



The PROMIS Centre Attracts Research and Product Development *Cooperation is the Strength Also in EU projects*

The project activity focus on the EU programming period of 2007 - 2013 has moved to a larger co-project of several agents, which surpasses the national borders in terms of their effects, and receives assistance from several structural sponsors. One of these extensive and multi-faceted projects is PROMIS Centre for Research.

The Pharmaceutical Process Measurement and Simulation, i.e. the PROMIS Centre is a project made in cooperation with the University of Eastern Finland, VTT (Technical Research Centre of Finland) and Savonia Polytechnics. The interdisciplinary centre of competences originated in Kuopio combines experts of different areas from universities, polytechnics, research institutes and industries to meet needs of the pharmaceutical industry. The technology transfer projects of research institutes commercially and socially enable significant inventions for the emergence and development of products. The method and structure, as well as the business orientation of the research are pioneers in Finland.

The research environment structured in the projects offers a competitive and attractive innovation environment and network at international level for manufacturers of devices of Eastern Finland.

A good research environment with equipment of high level also attracts to the area Finnish and foreign leading companies of the pharmaceutical sector that operate internationally. It speeds up the formation of strategic business partnerships, technology transfer, as well as the business activities and collaboration networks of companies from Eastern Finland. The project will also improve the common use by interest groups of research centre laboratories.

Four Projects, Three Sponsors

In a period of two years, a total support of about 3.64 million Euros was sent for the investments and development of the PROMIS Centre. This amount came from the European Regional Development Fund to be used in three projects and from the European Social Fund to be used in one project. The grantors of the funds are the Regional Council of Pohjois-Savo for the PROFIT-PROMIS project (process device projects), Tekes for the PROMET (research and development of new measurement methods) and PROMISENS (research and development of applications for new measurement methods) projects, as well as the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment, for the PROTONS project (development of central operational models and structures, as well as prototype services). The cooperation between sponsors and project agents has proceeded smoothly.