

Inova-Ria

Promoting the Bridge between SMES and Universities

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Introduction

The region of Aveiro holds favourable conditions for the development of industrial activity on Telecommunications:

- PT Inovação – a company developing telecommunication solutions, with a long and recognised history in the sector.
- Large well known international companies, such as NEC and Nokia Siemens Networks.
- A University with international credits in the field of telecommunications, acting as a source of knowledge, research and qualified human resources.
- Technology transfer Institutions: the Aveiro Pole of IT (Telecommunications Institute), IEETA (Institute of Electronics and Telematics Engineering of Aveiro) and Grupunave (Incubator of the University of Aveiro)

Innovation Network

This environment favoured the creation of an Innovation Network, an initiative led by PT Inovação, with the objective of generating critical mass, in order to induce the sustainable development of telecommunications systems and services.

INOVA-RIA Association

created in July 2003

■ Mission

To create and consolidate a cluster of telecommunications, as a catalyst for the development and competitiveness of the region of Aveiro.

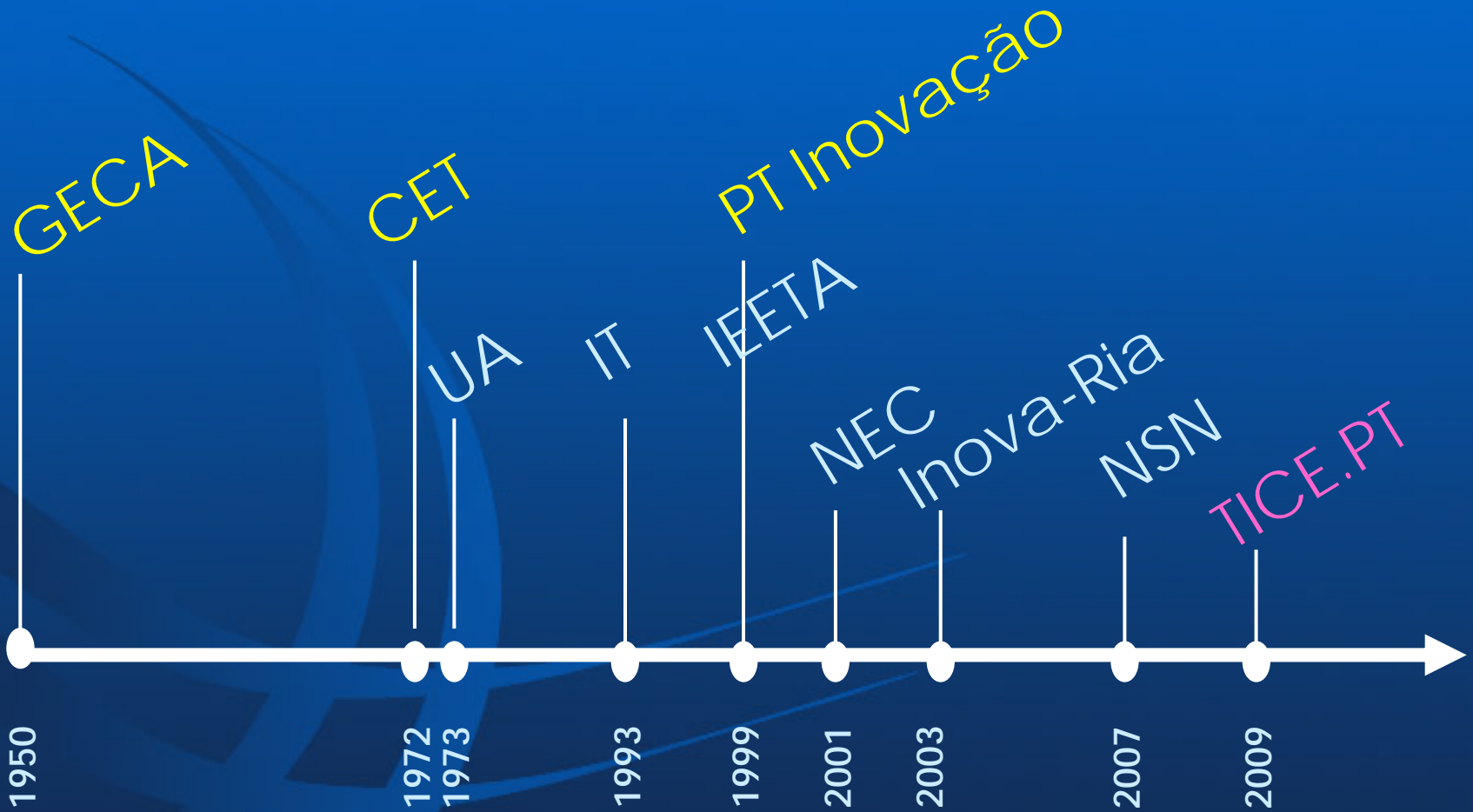
INOVA-RIA - goals

- To contribute to the emergence of companies active in the field of telecommunications in the region of Aveiro.
- To contribute to the creation and sustainability of qualified employment in the region of Aveiro.
- To promote innovation in the field of telecommunications.

