



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

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

- University of Cyprus
- Cyprus University of Technology
- Open University of Cyprus
- European University of Cyprus
- University of Nicosia
- Frederick University

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## A Pioneering Project

- Funding of €3.1 m EU Structural Funds – Χρηματοδότηση ύψους €3.1εκ από τα Διαρθρωτικά Ταμεία της Ε.Ε
- Duration - Διάρκεια: 2009-2014
- 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

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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
- 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 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 full 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 15 students in businesses
- Dissemination and Promotion Website ([www.liasonoffices.ac.cy](http://www.liasonoffices.ac.cy)), periodic airing of two radio spots, participation in conferences /workshops/meetings, contact with Industry entities, 3 newsletters published
- 40% of the academic profiles of all universities is completed
- 111 business profiles collected and completed from all over Cyprus

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## Thank you for your attention