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THE EUROPEAN PROJECT CENTER

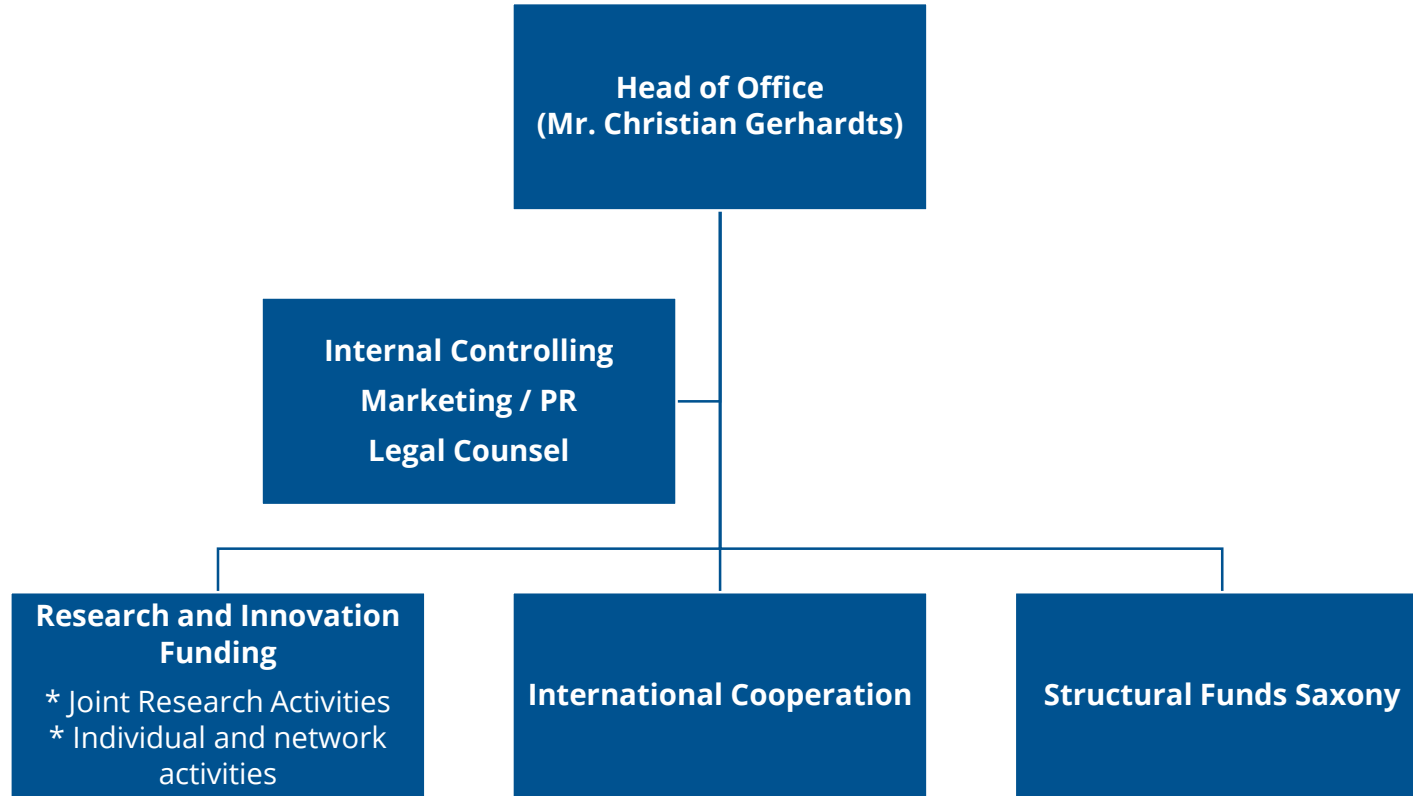
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Turning Ideas into Successful Projects: Consultancy and Support

- Founded on 1st June 2005; integration into Central University Administration in 2006
- **100% third-party funded**
- Currently 45 members of staff (project managers and assistants), controlling and PR team and legal counsel

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EPC | Staff Structure



The EPC Employees...

