

CTO Survey 2012 Results Overview

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## Spinverse accelerates the open innovation ecosystem

#### **Innovation Programs**

Preparation and management of multiparty programs:

Vision, partner selection, international networking, funding instrument selection, bid preparation.

## **Technology Transfer&Scouting**

Market-driven technology transfer, business and strategy development services

#### **Capital**

Raising capital from private and public sources. Advising public and private investors in technology specific business issues.



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## CTO Survey covers over 70 Finnish CTOs views on their current environment and future outlook

- Spinverse conducts annually a survey on Finnish Chief Technology Officers (CTO)
- CTO Survey 2012 was made in partnership with Sitra,
   Elinkeinoelämän keskusliitto EK and Technology Academy Finland
   TAF
- Survey received 70 online responses, followed by deeper interviews and analysis
- Survey results are comparable to 2011 with many measures.
   Additional focus in 2012 was on large enterprises and innovation management processes

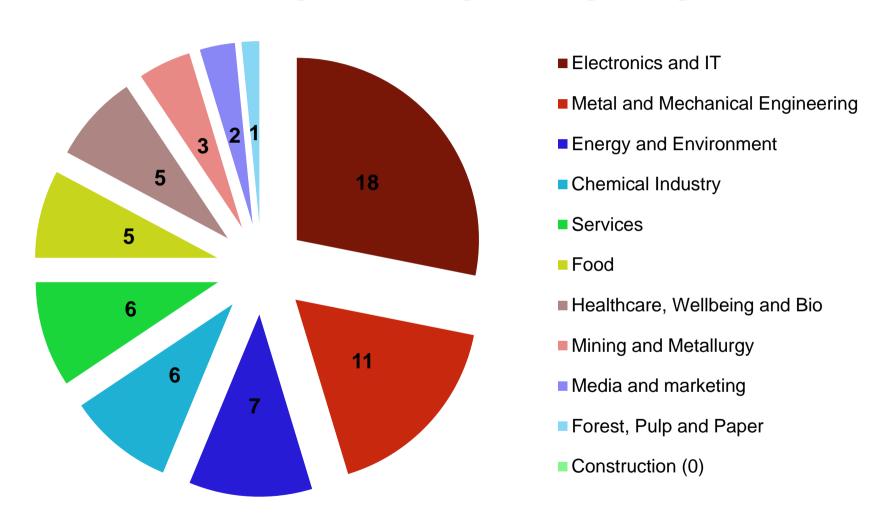








## Responses cover all industries, ICT and Mechanical Engineering being largest



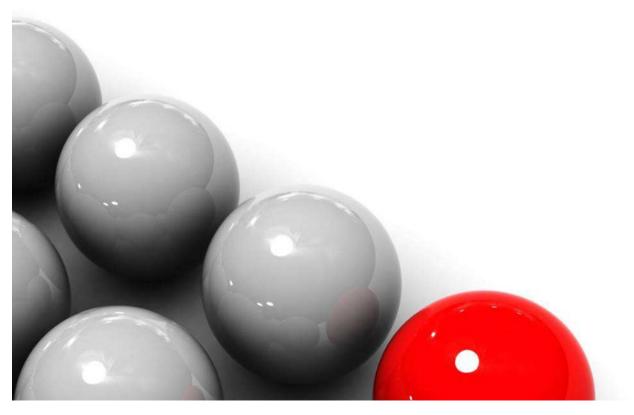


# Quantitative data was complemented by interviewing representatives from large companies

- Kemira: Heidi Fagerholm
- Kone: Giuseppe Bilardello
- Nokia: Henry Tirri
- Orion Diagnostica: Juhani Luotola
- Ruukki: Toni Hemminki
- Stora Enso: Jukka Kilpeläinen
- UPM: Pekka Hurskainen
- Valio: Matti Harju



