

Dear Prof. Milentijevic,

As part of our ongoing monitoring of Tempus activities in Serbia, a field monitoring visit took place on the 29th June 2012 at the Rectorate of the University of Nis. Marija Filipovic Ozegovic and Nina Stojanovic of the Serbian National Tempus Office met and discussed the progress of activities with you and the other local project representatives.

We would like to thank you for the time devoted to the discussions and for having provided our colleagues with updated information on the progress that is being made towards the achievement of the objectives.

We apologise for not having sent this report before, however this is has not been possible due to the summer break and other priorities we had in this period in relation to the new selected projects.

The visit confirms that the project objectives are still relevant and they are fully in line with the country needs. It is positive to note that there would be a standardized methodology and software used by the transfer technology centres use, which are meant to be agreed and created through the project.

We have been very surprised to know that, after a very successful start of the project, in the past 12 months there have been no crucial activities, especially those that are linked to the development of the national platform. Without receiving any clear explanations about the reason of this log delay, it seems now that most crucial project activities are delayed. This is very surprising after. We regret to see that the impact of the project so far has remained narrow and even very simple recommendations that could improve this situation, like the involvement of students and faculties from the social sciences subject area, have not been implemented.

On the basis of the visit findings, we would therefore like to make some additional recommendations and kindly ask you to take them on board during the last implementation of the project:

- The project work plan needs to be updated and sent to EACEA and the NTO, as well as regular information on project progress during the last month of the project life.
- Activities should indeed be intensified, so that project objectives can be reached by the end of the project. If any request for the extension of eligibility period is going to be taken into consideration, please refer to the question n. 10 of the FAQ document.
- As it seems that partner universities had problem with the project financial management, project funds should be regularly disbursed for all budget headings.

- A meeting with the University of Kragujevac contact person and representatives of the Rectorate should be organised as soon as possible, in order to overcome misunderstandings or problems that might endanger the project implementation.
- Representatives of students and faculties from social sciences subject area should be included in the National advisory board as well as representatives of the industry that are partners in the project.
- Project teams should include representatives of faculties from social sciences subject area.
- The project dissemination needs to be improved– the project should be presented at different university bodies and at the senates of faculties which could be interested in exploring technology transfer.
- Ministry representatives should be more and constantly involved in the project activities in order to guarantee a future sustainability of the results.

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.

We wish you a successful continuation of your activities.

Best regards,

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