Developing Third Mission activities in Albanian Universities, U3M-AL (2012-2014)

Project objective
The U3M-AL project aims at supporting the role of Albanian universities in the social and economic growth of the country through three main objectives: 1) Developing relationships between Albanian universities and society through the promotion of 3M activities: technology transfer, continuing education and social engagement, 2) Establishing Regional Development Centres to promote and organise 3M activities in each Albanian public university and 3) Establishing an Albanian network of 3M activities to promote these activities after the conclusion of this project.

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Project partners
EU partners: University of Turku – Finland, Universidad Politécnica de Valencia – Spain, Università di Roma "La Sapienza" – Italy, University Solutions – Spain, IstitutoSuperiore Mario Boella – Italy

Albanian partners: Ministry of Education and Science, University of Shkodra, University of Gjirokastra, University of Durrës, Agricultural University of Tirana, Polytechnic University of Tirana, University of Korça, University of Vlora

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Project development workpackages

WP.1 Mapping 3M activities in the partner universities
Each partner university has prepared an analytical inventory of its Third Mission activities with different approaches. These reports have been presented and discussed during the Kick-off seminar in Tirana on February 13, 2013.

WP.2 Training on 3M activities in each Albanian university
Albanian partner universities have received a specific training on how to start to develop the 3M activities. Two visits have been organized in April and May 2013. Four people from our unit trained the Albanian universities on Technology Transfer activities.

WP.3 Training visits on 3M activities in EU universities
Three visits have been organized to three European partner universities: University of Turku, University of Turin and University of Valencia. A full understanding of the activities developed in the respective universities has been presented to the Albanian partners.

WP.4 Establishing Regional Development Centres in each Albanian university
This WP is the most important. The goal is to provide the partners with clear Guidelines and support to implement concretely the Regional Development Centers, final objective of this project.