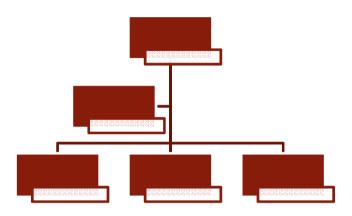
#### **CTO Profile**

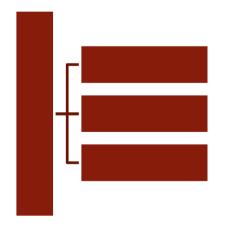




## CTO's role may be distributed and titles vary depending on organization structure

- Research Director
- Technology Manager
- Director of Technology
- Director, Engineering
- Executive Vice President,
   R&D and Technology
- Group Vice President, R&D
- Global R&D Director
- Head of Technology Management
- SVP, Innovation & technology



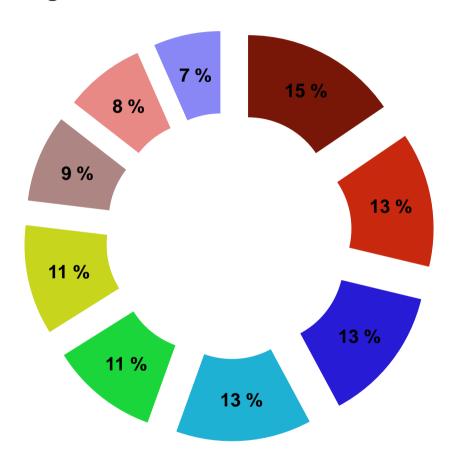


All participants are referred as CTOs in the study



#### CTO job description is diverse and long

#### Average % that CTOs use their resources for



- Developing new products or services
- Developing technology with external partners
- Generating ideas for new products and services
- Managing internal research projects
- Implementing new product ideas from the rest of your company
- Scouting external technologies
- Business analysis of new technologies or products
- Monitoring and communicating technology trends within your organisation
- Managing IPR
- The average responded use of resources adds to 132 %

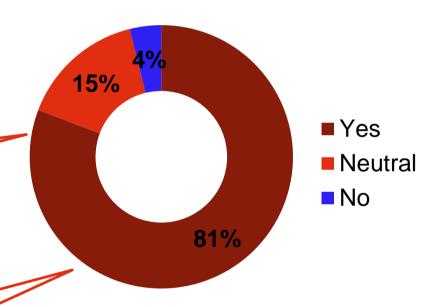


## The CTO gets most of the new ideas from the customer

 84 % of CTOs view customers and suppliers as an integral part of the network for idea harvesting

"60 – 70 % of the ideas come from the customer –CTO has to meet the customer and keep up a two-way relationship".

"CTOs can be in charge of getting first contact to new customer – when the area is new for marketing".



% of CTOs who work well with the customer-facing departments

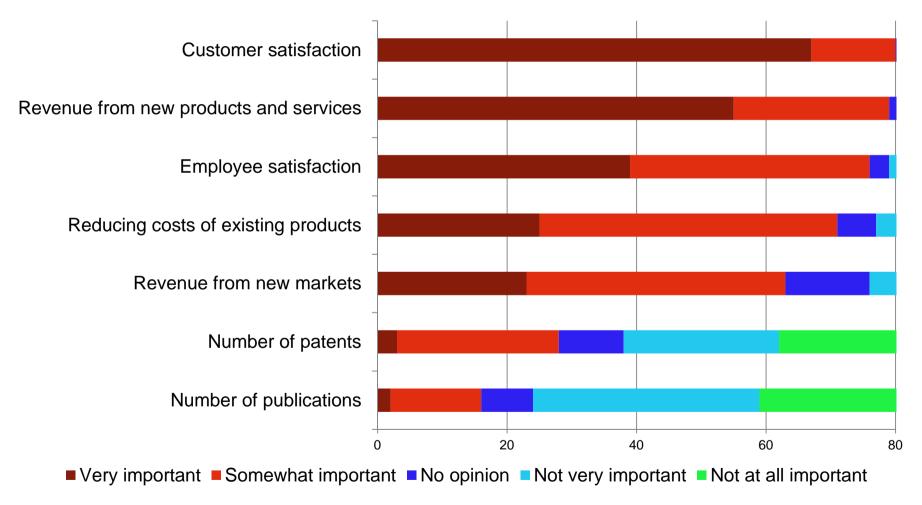


# CTOs on universities: beat international competition with a focus, aim at getting to the top, build own global networks

