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Report on KNOWTS project
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The Joint European Project TEMPUS 158881 KNOWTS had successfully completed its two main objectives, to establish a National platform for knowledge triangle in Serbia and to upgrade the organizational structure for knowledge triangle at Serbian Universities. Awareness on knowledge triangle importance among partners was raised and strong links between policy-making bodies, higher education, research institutions and companies were developed. The quality of the results is of remarkable quality and promising for their sustainability.

As an external expert, I contributed at revision of the prepared material for the National Platform for Knowledge triangle in Serbia and participated at all meetings held for this reason at the University of Nis, University of Belgrade, University of Novi Sad and University of Kragujevac. I also participated at the ICT Forum 2010 and the 2013 International Conference on Technology Transfer (2013 ICTT) in Nis, where I presented articles on best practice and experience concerning knowledge triangle in my country and especially on Greek experiences on entrepreneurship education, trying to highlight the Greek paradigm, presenting the current structure of the Greek educational system, the Greek research performers and the main research actors in political and operational level.

As a member of the Quality Assurance Team (QAT), I contributed at the monitoring activities related to establishing Knowledge transfer centers at Serbian Universities and created reports on quality control and on the Project performances. Several reviewing milestones were set in the development of the platform, and the crucial one was the joint review of the prepared draft version of the platform which provided a better quality of the final version. I also participated at the Management Board, either in live meetings maintained or by e-mails and teleconferences, to support activities concerning quality control mechanisms and other project management activities.

The coordination of the Project was very complex but the grant applicant, Professor Milentijevic, proved to be a very capable and responsible coordinator. Due to him and his colleagues from the University of Nis, the project had progressed smoothly to a successful completion with all activities been characterised by transparency and traceability. The main feature of his behavior was courtesy and respect for all participants, ability to make clear every step that had to be planned and ability to help all partners to communicate and work collaboratively. In relation to financial issues, the way Prof Milentijevic handled the program's budget was impeccable, resulting from his long experience in Tempus programs, to some of which I had also participated in the past as my Institution's contact person or grant applicant.

I would like to thank all KNOWTS' partners for their collaboration and friendship and I hope that we will have the opportunity to collaborate in the future in the frame of another joined European Project.

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