Belgium: State-of-the-art incubator for biotech companies

The Bio-Incubator in Leuven, provides multi-functional office and lab space for biomedical life sciences companies with high growth potential.

The three cutting-edge buildings have customisable modules that are flexible enough to meet companies' needs as they grow.

The facilities are backed up by general, technical and logistical support, creating a dynamic and stimulating environment in which biotech companies can develop their ideas and technologies.

Bio-Incubator Leuven is situated in a science park close to Leuven's university and colleges which provide fertile ground for innovation and entrepreneurship.

The project hosts 15 leading research companies employing around 300 highly skilled researchers.

Bulgaria: Benefits flow from water supply system upgrades

Around 63,000 people will benefit from improvements to the water supply system in the central Bulgarian region of Gabrovo.

The work includes reconstruction of the drinking-water treatment plant, building a new pumping station and renovating four others, and upgrading 76 km of the water supply system.

Parts of the sewerage system will be rehabilitated and extended and the waste-water treatment plant reconstructed, the aim being to improve the quality of the water, raise hygiene standards and reduce the environmental impact.

Reliable and compliant water services will make the area more attractive to investors, with 400 jobs created during the implementation phase.

Czech Republic: National centre of excellence for supercomputing

The IT4Innovations Centre of Excellence is the first supercomputer centre of its kind in the Czech Republic.

The new infrastructure is kitted out with the very latest in information technology, including high-performance devices for simulations, modelling and computations.

Such tools can be used to simulate climate change, manage traffic and even help prevent natural disasters.

Other important areas for research and development at the centre include advancing nanotechnologies, voice and speech recognition technology, and creating new algorithms for industrial product design.

The centre, which opened in 2014, ranks among the top 100 most powerful super-computer centres worldwide.