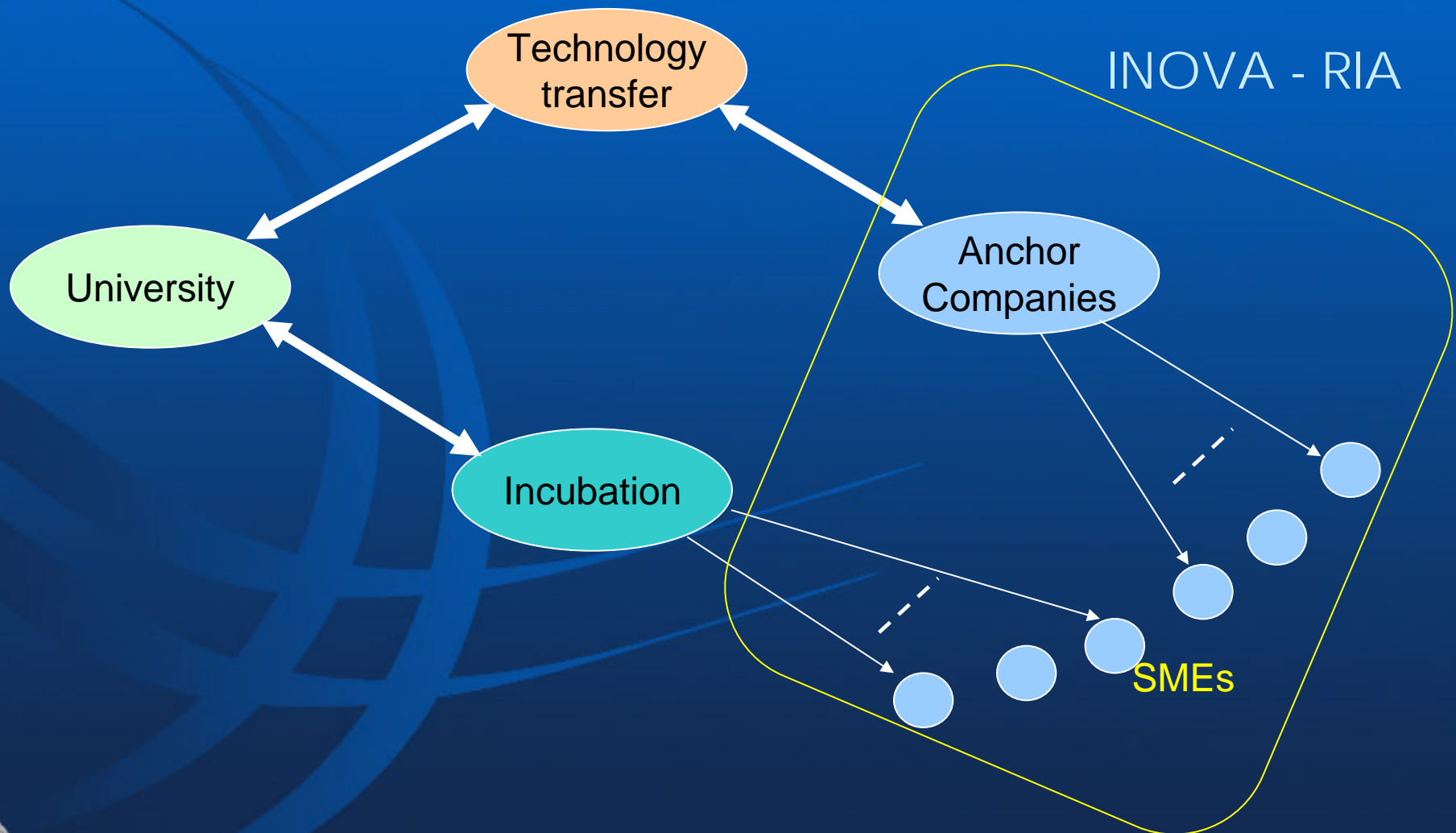
INOVA-RIA – goals (cont)

