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PROMOTION OF INNOVATION AND INVENTIVE ACTIVITY: THE ROLE OF
INVENTORS' ASSOCIATIONS AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND
INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

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The Role of Inventors' Associations
at the National, Regional and
International Levels

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The Role of Inventors' Associations (1/4)

- National Level
 - Sounding board for Inventors
 - as entrepreneur
 - in service of an company
 - in leisure time
 - Doorway to the Government
 - legislation
 - subsidies
 - contacts

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The Role of Inventors' Associations (2/4)

- Regional and International Level
 - Via the IFIA in Geneva
 - 2 times a year an international meeting/seminar
 - brochures
 - website, a.o. IFIS
 - Direct Contact with National Associations

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The Role of Inventors' Associations (3/4)

– Target Groups

- Individual Inventors
- Inventors employed in service (companies etc.)
- Inventors as part-timers

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The Role of Inventors' Associations (4/4)

– Inventors employed in service

- The Netherlands, article 12 Dutch Patent Act

– based on European Guidelines

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Inventors employed in service (1/4)

When the invention for which a patent application has been filed has been invented by a person employed in the service of another person, the employee shall be entitled to the patent unless the nature of the service entails the use of the employee's special knowledge for the purpose of making inventions of the same kind as that to which the patent application relates. Should the latter be the case, the employer shall be entitled to the patent.

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Inventors employed in service (2/4)

When the invention for which a patent application has been filed has been invented by a person who has performed services for another in the context of a training course, the person for whom the services were performed shall be entitled to the patent unless the invention has no connection with the subject of the services.

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Inventors employed in service (3/4)

When the invention has been made by a person carrying out research in the service of a university, college or research institute, the university, college or research establishment shall be entitled to the patent.

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Inventors employed in service (4/4)

Conclusion:

Take care not to encourage employees to do inventions as well in the direct benefit of the employer as in the benefit of the inventor.

Inventions definitely are in favor of a healthy economy based on knowledge.

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- The network of the NOVU
 - Prototyping
 - Fundraising
 - Testing by Colleague Members
 - Other Organizations in the Field

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Other Organizations in the Field

- Chambers of Commerce
- Syntens(SME's)
- Senter (subsidies)
- Dutch Idea Center (suggestion boxes) *
- ID-NL Group (commercialization)
- Dutch Patent Office (applications)
- Benelux Bureau for Models (applications)

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Dutch Idea Center (suggestion boxes) (1/2)

- Founded in 1954
- 400 Members (companies and organizations)
- 5 regions in the Netherlands
 - regional board
 - conferences
- National level
 - courses
 - yearly conference
 - magazine "Idee en Werk"

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Dutch Idea Center (suggestion boxes) (2/2)

- Guideline: 5 - 10 % reward based on the yearly savings

Example: Saving of disinfectants at the Heineken Breweries dfl 53.000 per year, reward for the inventor dfl 4.700

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Every stage need other parties (1/3)

- Idea - Invention
 - Inventors
 - Inventor Associations
 - Students
 - R&D Institutions

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Every stage need other parties (2/3)

- Inventions - Product

- Inventors
- Innovation Centers
- Patent Attorneys
- Market Parties
- Investors

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Every stage need other parties (3/3)

- Product - Marketplace

- Inventors
- Market Parties
- Chambers of Commerce
- Students

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Conclusion:

Realize that every Stage
in the Innovation Process
needs other and specific Parties

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