



ADEC - Association pour le Développement des Entreprises et des Compétences

Technopole within the Retis Innovation network, the ADEC is an economic development association specialised in **information and communication technologies** (ICT), as well as **sustainable development and renewable energies** (RES), and is **partner of the Lower Rhine Council** (Conseil Général du Bas Rhin).

ADEC's objective is to accelerate the successfulness of **IT or sustainable development projects** through specific activities:

- **Business services:** ADEC provides a convivial working environment for developing new projects. Entrepreneurs can set up new businesses within the 1500 m² working space in ready to use networked offices. Shared secretarial services as well as a high-tech infrastructure and computer services, based on fibre optics, are available, as is a 3 ha real-estate reserve.
- **Support to innovative projects and skills network:** strategic position, help in Business Plan set-up and access to funding, and regular monitoring linked to the Alsatian innovation network. ADEC relies on public / private partnerships combining local, cross border (Germany / Switzerland) and European resources in particular those linked to clusters. ADEC is especially involved in the action plan ICT and HEALTH of the Lower Rhine Council, developed to enable elderly people to stay at home.
- **Competitive intelligence service:** definition of the challenges, expertise, shared knowledge management. Our priority themes are: ICT, open-source software, **e-health**, e-government, e-business, green IT, eco-materials, RES ...
- **European cooperation:** as coordinator or partner, ADEC has participated over 16 years in more than 30 European projects. Endowed with a network of over 250 partners in 17 countries, ADEC has developed significant know-how in the area. From 2010 to 2012, ADEC is coordinator on a European level of IT2RHINE www.it2rhine.com and RETS www.rets-project.eu, as well as being partner in the project GREENOV www.greenov.net.
- **Partnership with the university:** ADEC has strong links with the following Master 2 diplomas: "Law and management of the digital economy" and "Management and Law of Energies and sustainable development" in the Faculty of Law, University of Strasbourg. In addition, ADEC has been involved since the beginning in the project ETENA, Pôle Etudiants Entreprenants en Alsace (Centre for Student Entrepreneurs in Alsace), www.eten-univ.eu.

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