



Development and operation of University-Industry Liaison Offices in the Republic of Cyprus:

Creating the future



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- *Duration: 2009-2015*
- *The project is timely and consistent with the Europe 2020 strategy's flagship: "Innovation Union"*

Innovation has been placed at the heart of the Europe 2020 strategy: turning ideas into jobs, green growth and social progress

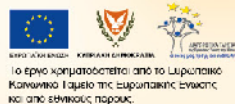
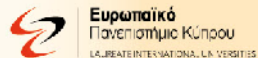
The "Innovation Union" aims:

- *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*
- *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 and vice versa*
- *Maximizing opportunities and employment potential of students/graduates through a students placement framework*
- *Cross-National agreements/partnerships with Universities in Europe (similar activities)*

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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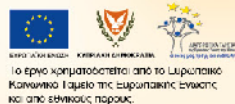
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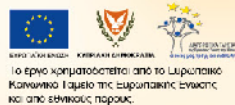


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Completed Deliverables to date:

- *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*
- *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*
- *Development of a complete framework for students' internships*



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Deliverables under implementation :

- *Well established operation of six (6) Industry Liaison Offices, with full human resources in place*
- *Development of a shared web portal and data base*
- *Quality Assurance Management of the Project*
- *Completion of academic and businesses research profiles*
- *Completion of student profiles*
- *Completion of laboratory profiles*
- *Development and production of information material and publicity actions*



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Main Outcomes completed to date and ongoing:

- *The operating six Industry Liaison Offices, managed to place 74 students in businesses*
- *Dissemination and Promotion Website (www.liaisonoffices.ac.cy) and activities*
- *535 academic profiles from all Universities is completed*
- *283 enterprises profiles collected and completed from all over Cyprus*
- *138 Research labs profiles collected*
- *3 Workshops organised*

NEXT MAIN STEP

- *Development of a shared web portal and data base with matching capability and other features*

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Thank you for your attention

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