- "In the traditional industries we have sufficient competences in Finland – for new areas we have started to look for partners also elsewhere"
- "The universities should focus on their areas of expertise"
- "Regarding IPR University collaboration has been very easy. With VTT we have had some trouble but it is getting better."
- "We have benefited from the international networks of the university professors"
- "Researchers should try to become more international"



# Customer and employee satisfaction are important, in addition to the traditional success metrics





## Measuring CTO quantitatively is challenging, but possible – some examples

- New business: Corporate revenue and profit from new products (< 3 year)</li>
- Future profits: Net present value of the CTO portfolio
- Cost savings: Manufacturing cost saving, productivity improvement
- Process efficiency: Meeting stage-gate process timeline, and budget
- Volume of innovation: # of new product releases, # patents
- Visibility: Activity in public discussion, hits in media



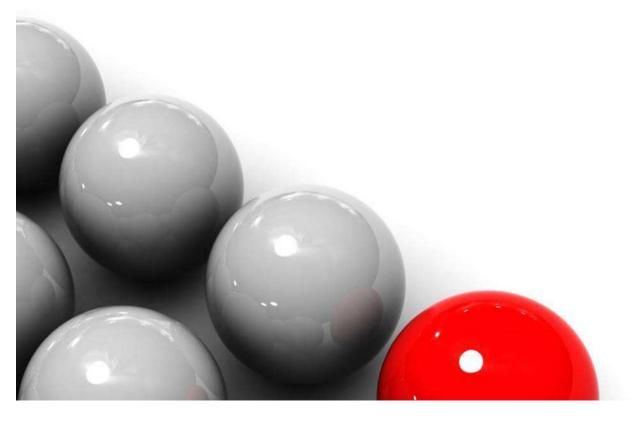
## Needs for new products, working with customers and driving extended organization are global

- The global Arthur D. Little study of CTOs and CIOs in 2011 (N=100) found out that the most important area for innovation investment is gaining a deeper understanding of the customer
- The share of products or services in new business areas is expected to double from 2010 to 2020
- CTOs and CIOs see that their activity should be expanded outside new product development and innovation should be branched out to e.g. supply networks and quality control





