

REPORT FROM RETRAINING OF TTO STAF IN ALICANTE

Starting from the 06th of May, until the 10th of May, our delegation visited University of Alicante, Spain, within the set of the project activities related to staff training in technology transfer. In order to help us to begin with technology transfer after formation of technology transfer offices in Serbia, our hosts prepared for us rich agenda with main objective to show us what is the position of technology transfer at the University of Alicante, and how the offices are internally organized. We visited the University, and we had interesting tours to get to know the environment in which the technology transfer exists. The most of the time we spent in the technology transfer office and university's Science Park.

Upon our arrival we were welcomed by Ms. Ester Boldrini, who introduced us with the agenda of our visit. The introduction was followed by the presentation of technology transfer office, its internal organization, and activities. The presentation was delivered by Ivan Rodriguez. During the presentation Mr. Rodriguez presented the software that they are using for maintaining the information about the technologies. There was a live discussion about it, and we compared the functionalities and working processes of their software, as well as the information flow, with the software that was developed within the frame of this project, which we will use to collect and maintain technology information at our universities. Few interesting drawbacks were pointed out by Mr. Rodrigues from their experience, which will be very useful to us. Ms. Loren Moreno presented us the Innovation Unit, and explained how the spin-offs are legally created by the university. She explained us the roles and responsibilities of each side in the creation of the spin-offs, as well as the legal documents that follow the process of a spin-off creation. The role of the European Enterprise Network in technology transfer within the University of Alicante was presented by Jose Valero, and Ms. Sofia Pires presented the technology transfer network created between the Spain and Latin American counties. Detail overview of intellectual property right management was presented by Ms. Pilar Lopes.

During our stay our host prepared us guided tours through the university and the university's science park. They introduced us with most relevant projects and results in the field of technology transfer achieved by the university.

The visit to the University of Alicante was successful. Our hosts prepared excellent agenda for us to introduce us with the Spanish practice in technology transfer. In addition to prepared presentations and talks, they prepared a guided tour through facilities, and showed us their processes and results, so we were able to see the effects of discussed topics in practice. In addition to the training that we had, we set the basis for further cooperation.