- To promote cooperation amongst companies, namely in the areas of research and development, training, marketing and internationalisation
- To provide services to its members, contributing to their development and competitiveness
- To promote investment capture for the region of Aveiro, in the field of telecommunications
- To contribute to consolidate the leadership of the region of Aveiro in the field of telecommunications at national level and to foster its world wide visibility

Main milestones



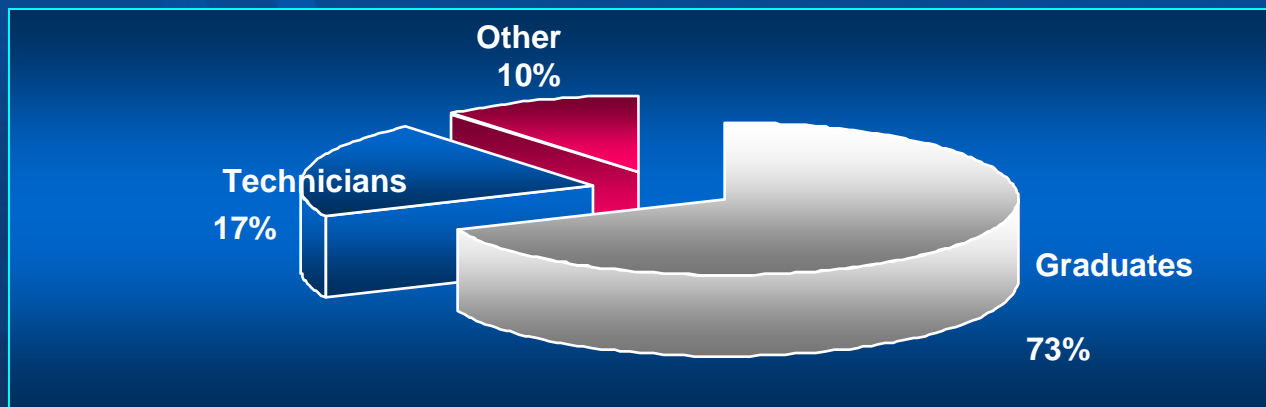
Network growth



Main figures

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of associated companies	15	21	29	33	45	56
Global turnover (M€) *	64	70	95	86	124	135 **
Workforce *	649	680	843	878	1190	1300**

Distribution of workforce (2007)