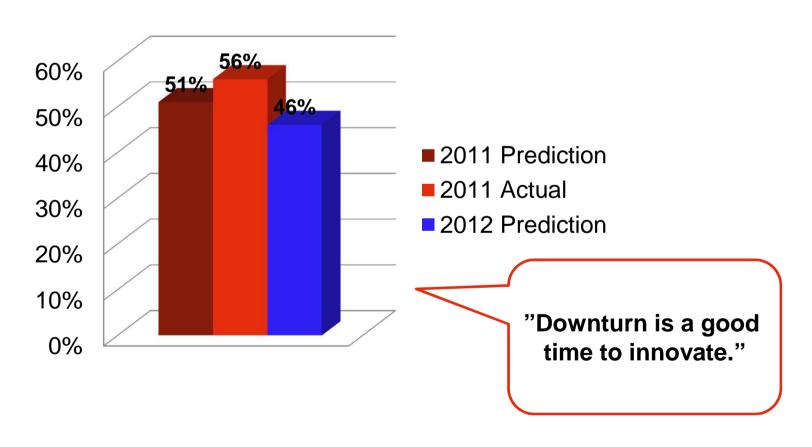
#### CTO Outlook on 2012





## CTOs are not cutting R&D budgets 2012 - almost half of the CTOs plan increases

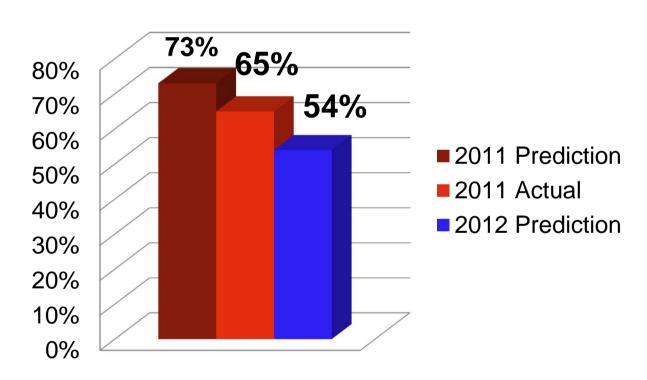
% of CTOs who increase R&D-investment





## Recruitment also continues, but declines from 2011 signalling increase in outsourcing

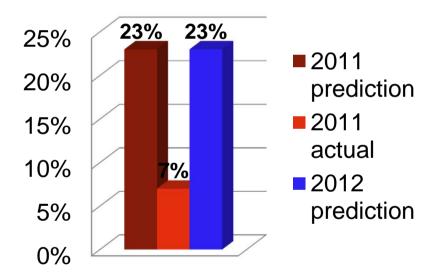
#### % of CTOs who recruit personnel





## Licensing out is difficult for Finnish CTOs and they don't see it very important

#### % of CTOs who divest or license out a technology



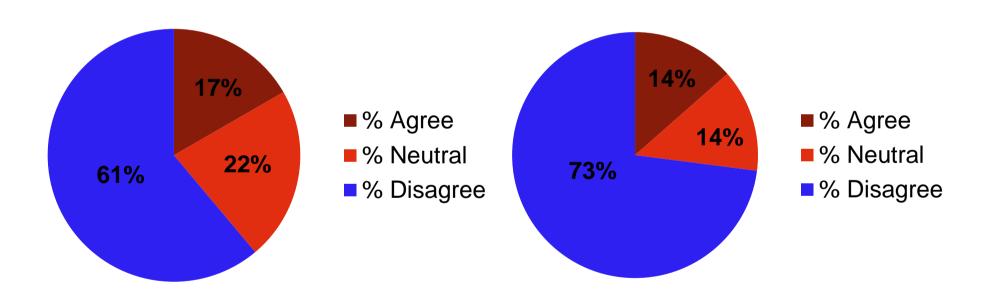
- Only 32 % of CTOs think that licensing and spinning out is important.
- Only 20 % of the CTOs think that their company is well prepared for licensing and spinning out.
- 53 % of the CTOs don't expect to generate revenue in 2012 by licensing or spinning out technologies



## Moreover, acquisitions are not seen important and little practiced

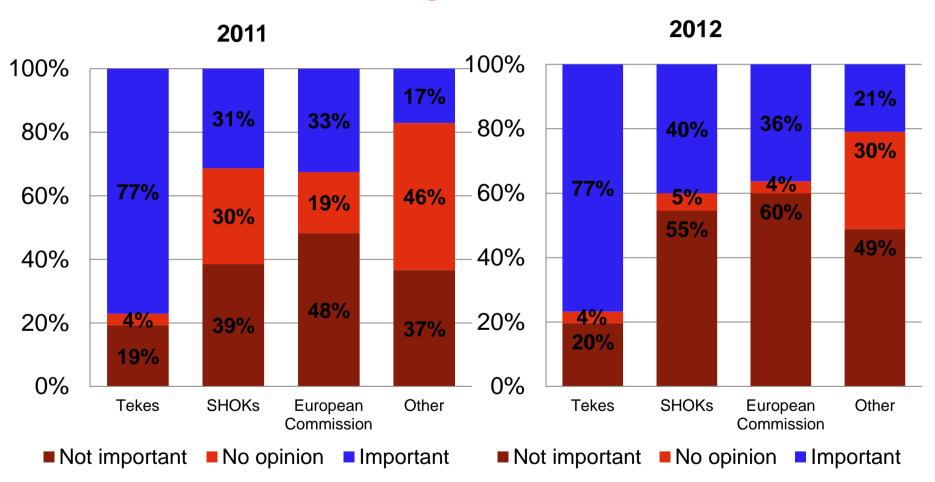
Introducing new technologies by acquisitions is important

