



## **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

### **THE R2I NETWORK FOR ITALY WAS SET UP**

Making use of technology developed by INFN and CERN is now a concrete opportunity for many hi-tech Italian companies, spin-offs and small businesses, that are willing to back and invest on innovation.

Agreements have now actually been signed between INFN and the first Business Innovation Centres (BIC), which are the businesses' incubators and accelerators that applied to participate and were selected to take part in the Network R2I, Research to Innovation.

The R2I Network is an idea proposed by INFN and CERN with the aim of supporting initiatives in technology transfer in Italy, by promoting development of innovative products and services, starting from frontier technology developed in the field of basic research in particle physics. The BIC network managed by INFN itself is the hub of the project, which has already taken in the incubators of I3P, of the Politecnico di Torino, the BioIndustry Park of Colletterto Giacosa (Turin), and Cubact of the Università di Sassari, which will now have to run a process of assessment and selection to identify the start-ups interested in INFN and CERN technologies and commit to providing support, by financing infrastructures and consultancy for 40,000 euros. The next important date for R2I will be in September, when the Technology Transfer websites of INFN and of the BICs belonging to the network will publish the first call for tenders open to companies interested in joining the project. ■