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CEITEC in the spotlight of foreign companies. CzechInvest is already surveying the ground.

The representatives of CzechInvest have negotiated with the management of CEITEC about future cooperation. In it they see a unique opportunity on how to bring other foreign investors into Brno. The access to latest instruments, technologies and laboratory equipment, combined with experienced staff can be a big attraction for companies with their own research and development. There are many factors when deciding whether to choose Brno or another town, one of them is the facilities and specialists who will be interested in working for the company. CEITEC is able offer all this to potential investors and CzechInvest can significantly support CEITEC in this direction.

The representatives of the state Investment and Business Development Agency CzechInvest arrived in Brno at the end of last week, where they met with the management of the CEITEC project and the best scientists and looked through the existing laboratories. They received detailed information about the planned instrumentation, about the premises of the laboratories and about the prepared projects, also about well-known names which should be connected with CEITEC in the near future.

A multinational company with their own research and development that is interested in investing in the Czech Republic is always interested to know whether they will get skilled staff who will be able to start with international projects immediately. People, who can work with modern instruments and can use technologies connected with it, are essential. It is young people of this type who CEITEC will be educating in the following years.

“CEITEC will offer unique instrumentation and laboratory facilities which will be untouched in the Czech Republic,“ says Tomáš Hruďa, Project Director. “We were in touch with more than two hundred companies during the preparation of the project application and now others are getting in touch with us. We are pleased that it is CzechInvest who is interested to introduce CEITEC to potential investors,“ adds Hruďa.

“We have had the opportunity to familiarize ourselves in great detail with the whole of CEITEC project and we are aware of the advantages which it will bring to the Czech Republic,“ said Stanislav Martınek, Investments Divisions Director of the CzechInvest agency. “CEITEC will be attracting top scientists to South Moravia and will also offer the latest infrastructure for research and development. And this is what can be a crucial point for the arrival of worldwide companies with their own research into not only the South-Moravian region,“ adds Martınek.

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Project CEITEC

CEITEC will be an institution where research will be carried out and post-gradual and post-doctoral tuition will be done in various fields of science. Modern instrumentation and technologies will enable work and study of the subjects of life and traditional sciences on all currently available levels of complexity, starting with individual atoms, through molecules, molecule groups, cells to whole organisms.

The project consists of nine research programmes focused in the following fields: **nanotechnologies and microtechnologies, advanced materials, advanced communication and controlling technologies, structural biology, genomics and proteomics of plant systems, molecular medicine, neuroscience, molecular veterinary medicine, and biomedical technologies.**

The following are taking part in the preparation of the project: **Masaryk University, Brno University of Technology, Mendel University of Agriculture and Forestry in Brno, University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences Brno, Institute of Physics of Materials, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Institute of Scientific Instruments, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic Veterinary Research Institute.**

Vision of the CEITEC centre: “We will create a centre of science excellence, whose results will contribute to the improvement of the quality of life and human health.”

Total costs of the CEITEC project	6.53 billion crowns
Buildings including land	1.99 billion crowns
Instruments	3.83 billion crowns
Costs of the preparation of the project, start-up grant	0.71 billion crowns

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