

Nupharo - FAQ

1. What is Nupharo Campus?

Nupharo Campus is a unique technological park and modern innovation center, featuring space and services for a diverse group of companies. Whether a technological start-up, or a large multinational, we are here to assist in your business needs and wants through many supporting services, commercial spaces for rent in our production facilities, incubator labs, offices, conference and training facilities, showroom, and much more.

2. Why Ústecký Region?

One of the many important visions Nupharo has towards the future is to contribute to a fundamental change of northern Bohemia. As the Ústecký region is one of the least developed regions, Nupharo hopes it can be transformed into a leader of new technologies, especially in the field of Smart Energy. The region is also strategically located between the Czech, German and Polish markets – over 6 million people are within the reach of an hour drive. It is also in near proximity to major EU cities and airports. Another important factor is that there is a wide range of research institutions and international schools nearby.

3. What is the Incubator?

Nupharo Business Incubator seeks to assist those innovators, who possess the right potential, in the development of their ideas, and in the successful commercialization of their products and services. We strive to attract a wide range of businesses, including independent innovators, small and medium-size enterprises with an innovative product or service in the area of Smart Energy.

4. How is the project financed?

Nupharo is a private project co-financed through EU funds. The EU co-financing takes place through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) within a grant program called the "Operational Program Enterprise and Innovations" (OPEI) – the Prosperity program. The main Nupharo strategic investor is the company ABB.

5. When the project is completed?

Full completion of all of the six Phase I buildings is planned for this autumn. First space will be available from January 2015. The trial operation is scheduled for early October.

6. How do you choose the building contractors?

All suppliers are selected through an open tender. Conditions and timing of each tender get published in the Publication Subsystem of the Ministry of Regional Development CZ. Currently, the project has successfully passed most of the main open tenders. The tenders' victors were chosen for not only the suppliers for individual project parts, but also for the position of the general construction supplier – Metrostav a.s.

7. Why does Nupharo focused on the Direct Current?

Nupharo has no direct competition in similar projects due to its Smart Energy focus with an extremely wide and fast growing commercial potential. To switch from AC to DC saves billions of Euros on energy costs, thus it has become a very lucrative and rapidly expanding business venture. It is also aligned with our mission, which is to help facilitate the translation of smart ideas that involve energy production and storage into commercially viable solutions.

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8. Why do you build on a greenfield instead of using one of the many existing brownfields?

We fully agree that the question of brownfields, their revitalization, restoration, and further usage, ought to be a priority, and we support all of those, who deal with this issue. It is especially important in the context of the Ústecký region. From our point of view, a grant and support system from the Czech government should be established, which would help in the conceptualization and realization of investment opportunities to those areas. One of the many reasons for why we chose to build on a greenfield is the connection to the EU long-term program, which focuses on the support of the establishment of new innovation centers and new capacities for the area of technology transfer.

9. What is the Nupharo DC Community?

It is a global community of various stakeholders ranging from investors, scientific experts, students and start-ups to industry leaders and international institutions, connected by their interest in Smart Energy and Direct Current technologies.

10. How many jobs will Nupharo offer?

The maximum capacity of the Nupharo Campus is designed for 800 jobs. Nupharo, as the operator of the Campus, will only employ people to ensure operation and maintenance in the area. Most of the jobs in the Campus will be created by the project's strategic partners, tenants and other users. The specific number of jobs will depend on the number and type of tenants located in individual production buildings and in the Incubator. Our estimation of the number of actually incurred jobs, with regard to the ongoing negotiations, is around 400 jobs.

11. How can I apply for a job in Nupharo?

In collaboration with the local action group, "Labské skály", we are preparing a special program for the support of local employment and sustainable jobs within the Ústecký region. The program envisages addressing residents of surrounding villages and towns with priority offers of the listed positions. For the future tenants, Nupharo prepares a strategy with recommendations for the employment of the citizens within the Ústecký region. Currently you can send your application together with a curriculum vitae to: <u>team@nupharo.com</u>

12. Who can become a part of Nupharo?

Any company from technological start-ups to the largest multinationals that seeks rental space, including production facilities, incubators labs, offices, conference halls, meeting rooms, a showroom, and/or any other supporting services that we provide. Nupharo is a perfect place for business, innovations and life.

13. How to become a part of Nupharo?

Nothing can be easier! Just fill-in our questionnaire, specify your inquiry, and we will contact you immediately!

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