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

*Creating the future*

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# Industry Liaison Offices

- *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*

# Industry Liaison Offices

## *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*



# Industry Liaison Offices

## *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*

# Industry Liaison Offices

## *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*

# Industry Liaison Offices

## *Main Outcomes completed to date and ongoing:*

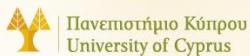
- *The operating six Industry Liaison Offices, managed to place 40 students in businesses*
- *Dissemination and Promotion*  
*Website([www.liaisonoffices.ac.cy](http://www.liaisonoffices.ac.cy)) and activities*
- *62% of the academic profiles of all universities is completed*
- *201 enterprises profiles collected and completed from all over Cyprus*
- *75 Research labs profiles collected*

## **NEXT MAIN STEP**

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



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