

# 180 companies from 5 countries keen on innovating in Brno

## BRNO/Czech Republic

Companies from the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia and the UK entered the fourth call for innovation vouchers launched by the [South Moravian Innovation Centre](#). Applications were submitted online till May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012. The overall number of applications reached 180 being a huge success in the Czech Republic where the rest of the innovation vouchers schemes gains about 10 to 50 applications in total.

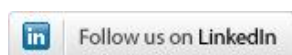
Subsidies worth up to 4.000 EUR will cover 75 % of the overall costs of the pursued projects. The City of Brno will distribute more than 160.000 EUR in total. Companies are encouraged to innovate their products, services or processes working together with one of the [knowledge providers](#). For the first time, the call was opened to innovative companies from all over the world.

## Key Trends for 2012

Most companies seek co-operation with Brno University of Technology with building industry and mechanical engineering as prevailing sectors. Other well represented sectors are ICT, life-sciences, mechanical engineering plus food and agricultural industry.

All the applications will enter a public ballot on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2012. The final voucher recipients should finish their research projects till June 2013.

More information available at [www.innovationvouchers.cz](http://www.innovationvouchers.cz).



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## About the South Moravian Innovation Centre

The [South Moravian Innovation Centre \(JIC\)](#) is an agency that creates a favourable environment for innovative business in the South Moravian Region of the Czech Republic. We help early-stage businesses grow, create jobs and compete on the market. We support collaboration among industry, R&D institutions and public administration bodies.

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