

Report on Info day

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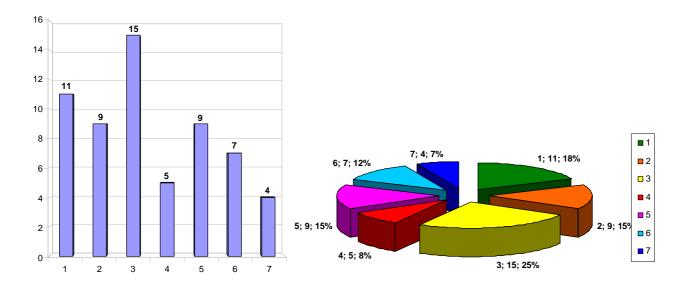
On 25th June 2010, the **sixth Info day** within the Tempus project WBC-VMnet was held at the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad.

In the welcome speech, Dean of the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad, prof. Ilija Cosic and Director of the Regional Agency Alma Mons, Milica Vracaric addressed the participants of the meeting.

Info day in Novi Sad included the following:

- Presentation of WBC-VMnet project by the project coordinator prof. Dr. Vesna Mandic.
- Presentation of the proposed model of cooperation "WBC Regional model of university-enterprise cooperation" by prof. Dr Vesna Mandic and prof. Dr Goran Stojanovic, where they also presented the printed publication referring to cooperation between University and enterprises.
- Review of opportunities for the application of innovative development of products and processes through the presentation of new equipment and software, in the Centre for Integrated Microsystems and Components, at the Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad, by prof. Dr Goran Stojanovic and by prof. Dr Vesna Mandic before the Centre for Virtual manufacturing in Kragujevac.
- Discussion with the participants, where they discussed about all the updates, and possible improvements of the proposed model of cooperation between **University and enterprises**, as well as further steps towards its implementation in the region.

According to the questionnaires' results, filled out by the participants, the general evaluation mark was **4,64 out of 5**. When asked which of these models of cooperation were most appropriate and useful for the implementation and launching of University modernization and industry transformation, as well as for launching innovation, the participants answered in percents, as follows:







- 1. The establishment of scientific and technology parks in regional university centers that can be generators for the new start-up and spin-off companies;
- 2. The establishment of regional industrial clusters at the level of Western Balkans, depending on the research areas and operations;
- 3. Forming a consortium of universities and companies to jointly participate in FP7, TEMPUS, EUREKA and other projects financed by the European Union;
- 4. The establishment of regional collaborative training and/or Lifelong education centers;
- 5. The establishment of open innovation networks;
- 6. Student mobility within the student practices;
- 7. IF programme for graduates and employees.

Results of quality assessment of the held seminar by the participants (1 - 5):

1.	General seminar assessment	4,64
2.	Gained knowledge usefulness	4,55
3.	Knowledge and competence of the lecturers	5,00
4.	Method of topics' presentation	4,73
5.	Premises where the seminar was held	4,68
6.	Seminar organization	4,91
7.	The significance of the seminar's topics	4,59

In addition to the placement on the project web site (<u>www.wbc-vmnet.rs</u>), under the section the latest NEWS, information on the held seminar was also placed on 3 sites.