



Dr Serge Galant

Working languages: French or English



Background information

- PhD in Mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge USA (<http://web.mit.edu/>)
- Engineering degree in Aerospace engineering ENSMA, Poitiers France (<http://www.ensma.fr>)

Main background experiences:

- Head of the Thermal and combustion science Dpt (BERTIN, France),
- Development of innovative products and services based on digital technologies, Head of the Control, Electronics and Information Science Division (BERTIN, France)
- Image processing software development, CEO (ORKIS, France, subsidiary of BERTIN)
- Director for New Business Development (BERTIN, France)
- Vice-President and CEO of TECHNOFI, France (since 2001)

Successes in supporting SMEs on the international scene

- Participation in a dozen of support actions co-funded by the European Commission aiming at raising public funds for innovation projects of SMEs.
- Personal results obtained: more than 30 projects built with SME groupings for EC funding or national funding (involving about 60 innovative SMEs overall). Success rate of about 60%.
- About 10 MEuros of private funds raised for the benefit of innovative SMEs, of which 1/3 in the Renewable Energy sector

Experience in the renewable energy sector

- Involved in innovation activities on the integration of Distributed Energy Resources to the electrical grid at national and European levels
- Fund raising activities for several successful new businesses in the renewable sector
- Coordinator of the French roadmap building groups in the fields of New Energy Technologies for buildings, solar PV and Concentrated Solar Power.

Experience in innovation management

- Innovation Management senior consultant at TECHNOFI, France since 1998 (<http://www.symple.eu>). In-house methodology for innovation management: *Symple®*
- Diagnosis of the innovation management capability of about 80 SMEs, using the IMP³rove tool of the European Commission (<http://www.improve-innovation.eu>).
- Managing EC project exploitation seminars (NMP Directorate) (http://ec.europa.eu/research/industrial_technologies/lists/list_402_en.html)
- Publics contracts to provide recommendations for better innovation policies
- Participation in Technology Transfer actions (see for instance <http://www.prorett.eu/>)

Additional expert skills

Management of large International innovation projects