We practice acquisitions in order to introduce new technologies





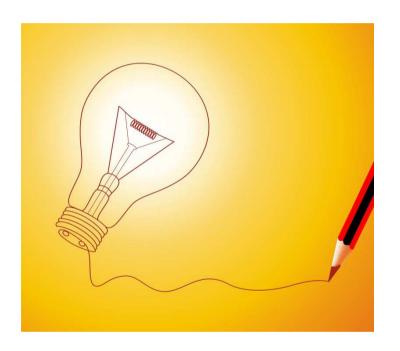
# Funding: Tekes dominates, SHOKs gain importance, EU funding seen as the least important





## Restructuring of Tekes-funding worry large companies and may move work abroad

- "Our company is willing to invest heavily in our Finnish R&D-units, but public funding is a must to keep Finland being a competitive choice"
- "Tekes-funding to large companies basically goes almost 100% to Finnish universities, research institutes and SMEs"
- "Tekes keeps up the Finnish ecosystem of open innovation."
- "We need to look more into the EU-funding in the future"

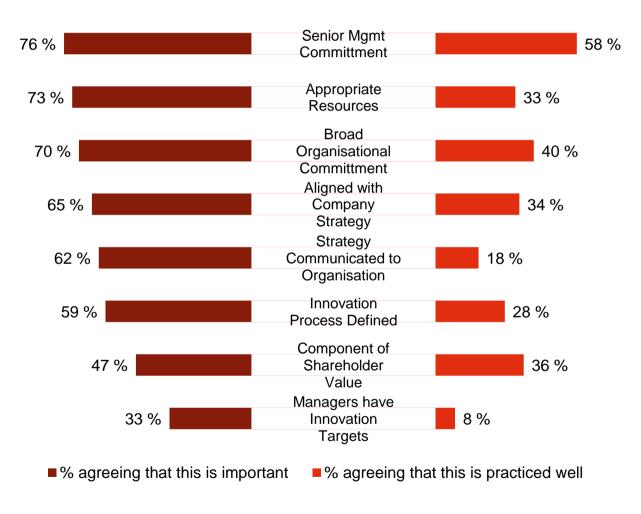




# CTO Views on Innovation Management



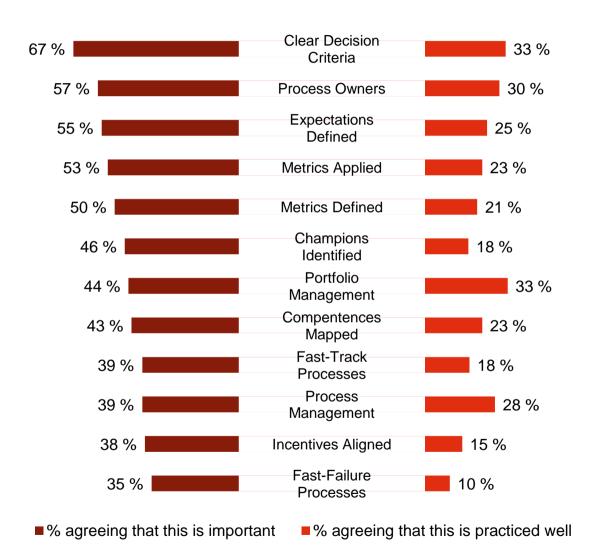
## CTOs receive more backing from CEO than the rest of the organisation, communication being a key challenge



