

Dear Prof. Milentijevic,

As part of our ongoing monitoring of Tempus IV activities in the partner countries, a field monitoring visit took place on 30 June 2010 at the Rectorate of the University of Nis. In this occasion Ms Marija Filipovic Ozegovic and Sofija Dukic from the Serbian National Tempus Office met and discussed the progress of activities with you and the other project team members.

We would like first of all to thank you and the other project representatives for the time devoted to the discussions and personally I would again apologize for not having been able to join the monitoring visit at that time.

We are glad to know that the project started well according to the initial working plan and, even if it is not possible at this early stage to evaluate properly the project outcomes, the project has a huge potential for contribution to higher education reform and development of transfer of innovations to the industry.

It is positive to note that the project is strongly supported by Ministry of science and technological development that promised to financially support staffing of transfer centres at partner universities if adequate persons are hired by universities.

It is good that the website has been created, however only very limited information seems to be available at unrestricted part of the website and this is not linked to the official site of the University of Nis.

On the basis of these comments, and following the findings of this monitoring visit we would like to make some recommendation and kindly ask you to take them on board during the implementation of the second and third year of the project:

- As the involvement of students seems to be rather vague and it is not clear how they will be involved in the project activities, we would recommend you to more actively involve students in the project activities, especially in those related to transfer centres
- Representatives of faculties from social sciences subject area should be involved in the National advisory board as well as representatives of the industry that are partners in the project.
- The accessibility of the information at the project website should be increased in order to allow the wider public to be really informed about the progress of the project.

We kindly ask you to ensure the dissemination of this feedback to your project partners and do not hesitate to contact us should you need any further information.

We wish you a successful continuation of your activities.

Best regards,

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