

Commercialization of new technology in the Polish Universities

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Evaluation and analysis process of commercialization of new technologies in the Polish universities over the course of last few years clearly show that despite of an increasing number of initiatives and programs that aimed at the promotion of academic entrepreneurship in Poland, a significant progress in this area in the form of large-scale formation of spin-offs has almost been unnoticeable. The main obstacle to commercialization of knowledge is both, the insufficient knowledge of the realities and existing business and market mechanisms among scientists.

The last amendment of the "Law on Higher Education" Act, defines two paths of commercialization - directly by the University, or indirectly through a special purpose vehicle.

If the university is not interested in the commercialization of technology, the law gives the opportunity to transfer the intellectual property rights to the authors.

In the paper, the model of commercialization in the Wroclaw University of Technology will be presented, as the typical example of an implementation of the legislation in Poland.

Furthermore, the role of the University will be discussed, its Centre for Transfer of Technology, and other organizational units that are involved in the process of commercialization.