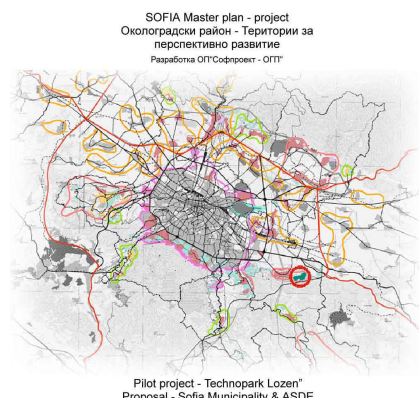


**TECHNOPARK
INFORMATION
COMMUNICATIONS
TECHNOLOGIES**

**“LOZEN”
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№14, code 6-SOFXX-222

The concept of Technopark Lozen II is based on:

- Structural Scheme for Functional Zoning (Preliminary Master Plan) of ECOZONE SOFIA-EAST, approved by Sofia Municipality end of 1999;
- Approved list of pilot projects on the frame of the Sofia Regional Development Plan for the years 2000-2006 - №14, code 6-SOFXX-222
- 30 ha municipal land;
- the structure of the Technopark will be developed together with the possible investor, but in general it includes the following sections:
 - production area;
 - administration, control, technical infrastructure;
 - scientific&educational&experimental sector;
 - foreign trade, exhibition sector;

Short description:

TECHNOPARK LOZEN is a high technological complex, based on the development of information and communication technologies, robotic systems; including artificial intellect, supporting software, hardware and periphery components. The complex includes all needed administrative, energetic, infrastructure, infrastructure, transport, logistics, cultural, social, etc. elements permitting its normal and independent function. The structure includes: R&D sector, production sector;

information&education sector; administrative&marketing&infrastructure and other supporting activities sector; The project is proposed as a programme for partnership under the Eurointegration process in the mentioned areas, and the first 5 years it must realise mainly tasks, proposed by authorities and companies, members in the international consortium, established for the implementation of the project. The form of management will be Bulgarian- Consortium or Share-Holding.

For facilitating the immediate start of the idea, it is proposed on the **first stage** the project to be started on the base of uniting existing specialised companies and structures in the frame of information technologies in Bulgaria; The work will be done by the existing specialists on contracts with German authorities and companies.

A consortium will be established with the participation of (proposal): Bulgarian – Sofia Municipality, ASDE, Technical University (or other scientific institution), invited expert/specialised companies, Foundation “Mikrotek”, ECOZONE PLC;

International – depending on the possible partners;

On the **second stage** the consortium will be given a terrain on which the new Technopark Lozen complex will be realised. The consortium will be registered under the Trade Law and the next-five years it will work under special regulations;

Direct support will be given from: Local administration – Sofia Municipality; Governmental administration – Region Sofia, Ministry of Economy; NGO /Civil society sector – ASDE; A support and coordination will be asked from the Ministry of Economy.

A support and collaboration under the EC programmes and funds will be asked also.

The project is related from one side to the elaborated Local Model for Sustainable Development and Eurointegration “Sustainable Sofia”, and from the other to the established market need in Europe for products in the area of information and computer technologies.

For better accession to the European legislation and due to the specific aspect of the work, for the TECHNOPARK LOZEN special local norms and regulations will be approved for stimulating the access to investment, the development of new working places, development of new environmental friendly technologies and mechanisms of management, development of civil society.

The project will be developed and presented to the European Commission for institutional and investment support.

General characteristics:

- **first stage (1-2 years):** – existing building – average 2 500 m²; working places – 120 specialists; administration – 10 persons; general costs for 1 year– 10 000 000 leva(DM);
- **second stage** – terrain – 30 ha; new buildings and infrastructure – technical data after preparation of the investment programme and preliminary project; working places – up to 1 000 specialists; administration+ layers+ economists+internal control – 40 persons; technical staff – 110 persons; security – on contract; services and supply – banking, resources, trade, social, cultural – on contract;

expected general costs for 1 year – after preparation of investment programme and the preliminary project;

Judgement of the need of the project:

- attraction of investments, development of highly paid, environmentally friendly market product; development of new technologies free from use of non-renewable resources;
- lack of investment, degradation of the state of art of the technological development, unemployment, low standard of living, non-effective use of the local intellectual and knowledge potential;
- development of high technologies, attraction of large investments;
- saving of vital for the development of Bulgaria human,

intellectual and professional potential; the best way for Eurointegration is partnership in solving attractive and strategical problems ; existing local good level of knowledge, experience and education in the field of information and computer technologies;

Cost of the project (BGN) including for approval of:

Based on preliminary calculations - 240 000 000 BGN , including:

for II – 400 000

for PP – 600 000

for TP - 1 000 000

for TD – 650 000

(changes are possible after preparation of the II)

Expected effect

- the figures will be calculated after preparation of the investment idea and the preliminary project;
- from 120 up to 1 000- 2 000 working places; Additional working places for supporting technical and other activities; the ammount of persons positively influenced by this project may reach 20 000

Project coordination:

The proposal is of ASDE under coordination – Ministry of Economy under coordination – Sofia Municipality, Sofia Regional Administration, Foundation “Mikrotek”, specialised companies

Responsible institution

International Consortium, Sofia Municipality, ASDE,

Investor (potential)

International Consortium, Ministry of Economy, Sofia Municipality, EC funds