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Introduction

Innovation partnerships are developed to create value for each partner working together.

Benefits of an innovation partnership include

— access to knowledge, skills, technology and other intellectual assets that are not available within the organization, and

— access to infrastructure resources, such as experimental laboratories and equipment to develop new or improved product and services.

This document provides recommendations for engaging in external partnerships to realize innovation. The corresponding tools and methods are detailed in Annex A to Annex E.

This document relates to the ISO 56000 family of standards, developed by TC 279, as follows:

a) ISO 56000, *Innovation management system — Fundamentals and vocabulary* provides the essential background for the understanding and implementation of this document.

b) ISO 56002, *Innovation management system — Guidance* provides guidance for the development, implementation and maintenance of an innovation management system, to which all subsequent standards of the family, are complementary to.

c) ISO 56005, *Innovation management — intellectual property management — Guidance* provides guidance on how to use intellectual property to achieve business objectives.

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Innovation management — Tools and methods for innovation partnership — Guidance

1 Scope

This document provides a guidance for innovation partnerships. It describes the innovation partnership framework (see Clause 4 to Clause 8) and the sample corresponding tools (see Annex A to Annex E) to

— decide whether to enter an innovation partnership,

— identify, evaluate and select partners,

— align the perceptions of value and challenges of the partnership,

— manage the partner interactions.

The guidance provided by this document is relevant for any type of partnerships and collaborations and it is intended to be applicable to any organizations, regardless of its type, size, product/service provided, such as:

a) start-ups collaborating with larger organizations;

b) SMEs or larger organizations;

c) private sector entities with public or academic entities;

d) public, academic or not-for-profit organizations.

Innovation partnerships start with a gap analysis, followed by the identification, and engagement, of potential innovation partners and the governance of their interaction.

NOTE The essence of an innovation partnership is for all parties to mutually benefit from working together in the context of an opportunity for innovation.

This document is not applicable to organizations seeking innovation by merger or acquisition.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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