

■ Cornwall's IT expertise is being shared with new EU members

Poland benefits from Penzance's knowledge

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THE Penzance based Digital Peninsula Network is in 'pole' position when it comes to innovation – and has been asked to share its expertise with the next generation of EU members.

A special delegation from the central-southern Polish region of Swietokrzyskie is investigating how public support for innovation and innovation development is organised in Cornwall.

The research is part of preparations by regional bodies across Poland to create their own public support programmes using EU structural funds similar to those now available in Cornwall.

Chris Pomeroy, DPN's Network Development Officer, commented: "DPN has been asked to pass on its experience as an incubator of very small IT related businesses.

"During the past three years a number of DPN members have been successful in starting up businesses – several of which now employ staff.

"Small scale-support provided by DPN is often vital in helping micro-businesses take off and this visit is recognition by the Government that DPN is developing a track record that can be shared across Europe."

DPN members told the Polish delegation that Network was formed four years by a group of IT professionals, working in the Penwith area, who recognised the need to work together in order to support themselves and the next generation of Cornish 'knowledge workers'.



Chris Pomeroy (left), DPN's Network Development Director meets and greets Tadeusz Yozwik, the head of Polish fact-finding delegation.