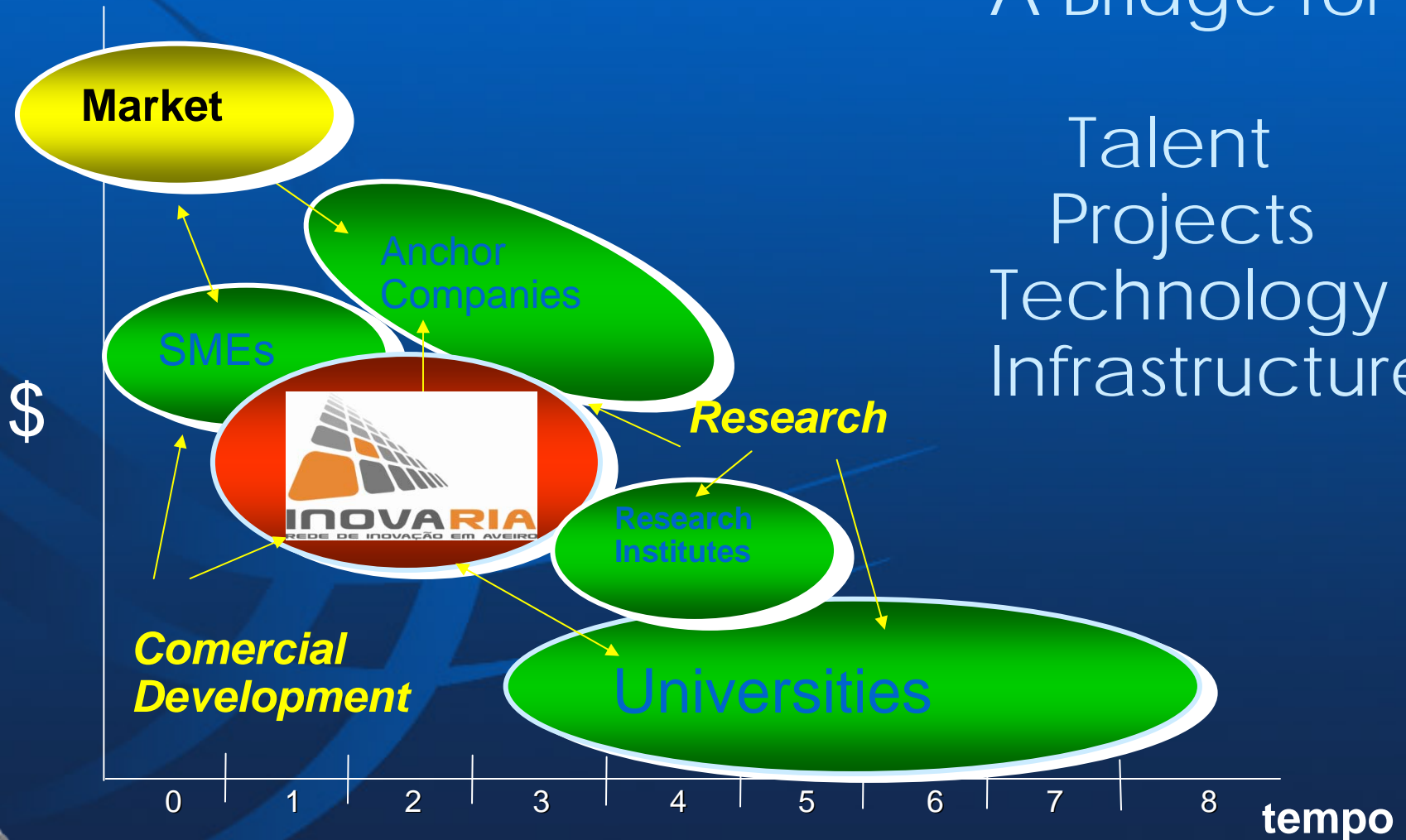


* Not including Ericsson, BES, Santander Totta and PT Inovação Brasil.
Including NEC- Aveiro e Nokia Siemens Networks – Aveiro

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Promoting the Bridge

A Bridge for
Talent
Projects
Technology
Infrastructures



Talento Programme

- Created in 2004, the Talento Programme promotes the attraction and settlement of talented graduates and technicians, the creation of critical mass to assure the innovation cycle.
- Talento is organized by Inova- Ria with the best Universities in Portugal



TELESAL – ICT Competence Network

- To create an ICT Competence Network promoting synergies among the most relevant actors (Universities, R&D Centres and companies), around main issues (Internationalization, Research, Training, Technology transfer and Marketing of the activities of the Network), to enhance the image of Portugal in the sector and to promote the development and exportation of high tech products.





