

IK4-IDEKO obtains the certificate that accredits the quality of its R&D&I system

- The research center has successfully met the requirements that guarantee the quality of its research management model and its subsequent transfer to the market
- The competitive intelligence software developed by the technology center, INNGUMA, has been one of the key elements for obtaining the accreditation
- The certificate is one of the requirements that RVCTI technology centres must meet in 2020

The model for strategic management and transfer to the market of R&D&I designed by the Basque Research centre [IK4-IDEKO](#) has obtained the certificate that accredits its excellence.

The entity, with its headquarters in Elgoibar, has successfully met the requirements of the [standard UNE 166002:2014](#), that confirms the quality and robustness of its R&D&I system. The obtaining of this certificate is also one of the requirements that all the technology centres integrated into the Basque Network of Science, Technology and Innovation must meet in 2020.

The centre recently obtained this recognition after successfully passing the process that verifies that the entity's model has strategic vision, considers the attainment of concrete objectives, has sufficient resources, possesses technology watch tools and has enabled performance monitoring, tracking and assessment systems.

INNGUMA, a fundamental pillar in obtaining the certificate

One of the key elements for obtaining accreditation has been INNGUMA, the competitive intelligence software of IK4-IDEKO. This tool, which has recently started its journey as a new business initiative, is an integral technological surveillance platform,

which has been one of the fundamental pillars for the creation of the intelligence system of the Research center, thanks to its capacity for monitoring competitive environments and for the optimization of the research processes, development and technological innovation.

INNGUMA offers IK4-IDEKO support to the flow of critical factors of technological surveillance, helps define its systematics and its management within the organization and finally contributes to the capture, storage, curing and dissemination of information through its web portal for the development of R&D&i.

A recognition of its own methodology

"IK4-IDEKO has its [own methodologies](#) geared towards innovation strategies and R&D&I management in the field of machine tools and manufacturing technologies, which cover various subjects, all aimed at providing the method and system to the innovation models in the company", said the managing director of the research centre, Nerea Aranguren.

Some of the fields present in the current R&D&I management system are competitive intelligence, technology prospecting, market studies and competitive positioning, the definition of multiannual research plans, the exploitation of the results and diversification based on technology training.

"Our R&D&I management model responds to all the needs of industry in the product analysis and definition phase, but also in the company strategy. The obtaining of this certification is an external demonstration of the quality level achieved in the actions carried out up till now", added Aranguren.

Furthermore, the certification has also validated the definition of the R&D&I operating processes in aspects such as the management of ideas, the development of projects and the protection and exploitation of the results.

IK4-IDEKO prizes its 32 year track record devoted to research, development and innovation of new technologies applied to manufacturing and industrial production.

Its R&D&I activity is geared towards offering solutions that contribute to the competitiveness of businesses, and is spread across 4 research groups: [Dynamics and Control](#), [Manufacturing Processes](#), [ICTs](#) and [Design and Precision Engineering](#).