



## MINATECH-RO: the first non-software science and technology park in Romania

The Science and Technology Park for Micro- and Nanotechnologies MINATECH-RO was officially inaugurated on 27th of June, 2006 at the IMT-Bucharest headquarters (the main host of the park). MINATECH-RO is the first infrastructure of this type in Romania which is not focussed on the software domain (see [www.minatech.ro](http://www.minatech.ro)).

The initiative to develop this Park belongs to a consortium coordinated by IMT-Bucharest (National Institute for R&D in Microtechnologies, [www.imt.ro](http://www.imt.ro)). The other partners are the University "Politehnica" of Bucharest and the private company ROMES S.A. The main location of the park is mainly in IMT-Bucharest building, on the Baneasa industrial platform, located North of Bucharest, close to the International Airport.

The authorization for MINATECH-RO was emitted in April 2004 by the Ministry of Education and Research. The Secretary of State for Research handed it over officially with the occasion of the visit in IMT - Bucharest of Mr. Ezio Andreta, Director of Directorate G, Industrial Technologies, Directorate General Research, European Commission (Figure 1). The event took place on 13th of May, 2004.

Fig.1



The support project for the development of the park was financed by the INFRATECH Programme administrated by the Ministry of Education and Research. This project (2004-2005) and consists in fitting out spaces (offices and technological spaces) and equipment acquisitions. Majority of funds were distributed for the development of spaces provided by IMT, which contributed also financially to the project. An amount of money was directed also to the "Politehnica" University of Bucharest, Faculty of Electronics and Telecommunication which provided spaces for park.

At the official launching of this new Technology Transfer and Innovation Infrastructure on 27th of June, 2006 the guest of honour has been Mr. Anton Anton, the President of National Authority for Scientific Research (ANCS), Ministry of Education and Research (left in figure 2).

Fig.2



Among the participants to this event have been directors from ANCS, Directors of National Research Institutes, managers of other Technology Transfer and Innovation Infrastructures, representatives of SMEs and of mass media.

In the first step of the visit, in the exhibition hall, results of applied research of laboratories from IMT, as well as and technological offer of SMEs resident in the park has been presented.

The most interesting point of this visit was represented by the technological zone, especially the new clean room (Figure 3), with space available for installing equipments belonging to SMEs. Cooperation with foreign companies is also possible. A number of equipments located here represent new acquisition and are used in common by the research networks financed by CEEX (Research of Excellence) Programme (see the next page).

Fig.3



The next point on the agenda of the visit was visiting the location of companies in the park (S.C. MICROBIOVET S.R.L., S.C. DDS DIAGNOSTIC S.R.L., TELEMEDICA S.A., ROMELGEN S.R.L, EUROPEAN BUSINESS INNOVATION & RESEARCH CENTER S.A., ROM-QUARTZ SA, SITEX 45 S.R.L., OPTOTECH Romania S.R.L.) which already declared their interest for working in technological zone. Photo 4 illustrates the discussion of Mr. Anton Anton with representative of the OPTOTECH SRL.

Finally, the common spaces reserved for international cooperation (European technological platforms, industrial and research networks on micro, nano and bio domain etc.) has been visited. IMT is National Contact Point for European Technological platforms Nanomedicine, Nanoelectronics and Photonics21, but also for other international networks.

Fig.4



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For more information see:

MINATECH-RO: [www.minatech.ro](http://www.minatech.ro)

CTT-Baneasa: [www.imt.ro/ctt](http://www.imt.ro/ctt)

Romanian Naomedicine Platform: [www.minatech.ro/nanomedicine](http://www.minatech.ro/nanomedicine)

Other IMT-Bucharest activities: [www.imt.ro](http://www.imt.ro)