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Dear Prof Milentijevic,

As part of our ongoing monitoring of Tempus activities in Serbia, a field monitoring visit took place on 10/12/2013 at the Faculty of Electronic Engineering of the University of Nis. Marija Filipovic-Ozegovic and Nina Stojanovic from the Serbian National Tempus Office met and discussed the progress of activities with you and the other project representatives.

We would like to thank you as coordinator of the project and all the other Serbian universities representatives for the time devoted to the discussions and for having provided updated information on the last progress that is being made towards the achievement of the project objectives.

The results of this control visit are complementary and in line to the information we got with your Final Report. It is positive to receive the confirmation that all partners have been involved in the activities they are satisfied with the project results.

As already mentioned in the Final Report, the visit confirms that almost all planned activities have been realized. However, concerning the National Platform for Knowledge created during the project, it seems this is more a description of the cooperation among education, research and business sector than a set of procedures or a proposal of a regulation which could improve the work in this area. As already mentioned in our Pre-information letter, we hope that this Platform will continue to actively contribute to the development of the National Strategy for Science and Technological Development 2016-2020.

Considering that it takes time to establish cooperation with enterprises and to promote the transfer technology concept within the academic community, the real benefit of the TTOs established at the partner universities will be better evaluated in the long period. As their work has been oriented so far more towards technical faculties, it is important that also other faculties from other subject areas are informed about these new university services.

Following the visit findings, we would like to make the following recommendation and kindly ask you to take them on board to ensure the sustainability of the project results:

- To improve the project dissemination at the university level – it is very positive that the project was promoted at several national events, but the real effects of the dissemination could be achieved and explored through the work of the TTOs and only if more members of the academic staff are informed and involved in the technology transfer actions.
- To continue with activities aimed at informing and involving the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development and getting their support for keeping the most important project outputs sustainable. The project team has already made certain efforts to better involve the Ministry, yet more needs to be done in this respect

Please ensure the dissemination of this feedback to your project partners and do not hesitate to contact us or the National Tempus Office in Belgrade in case further information is needed.

Best regards,

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