... have university degrees and personalized training plans

... are young and highly motivated

... are fluent in English plus a 2nd language

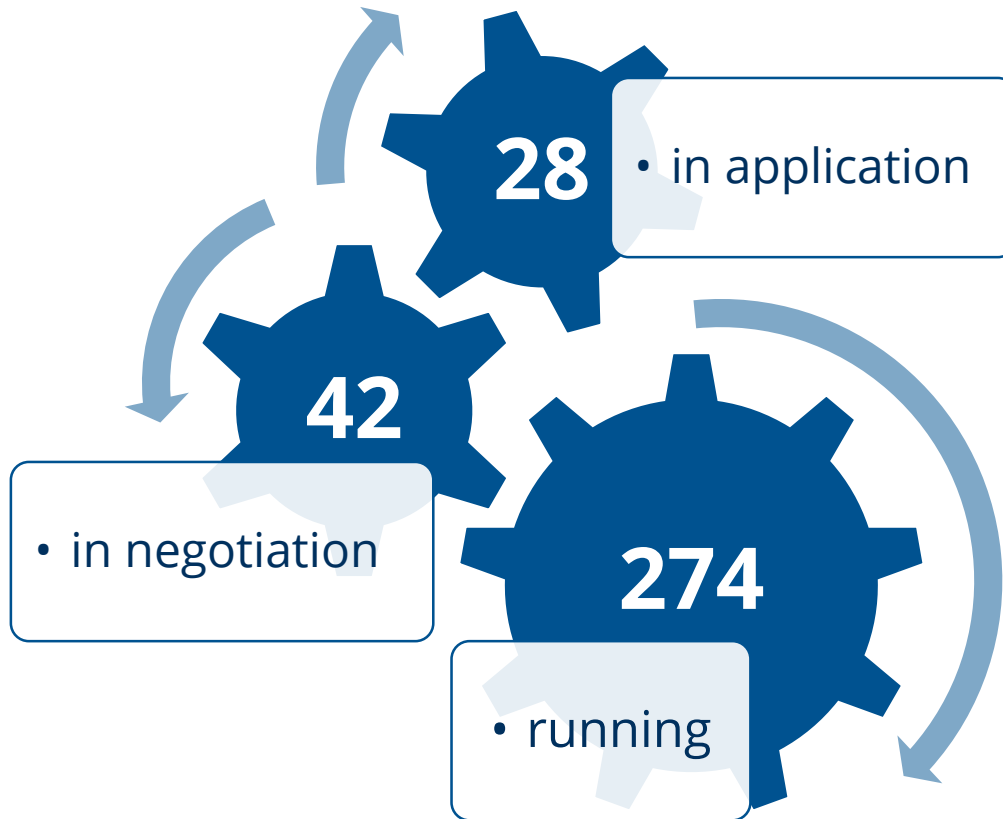
EPC | Principle of Financing

100 % third-party
funded



- **Direct** and **indirect costs** of granted TUD EU-projects
- **Bilateral agreements** in programmes without overheads
- Overhead is centralised at TUD
- EPC runs **own projects**
- **External Service Provider**

EPC | Project Statistics



EU Funding | Overview



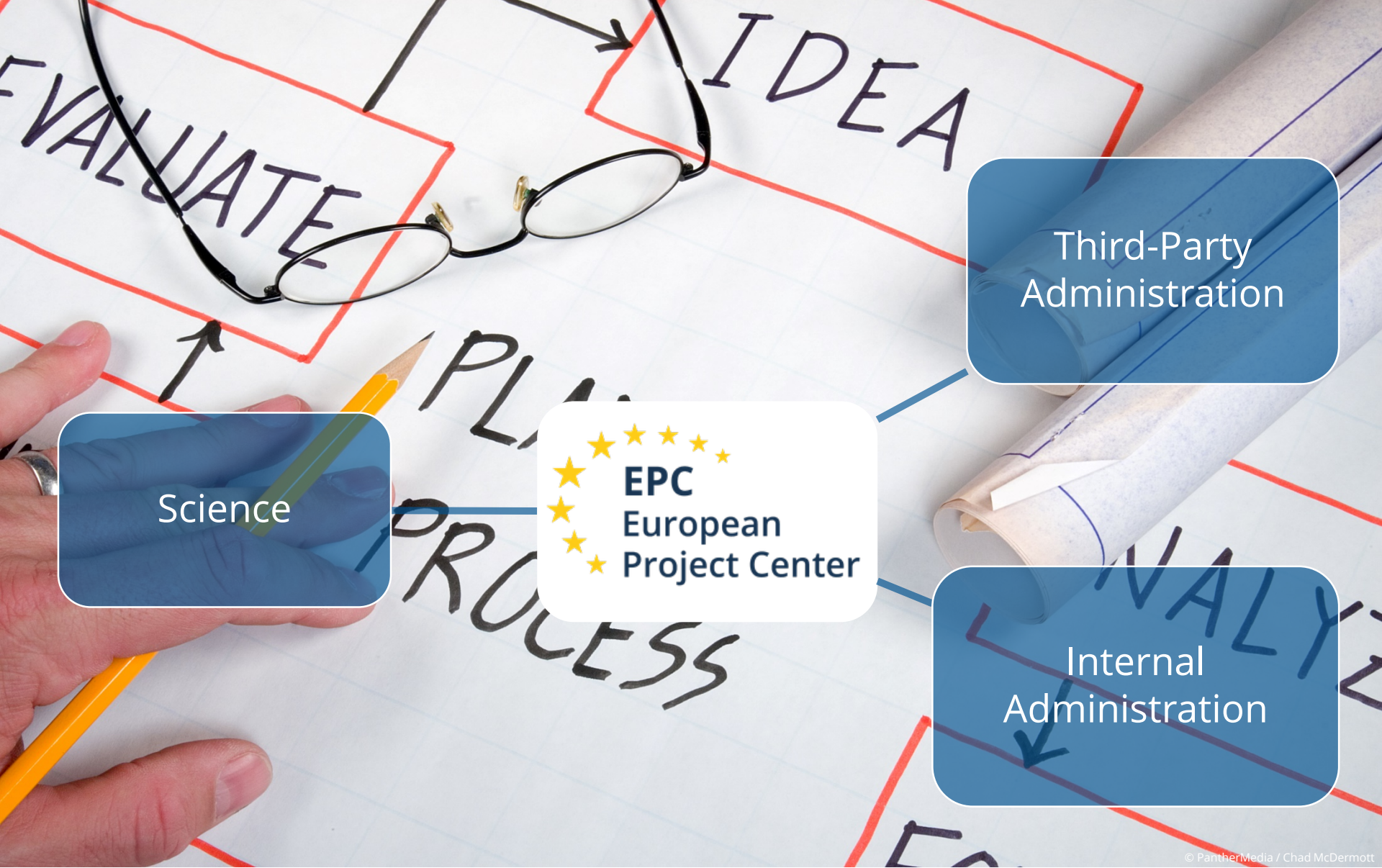
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- 6-7 year funding periods (current 2021 – 2027)
 - Many different funding instruments
 - Different **administrative authorities** EU, national, (inter-)regional
 - Many **different regulations** depending on funding instrument and period
- **Three important funding pillars:**
 - Research and innovation funding
 - Structural funds and regional development
 - Promotion of education and cooperation