- organisational commitment is often lacking, perhaps because of difficulties in communicating the innovation strategy to the organisation as a whole
- Resource shortages may also reflect challenges in aligning innovation with the company strategy



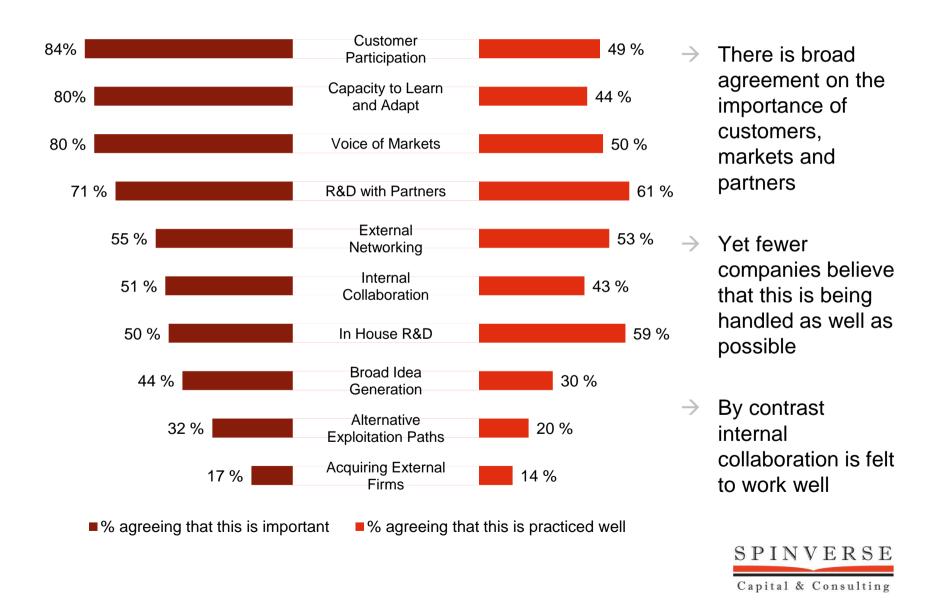
### CTOs seek clear decision criteria, but face challenges in setting expectations and defining metrics



- Portfolio and Process
   Management is important and performed well
- A majority find innovation metrics to be important, but few feel these are applied as well as possible



## The capacity to generate and absorb ideas from external sources is critical, but could still be improved



## **Innovation does not require management – it requires empowerment and customer needs**

"Innovation management is only useful for measuring output, not for creating or enhancing innovation."

"Hiring, maintaining and developing competence is important: anything beyond that is completely unnecessary."

"Inventions do not come because you ask but when you create a good place to innovate" "Stage-gate model doesn't work anymore, we turn the model around and get driven by customer needs"







## CTO is elementary for business success. Collaboration is the key to sufficient resources

- <u>CTO Survey 2012</u> by Spinverse was supported by Sitra, EK and TAF. Responses cover 70 CTOs from all industries, supported by face-to-face interviews
- <u>CTO's Role</u> is to bring new technologies and products to market collaborating with customers, suppliers and universities. Wide internal communication and translating technology to business language is a must
- CTOs on universities: beat international competition with focus, aim at getting to the top, make IPR licencing easy
- CTOs are measured by quantitative business and output metrics, but customer and employee satisfaction are important
- Recruitment declines 2012, but still the majority of CTO's plan to recruit 2012.
   Almost half of the CTOs plan to increase R&D-investment.
- Licensing, spinoffs and acquisitions are unused tools improvement needed for better utilization of assets and meeting global standards
- Tekes dominates funding, SHOKs gain importance, EU funding seen as the least important. Tekes-funding cuts worry large companies and may move work abroad
- CTO Views on Innovation Management CTOs receives more backing from CEO than the rest of the organisation; communication skills, target setting and transferring ideas from the outside into the organization need improvement

