

Development of Liaison Offices between Academia and Industry in Cypriot Universities-Quality in placements-INENTER project results

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Industry Liaison Offices

The first consortium of public and private
Universities operating in the Republic of Cyprus:

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Cyprus University of Technology

Open University of Cyprus

European University of Cyprus

University of Nicosia

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A Pioneering Project:

- Funding of €3.1 m EU Structural Funds
- Duration: 2009-2014
- The project is timely and consistent with the Europe 2020 strategy: **“Innovation Union”**
Innovation has been placed at the heart of the Europe 2020 strategy: turning ideas into jobs, green growth and social progress

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The Innovation Union Aims:

- to improve conditions and access to finance for research and innovation in Europe
- to ensure that innovative ideas can be turned into products and services that create growth and jobs

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What are the GOALS?:

- Development and operation of Industry Liaison Offices (ILOs) among all participating Universities in Cyprus.
- Collaboration of Private and Public Sector within a mutual objectives scheme
- Development and Promotion of Innovation Culture

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What are the GOALS?:

- Engagement of the Academic world with the Cyprus Business world through compatible and productive collaborations
- Establishment of a communication channel by the contribution of other productive bodies of Cyprus Society: Cyprus Employers & Industrialists Federation, Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Companies, Associations etc

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What are the Key Priorities?:

- Ensuring benefits to Business and Industry through Academic Research Results - vice versa
- Maximizing opportunities and employment potential of students/graduates through a students placement framework
- Cross-National agreements/partnerships with Universities in Europe (similar projects)

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What are the Key Priorities?:

Through student placements and internships

- Exploitation of Universities' research results by Cypriot businesses
- Communicating and commercializing academic research results
- Encourage research in the Cyprus Business Society

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Completed Legal Commitments to Date:

- Study of the needs for knowledge transfer from Universities to businesses
- Construction of the Operations Manual (toolbox) of Liaison Offices
- Creation of an instruction manual as a source for the provision of specialized consultancy services from Universities to the Industry

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Completed Legal Commitments to Date:

- Development of educational material for promoting entrepreneurial culture.
- Implementation of a study on an institutional framework and procedures for protection of intellectual property and patents.



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Legal Commitments under implementation:

- Operating six (6) Industry Liaison Offices, 5 with human resources in place
- Development of a shared web portal and data base
- Quality Assurance Management of the Project
- Creation of academic and businesses research profiles
- Development and production of information material and publicity actions



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Main Outcomes completed to Date:

- The operating five Industry Liaison Offices, managed to place 8 students in businesses
- Dissemination and Promotion
Website (www.liaisonoffices.ac.cy) , periodic airing of radio spots, participation in conferences /workshops/meetings, contact with Industry entities, 3 newsletters published.
- 40% of the academic profiles of all universities is completed
- 80 business profiles collected and completed from all over Cyprus

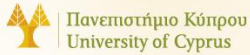
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Networking and Cooperation developed to date:

- Direct collaboration with Cyprus Investment Promotion Agency (CIPA)
- Signed protocol of Cooperation with the Limassol Chamber of Commerce(CUT)
- Direct collaboration with Paphos Chamber of Commerce and Cyprus Shipping Chamber (CUT)
- Involvement in signing cooperation agreements between the Department of Computer Science of the University of Cyprus with FMT Worldwide, Lanitis Development Ltd, Wadja.com and PrimeTel PLC
- Participation in the 5th National Conference on “Corporate Social Responsibility” (OUC)



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Internationalization

Cross-National cooperation is part of the new aims of the project and we are looking for similar ESF projects running in order to develop joint actions for mutual benefits.

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