

Brief self evaluation report for the Tempus project JP HES 158881
National Platform for Knowledge Triangle in Serbia - KNOWTS

The last official reporting was in July 2011 when project management team submitted Interim Report. The encouraging feedback was received in the mid of September 2011. Having that in mind, this report will cover main activities in the last twelve months. Two visits were realized within the frame of project activities. The first from 19th to 22nd September 2011 to INESC Lisbon, INESC Porto, Tagus Science and Technology Park and Maia Park. Colleagues from Lisbon and Porto presented interesting aspects of Portuguese innovation system. The Management Committee Meeting was held in Tagus Park on September 20th in the presence of representatives of all participating institutions. During the visit, the Agreement on Cooperation between the University of Nis and Technical University of Lisbon was signed. The second visit was realized in the period from 2nd to 5th of November to the University of Alicante and Alicante Science Park where colleagues from Alicante demonstrated their technology transfer mechanisms and experiences from the recently founded science park. By these two visits we circled the activities on retraining of members of the National Inter Institutional Advisory Body.

During the spring 2012 the consortium was dedicated to establishing of TT centers at University Nis, University of Novi Sad and University of Kragujevac, and reinforcing of TTC at University of Belgrade. TT officers are recruited, space for TTC is assigned at each University, and equipment is selected. University managements are creating the Rule Books for TTCs. Faculty of Electronic Engineering, University of Niš, developed the software system for TTCs. On one hand, the system supports acquisition of data related to the technologies that are developed at the universities, and on the other hand the acquisition of commercial potentials of companies. The primary objective of the system is to register the users and their potentials related to technologies and the commercialization, and to help TTCs to match potential pairs. The software development was done instead of the activities related to acquiring data for the analysis of the current state in Serbia, as an approved change of the initial plan. The software is available to all Serbian Universities that participate in the project and will be deployed in September 2012. Training of TTC staff in EU TTCs will be realized in autumn 2012. The visit of colleagues from EU Universities to Serbian TTCs, their participation at 5th bi-annual international ICT Forum in Nis and Management Committee Meeting are planned for the first week of October.

The work on the National Platform for Knowledge Triangle by NIIAB members is in progress. The analysis of the current state of Knowledge Triangle in Serbia was done through the analysis of: reports and results of several international projects in education, research and innovation, Serbian legislative, existing strategies, and EU recommendations and action priorities. The preliminary set of measures has been proposed, frequent and intensive meetings of NIIAB are expected in September and October, while the bilingual version will be drafted by the end of October 2012. The platform will be presented to all four Senates of participating Universities and discussed at the National Council for Higher Education and the National Council for Research.

The project office at the University of Nis manages the project in day to day manner. All financial issues are arranged with each partner bilaterally.

In order to provide higher quality of the achieved results, the Management team on Serbian side, proposed at its meeting in Belgrade on 6th of June, 2012 the extension of the project for nine months within the frame of the approved budget. The main reasons for the extension request are to provide stronger sustainability for newly formed TTCs, to provide better promotion for the National platform and to improve dissemination by organizing the international conference on technology transfer in the spring 2013.

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