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Can you please provide an update as to the progress of the Regional Development Policy Centre? When will it be operational?

Answer:

On 21 September 2011, the Regional Development Policy Centre was registered under the *Corporations Act 2001* as a public company limited by guarantee. A Board has been established and it has commenced consultations with key regional stakeholders, including about possible research priorities. The Policy Centre is expected to be formally launched in the coming months.