



Remarks on achievements of the KNOWTS TEMPUS project

The crucial project outcomes contain establishment of 3 technology transfer centers (TTCs), upgrade of 2 existing TTCs and development of a national platform for knowledge triangle in Serbia. Carried activities for realization of these outcomes included at least change of attitude and government approach, acceptance of new organizational concepts, understanding the challenges and modern trends in technology development, integration of theoretical and applied based ideas into innovation making possible synergy of education and research with business development aspects. A lot of internal and external factors were analysed along with variety of universities, local communities and businesses to accomplish a general strategy combining different achievement goals and opportunities.

Overall achievement

Interaction of research and development (R&D) activities with study programs, raised awareness of local communities and businesses, harmonization of strategic goals on national level, establishment of a new innovation culture and approach to integrate all relevant aspects and fields of education, research and innovation are just some of overall quality indicator achievements within the project. Besides this, there are several quantity parameters, such as, realized new legislations, TTCs, realized projects, organized events and promotions, development and delivery of dissemination material, retraining and training, developed courses and their execution. All of these quality and quantity indicators witness a successful project realization and development of a sustainable foundation for future implementation.

Matching the defined objectives and outputs

All wider and specific objectives are fulfilled and all outputs delivered, including National Advisory Board, national platform for knowledge triangle, establishment and upgrade of TTCs (with appropriate equipment, training and legislation), raised awareness with dissemination activities, enabled sustainability conditions and quality control.

Management

The project was coordinated and managed in a professional manner. The web site, personal e-mail communication, skype conversations and other electronic supported technologies helped in better realization of all activities, as well as in coordination of a relatively huge number of stakeholders and project participants.

Not all efforts and activities can be reported in the final document, for example, I have seen a real desire and excitement to make things work and the management team used a lot of energy and enthusiasm in realization. There were some add-on outputs, such as establishing University trainings and courses with curriculum development on entrepreneurship, innovation and other related skills, to motivate knowledge triangle and work in TTCs. In addition, I can also recommend in near future to include social networks as means that will help in making better and more efficient decisions, dissemination, etc. I am eager to see further development of these results on a longer term, after project termination, as well as internationalisation and further support of other EU TTCs.

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