

First Assessment Report
KNOWTS Tempus 158881
National Platform for Knowledge Triangle in Serbia

This Report refers to the first two meetings of the Project.

KNOWTS-Meeting in Niš on April 8th and 9th, 2010, hosted by the University of Niš.

This was the starting Meeting of the Project and it was particularly important that representatives of different Ministries of the Government of Serbia not only attended the meeting, but also made own presentations on related development policies and discussed on the possibilities of a long term support when the implementation phase of the results of the Project will begin.

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce Networks explained their structure and main objectives and discussed on the possible collaboration with some parts of the Project.

It was important that at this initial meeting, both the World of politics and of Infrastructure were present and clearly discussed on activities related to the goals of the Project.

At the side of Academia, high Authorities of the participant Universities were present and expressed their interest in the success of the Project. Finally, colleagues from the Serbian Universities, the partner Universities, and the External Experts made presentations addressing different aspects of Knowledge/Technology Transfer which have to be considered within the Project.

KNOWTS-Workshop in Dortmund, Germany, on June 23rd to 25th, hosted by the Department of Computer Science of the Dortmund University of Technology.

The Workshop comprised a meeting with the Economic Development Agency of the City of Dortmund; visit to several Transfer Sites in Dortmund and in the neighbour city Gelsenkirchen.

Furthermore, there were presentations from Staff members of the University and from Knowledge Transfer related institutions. Particular aspects, like application for Patents, the role of a Technology Center, and how to encourage and support Entrepreneurship among students in their last years of study were extensively discussed. The Workshop was a clear presentation of “what can be done in Knowledge Transfer?”, “what has the Dortmund Community done?”, “which are the most important positive and negative experiences gathered in the last 25 years of activity?”

Both meetings have been important. The first one, representing a kind of political commitment to give support to the development of the Project. The second one, showing examples of achievements, explaining work on development, and long term plans to motivate and give professional support to Entrepreneurship interest among students. In all cases stating clearly the needed awareness of the context dependencies that have to be taken into account, which may be different from city to city within a same Country.

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