ICT Competence Network



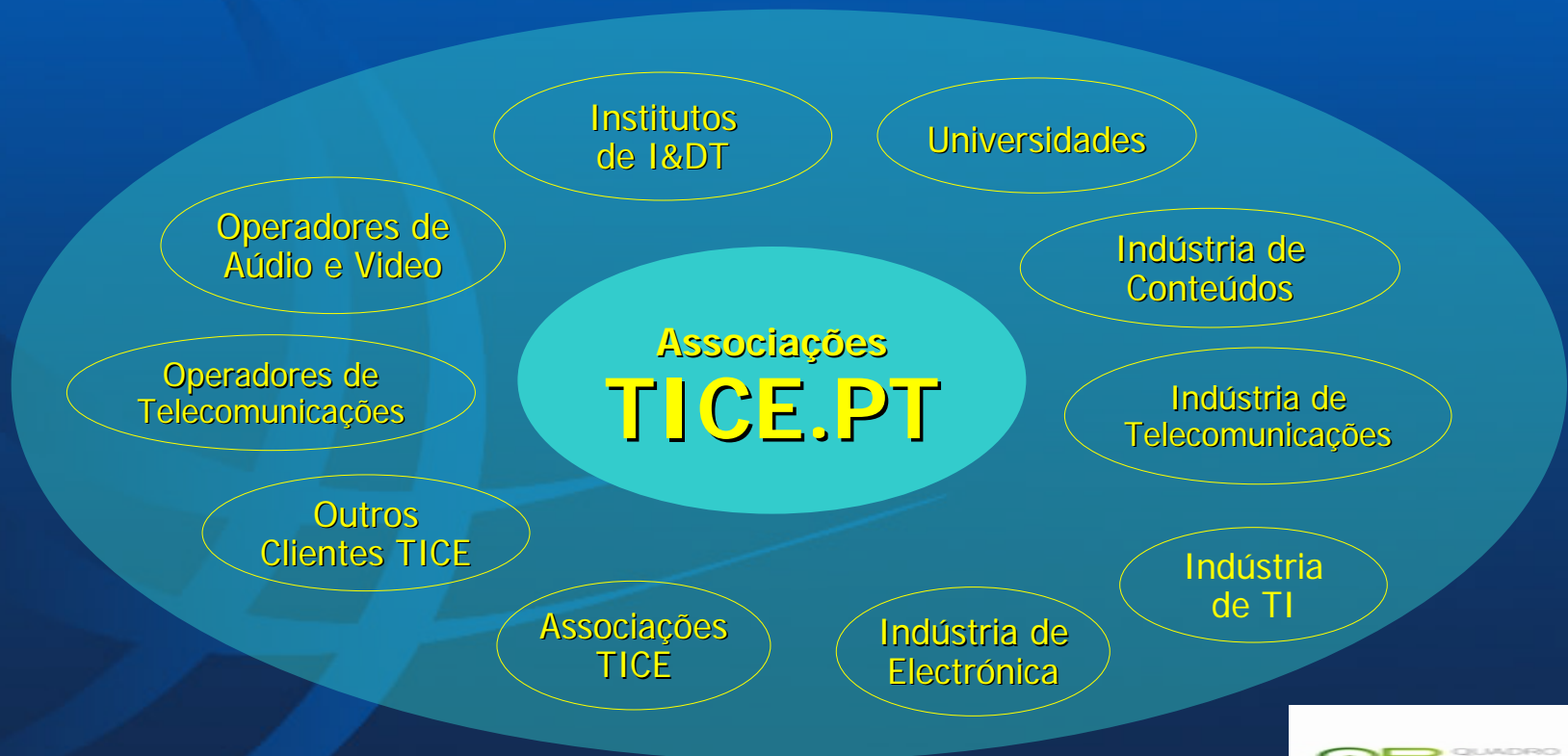
Vision

To promote Portugal, by 2020, as a world reference in the Information, Communications and Electronics sectors