EPC = "ONE-STOP-SHOP" for the lifecycle of a project



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EPC | Service portfolio | 1



- I. **Consultation** and project acquisition
- II. **Support** during the proposal writing process
- III. Administrative, financial and legal **project management** during the implementation phase
- IV. **Events and workshops**

I. Consultation and project acquisition

- Searching for suitable funding programmes
- Identifying suitable calls for proposals
- Matching project ideas and calls for proposals



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II. Support during the proposal writing process/ TUD incentive scheme

- Advising on the strategic orientation of the proposal and on the structure of the consortium (EU funding)
- Supporting the submission of a proposal (budget planning, administrative aspects of a proposal)
- Advising on the TUD internal incentive scheme
- Obtaining legally binding signatures (e.g. NDA)



III. Administrative, financial and legal project management during the implementation phase

- Checking and authorising contracts / grant agreements ; if applicable, setting up partner contracts / agreements
- Controlling of schedules and budgets
- Monitoring programme-specific regulations and ensuring their implementation
- On-going communication with funding agency
- Reporting, auditing, checking eligibility of costs



IV. Events and workshops

- „Horizon 2020: Introduction for newcomer“
- Horizon 2020: Application - "Dos and Don'ts" for successful participation
- ERASMUS+ information event
- Workshops on ERC and MSCA
- ERASMUS+ Staff Training Week

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V. Networking and lobbying

- **EARMA and CESAER:** Memberships in different Task Forces
- **ESF:** Membership Monitoring Committees Saxony / ESF-Beauftragter
- Chair of the State Working Group Saxony and the Federal Working Group of EU speakers
- Participation in numerous networks and task forces at working level (AENEAS, AG Recht BAK etc.) plus collaboration with Saxon State ministries

EPC | Success and strategic positioning | 1

Our successes / achievements

- **Horizon 2020: 5th place** in Germany
- **ERC Grants in H2020:** 3rd position (number of projects)
- **FP7:** Top 10 in Germany (6th/7th place)
- Most active German university in **TEMPUS Programme** (2002-2012 – DAAD award)
- Most successful university in Saxony in **European Social Funds Programme**
- **EPC runs own projects** (TEFCE, Get Started, Caribbean Welcome, STUDIK, SPIDER, EU4Armenia, ...)
- ... HERD ☺

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EPC | Success and strategic positioning | 2

Networks and committees

- **EARMA:** Task Force Project Management
- **CESAER:** Task Force EU Funding Instruments
- **ESF:** Membership Monitoring Committees Saxony (Seat of Rectors' Conference of the state)
- Chair of State Working Committee of **EU Consultants Saxony** + participation in Federal Working Committee
- Participation in numerous networks and task forces at working level (**AENEAS, AG Recht BAK** etc.) plus collaboration with Saxon ministries with new ESF directives

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Thank you very much!
And let's discuss!

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