



Innovation Communities

Incubators for business and urban redevelopment

Innovation communities (ICs) combine the best of large business with the best of the individual entrepreneurial spirit. ICs are innovation engines that can help any organization to generate knowledge communities, activate new business models, react quickly to market changes and can even be used to revive urban areas.

ICs have a lot to offer in many circumstances. An IC can help you achieve your goals faster, whether you're a company trying to find new ways of accelerating your innovation and development, a city trying to revitalize local economies, buildings and development, or an entrepreneur looking to start a collaboration with other independents.

ICs allow people to work the way they work best, making the best of human capital. When placed strategically in the urban context, they can revive local conditions, bring new economies to the surface and stimulate social and cultural development. In addition, ICs can successfully convert empty real estate into thriving economies.

Except...

- » brings 6 years of knowledge to IC development trajectories
- » has converted itself into a special form of IC: the cell structured IC
- » offers a full range of IC development services, from concept to complete setup, management and evolution

New business models for innovation development, right next door.

Our world is changing. Around the world we see communities of entrepreneurs and creative industries merge and invent the solutions for tomorrow, bypassing large monolithic companies in innovation ability and economic capacity.

The fastest moving companies now are those that have highly flexible and resilient corporate structures, often made up of groups of independent contractors. They seamlessly move between online and offline tools and networks.

ICs work because they connect innovative individuals to each other as well as to the tools

and services they need to operate. ICs can function as fundamental platforms for knowledge creation and sharing as well as enabling new network economies to flourish.



Example: The Rotterdam Collective is an IC focused on social and environmental development. It is housed in a building previously empty for over a decade, using only the most sustainable materials.

What Innovation Community is right for you?

There are many different ways to set up communities of entrepreneurs, and some work better than others. Some communities are based on time sharing, others on space sharing, or just on knowledge and network connectivity.

Except's Innovation Communities (ICs) are designed for and tuned to their local conditions, and can change over time. ICs are financially independent, inspiring communities of professionals constantly looking for new ways to improve work, life, and entrepreneurship.

Where some flex work or local community systems fail, ICs can succeed. ICs can be set up within existing companies, or created from scratch to convert empty or abandoned buildings into entrepreneurial incubators.

Except has developed a variety of ICs since 2003 as part of its portfolio of sustainable development services. Due to their success, Except has turned itself into a special type of IC: the Cell Organization, and increased its capacity and innovation speed.

Services to set up an Innovation Community



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Innovation Community Scan

The IC Scan tells you what type of IC is the best fit for your business, city or neighborhood, which functions it should contain, what size should it be and where should it be located.



2

Innovation Community Design

With this service we develop the business case, layout, and design of the IC. We determine the right ingredients that create the largest benefits for you.



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Integrated IC Development

This turn-key service develops an IC from start to finish, anywhere in the world, ensuring quality, sustainable operations, and custom built for client and community.



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Adaptive Building Redesign

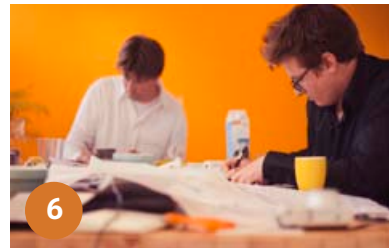
Making use of existing empty real estate is a smart move for ICs: they bring character and reduce costs. Except redevelops and adapts buildings for ICs.



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Interior Design & Production

ICs can have custom built furniture to maximize their atmosphere, functionality and style. We design and produce sustainable interiors for ICs.



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IC Management & Evolution

We offer day to day operation management and consulting for ICs, helping them evolve and stay ahead of the curve in a changing world.



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Some organizations that already have:



What they think of us:

“Except’s people storm the gates of heaven, work extremely hard and invest unbelievable amounts of energy into solving your problem, making it their own and getting to the bottom of it.”

- Bart Verhagen, Development Manager, Estrade / Vestia Housing Corporation