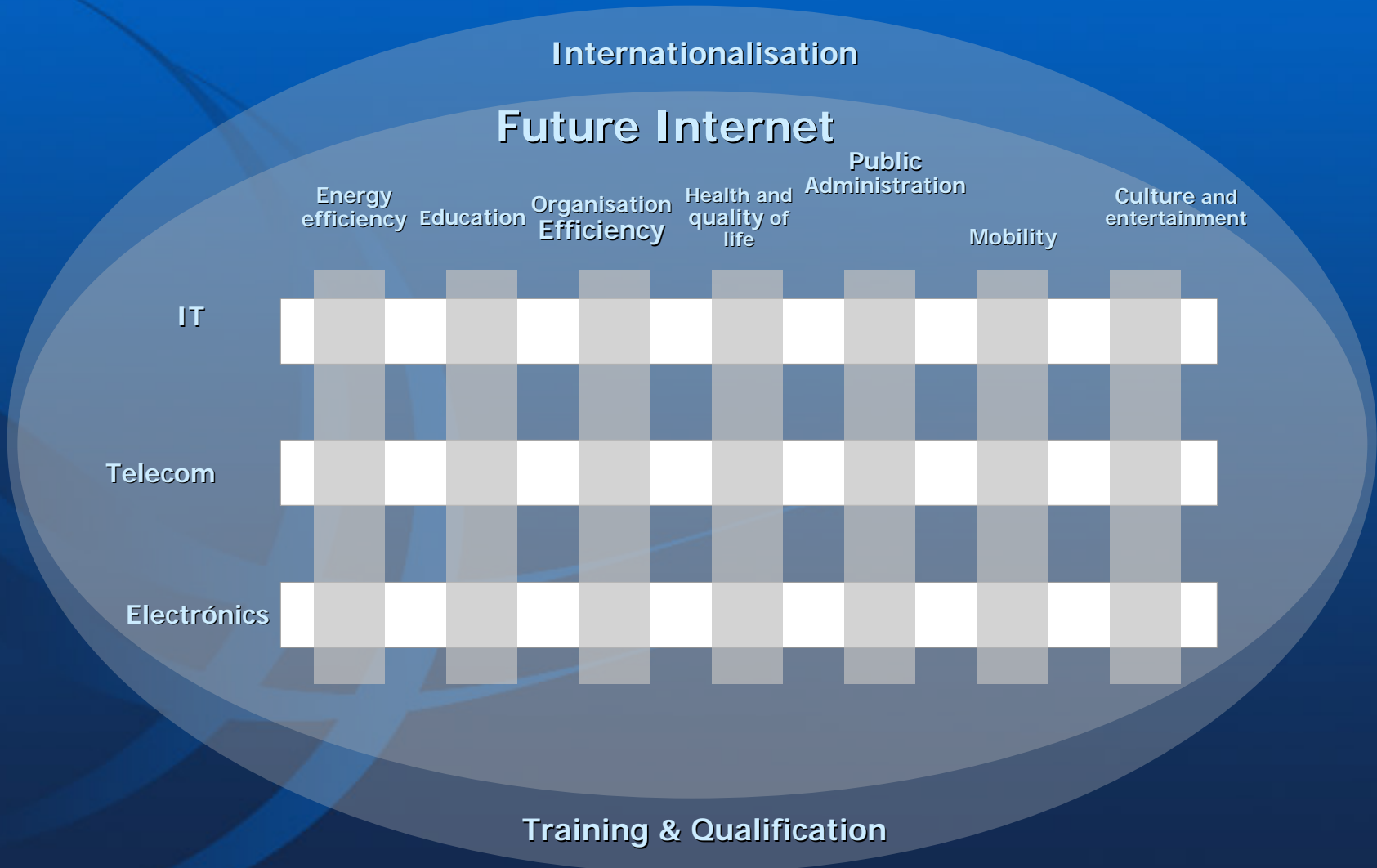
Mission

To build a concertation platform to mobilize the main TICE actors on the innovation process , R&D, Knowledge transfer, training, development, production and comercialization of products and services, marketing and internationalisation

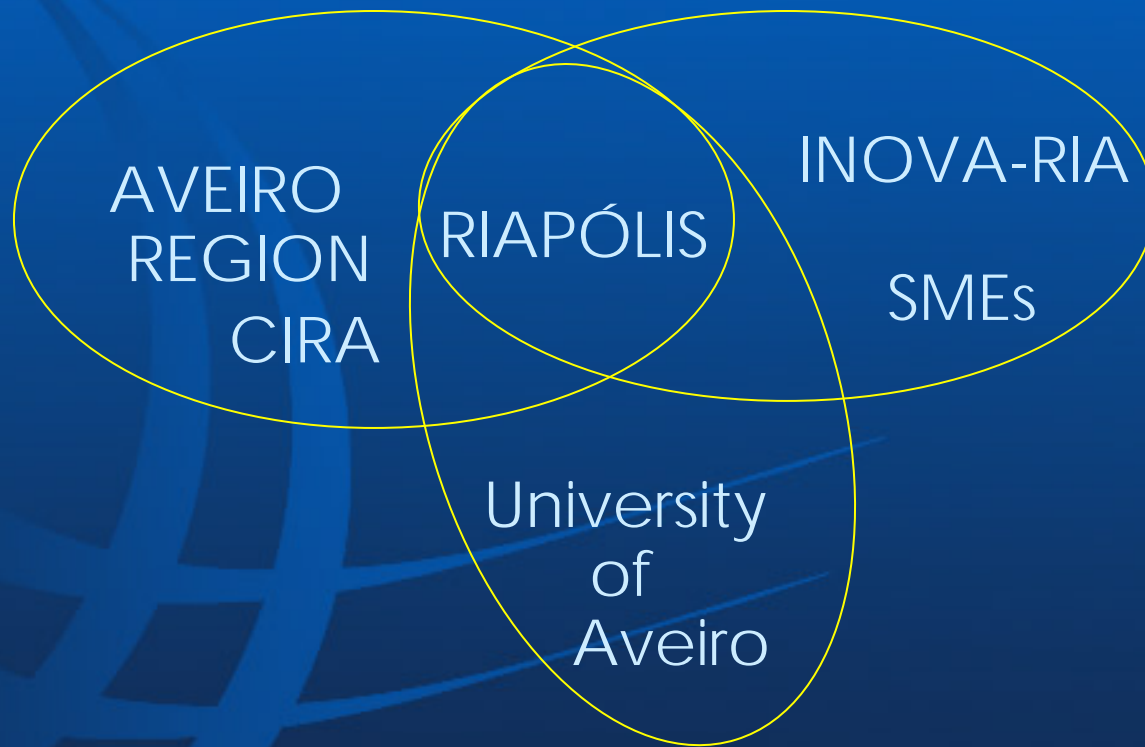
- **Companies + Universities + Assotiations**
- **Aveiro has a leading role : PT Inovação + UA + IT + Inova-Ria**



- Framework Matrix



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