The IDEX Paris Saclay Initiative

In the same 22 G€ « Initiatives d’avenir » package that created Labex, the French government launched a bid of Local initiatives at the universities level, aiming to select around 7 best campuses in France and promote clustering and transformation.The Idex call can be found here :

<http://investissement-avenir.gouvernement.fr/content/action-projets/les-programmes/centres-dexcellence>

The Paris Saclay universities, school and national research organisms, regrouped under a foundation (FCS Paris Saclay) proposed to create in about 10 years a new university University Paris Saclay that can be seen in the long term in the same category as Cambridge or MIT. This ambition is in fact quite reasonable when looking at the scientific potential of the partners, regrouping around 20% of the French research efforts in all fields, but quite challenging given the complexity of the local situation.

In January 2011, a first proposal made without the necessary degree of concertation with the various communities was rejected and in May 2011, the 6 Paris Saclay Labex, including P2IO, took the initiative to completely reshape the proposal , based on the truly ambitious vision of a unified University, which was accepted in December 2011. The IDEX will receive a budget of around 35 M€ per year out of which 50% are frozen for the LABEX and the rest will be available to launch transforming actions both for research and training.

 We will not describe in detail the IDEX initiative (please refer to the slides “IDEX Paris Saclay Presentation” on the CS web page ) but describe the mutual role that the IDEX and P2IO can play with respect to each other

1/ Role of P2IO within the IDEX

* P2IO form one of the largest and best structured community within the IDEX. It can therefore have a large influence, testified by many important positions held by P2IO members (P. Rebourgeard of the Academic Senate Bureau, GW is the coordinator of the School of Basic Sciences working group).
* P2IO has some peculiarities which are of interest for the construction of the Universities : large research infrastructrures, strong links of its doctoral schools with Paris labs, importance of the national policy, close cooperation between national rserach organisms
* P2IO has launched interesting initiatives of common interest for other, like L3 level summer schools, large scale R&D projects, outreach activities, etc..
* P2IO brings a lot of international recognition and attractivity to the IDEX

2/ Role of IDEX for P2IO

* Closer integration of IDEX Engineering schools in P2IO research and teaching programs
* Interdisciplinary actions through school of basic sciences and other school
* Targeted postoral calls and platforms support