

PRO.TE.INN. financing did cover such grants, which were aimed at employing for one year (12 months) a graduate holding a (minimum) 5-years University degree. He/she had to collaborate with both the firm and the Department/Institute to perform the innovation project. Competing firms did finance 15 % of the grants (which were about € 20,000 each).

At the beginning of the project a survey was sent to participating firms in order to collect preliminary data. At the end of the project an evaluation survey was sent to the persons in charge of the projects in the firms, as well as to the grantees.

The survey was prepared by the FRAME laboratory of COREP (Regional Consortium for Permanent Education), which was in charge of the evaluation of the project.

In the surveys it was possible (thanks to the collaboration of FRAME) to insert specific sets of questions. These questions aimed at understanding the nature of the innovation

projects and other relevant features as the following will show.

5. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS.

In the context of PRO.TE.INN. 210 projects were presented by 177 firms. Out of these, 149 presented one project, 24 presented two projects, 3 presented 3 projects and 1 presented 4 projects. The vast majority of the firms (93.8%) had its main seat in Piedmont (91.0% in the Province of Turin). 65 project have been financed out of the 210. 93.0% of the 65 firms had the main seat in Piedmont (90.8 % in the province of Turin).

Tables 1 to 4 present some relevant data on the selected firms. Table 1 reports the industrial sectors of the firms; Table 2 shows the dimension of participating firms in terms of the number of employees; table 3 reports the turnover data of the firms; table 4 presents the data on the number of employees crossed with the year of foundation of the firm.

Table 1: industrial sectors of firms participating to PRO.TE.INN.

Sector	Firms
Manufacturing	23
Building	2
Transports and communications	1
Real estate, informatics, research	33
Health and social assistance	1
Other services (social and personal)	1
No data	4
TOTAL	65