

REPORT FROM RETRAINING OF TTO STAF IN DORTMUND

From the 13th of May, until the 17th of May, our delegation visited TU Dortmund University, Germany. This visit was a part of the TEMPUS KNOWTS project with the aim of staff training in technology transfer. We learned about the position of technology transfer at the TU Dortmund University, and internal organization of their relevant offices enrolled in technology transfer, such as Project Management Office and Research and Knowledge Transfer Office and heard about their patenting activities and startup-support activities. Our hosts also introduced us with relevant projects in the field of technology transfer.

Upon our arrival we were welcomed by Ms. Dorota Pawlucka, from TU Dortmund Project Management Office who introduced us to TU Dortmund University and to Support Services for Scientists at the TUDO. During our stay we gained an insight in work of TU Dortmund Research and Knowledge Transfer Office. Mr. Fritz Krieger and Ms. Angela Martin introduced us with startup support activities of the office as well as patenting activities. We had a meeting with Ms. Stefanie Gerszewski, who is project coordinator of the project „Das Innovationslabor“. The Innovations Lab is a coaching tool for technology-based start-ups and innovative young companies. We have also visited Dortmunder U, Centre for Arts and Creativity and PROvendis, a company whose objective is to transfer innovations and research materials developed by universities and research institutes and protected by intellectual property rights to industry.

Ms. Simone Herrmann told us about Science Park Dortmund and Mr. Norbert Gövert, Head of ITP presented us the Information Centre Technology and Patents at TU Dortmund University. On the last day of the visit, we had an Innovation Tour “Like a Phoenix from the Ashes”.

The visit to the TU Dortmund University was very interesting and useful. Hearing about Dortmund University experience and their results in technology transfer through prepared presentations and conversations, as well as gaining an insight in practical results gave us an opportunity to broaden our perception about potential development in the future.