European and international institutional programmes.

Working in close collaboration with the Technology Transfer Acceleration Company (SATT Ouest Valorisation), the IPREX department supports and advises researchers in order to promote their projects through the most appropriate instrument: patent filing, software protection, maturation programme, creation of a start-up or Industrial Agreements for Training through Research.

This support can also be expressed through the establishment of a cooperation agreement in line with the scope of the project: student internship, research contract, advice service.

The IPREX department is the Le Mans Université entry point for public or private partners and ecosystem stakeholders whose objective is to create the synergy of means and resources to support the valorisation of research, training and innovation activities.

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Valorisation of research results
Supporting innovation
Promoting our know-how
The IPREX Department contributes to the dynamic of innovation

The IPREX team monitors developments in relation to academic skills and the innovation needs of public and private partners. It collaborates in synergy with the stakeholders of the local ecosystem such as Le Mans Tech association (French Tech network) and Le Mans Innovation.

- Identifying skills, know-how and research results
- Supporting activities by using the appropriate instruments of valorisation
- Building lasting partnerships and developing public-private collaborations
- Attending trade shows and events to promote skills and know-how
- Promoting and supporting innovation, contributing to the outreach of Le Mans Université at regional, national and international level
- Dealing with external requests from companies and thematic networks
- Organising meetings with social and economic stakeholders
- Over 150 partners and companies

The FIL’INNOV regional programme

FIL’INNOV is a programme funded by the Pays de la Loire region and the ERDF. It helps to support and foster the valorisation of research activities and results in the Pays de la Loire region. It structures the research according to the socioeconomic sectors of the regional plan for innovation.

- Research endeavours and results
  - Structured by socio-economic sector:
    • Computer Sciences-Mathematics
    • Health and biotechnologies
    • Mechanics and Materials
    • Materials and Chemistry
    • Humanities and Social Sciences

- A dynamic ecosystem
  - Stakeholders: SATT Ouest Valorisation, Center for Technology Transfer of Le Mans, Le Mans Tech, Business Hubs, Clusters, thematic networks and Le Mans Innovation
  - Instruments: financing, start-up, assistance for innovation, support, valorisation

- The FIL’INNOV programme
  • Giving a higher profile to Research, Training and Innovation in our region
  • Capitalising on the skills and know-how in research and training
  • Bringing them together by socio-economic sector
  • Bringing these to the attention of companies

- Events and meetings
  • Annual TRIUM day
  • Dedicated morning events
  • Theme-based events
  • Local Valorisation Committees
  • Visits to laboratories and particular research equipments

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