

NATURE OF INNOVATION

# **NOI TECHPARK - HARD FACTS**

NOI Techpark is South Tyrol's innovation district. Here, companies, institutes and the university find a stimulating surrounding to collaborate on research and development projects.

NOI stands for Nature of Innovation. An acronym that reflects our core and our strategic positioning. Inspired by nature, adapted to change, we rethink established patterns and create new solutions for the benefit of people and nature. Currently, 79 companies, 34 start-ups, 3 research institutes, 4 university faculties and a total of 2,400 people are working together for sustainable progress. The ever-expanding infrastructure of 70 laboratories and prototype workshops, offices, co-working spaces and academic areas makes it possible. The aim? To create space for ideas and make South Tyrol a strategic hub for innovation.

#### **MISSION**

NOI Techpark is where companies, universities and research institutions come to work together. Our services are aimed at all those who conduct research and development in South Tyrol. The main contributors are the companies – from high-tech companies to SMEs with technology potential to innovative start-ups. We support them, connect them with the academic and scientific world and provide them with access to research partners, research infrastructure and EU funding. Throughout various phases of development, we are transforming the site into an innovation hub and bringing it to life with services for businesses and a tailor-made arts and culture programme for everyone.

### **FACTS & FIGURES**

12 hectares, 40% of which have been built on68 scientific and prototype laboratories79 companies34 start-ups

#### 3 research institutions:

Eurac Research Fraunhofer Italia Laimburg Research Centre

#### 4 faculties of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano:

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# Engineering

# 11 Institutions

EDIH - European Digital Innovation Hub

EEN – Enterprise Europe Network

EIT Digital – European Institute of Innovation and Technology

hds-unione - Competence Center of Urban Development, Sustainability & Digitalization

HGV – Innovation department

KlimaHaus-CasaClima – The Agency for Energy South Tyrol

lvh.apa – Innovation & New Markets department

SABES – Innovation, Research and Teaching Service

SBB – Innovation & Energy department of the Farmers' Association of South Tyrol

**SMACT Competence Center** 

NOI S.p.A. – In-house company of the Autonomous Province of Bozen-Bolzano and operating company of NOI Techpark

# 8 service areas

Labs
Technology Transfer
Start-up Incubator
Innovation Management
EU Opportunities
Open Data Hub
Public Engagement
Area & Spaces

#### **TIMELINE**

- 2007-2008: Autonomous Province of Bozen-Bolzano invites bids in an International Ideas Competition
- **2008**: Polish artist Mariusz Waras transforms the water tower into a work of art to celebrate the 7th 'Manifesta'
- 2008-2012: Architectural planning by Chapman Taylor Italia (Milan) and Studio CLEAA (Claudio Lucchin & Architetti Associati, Bozen-Bolzano) with Andrea Cattacin (Trient-Trento)
- 2015-2017: Two years of construction completed on time and within budget
- 20 October 2017: Opening of NOI Techpark
- 28 March 2019: Opening of Building Module D1, the first building for private companies
- 30 September 2019: Opening of Building Module A3 with nursery and kindergarten
- **October 2022**: Completion of Building Module A6 with the Eurac Research Institute for Biomedicine and office premises
- 5 May 2023: Opening of the NOI Techpark in Bruneck-Brunico
- 30 August 2024: Opening of the two new expansion buildings D2 and D3
- 19 September 2024: Opening of the Faculty of Engineering of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano in building module B1