

## European laboratory for modelling the technical research University of tomorrow





## FP7 Support Action

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Topic: SIS-2010-1.4-2 The role of Universities in the process towards a knowledge-based society

- A Support Action (CSA) of 600.000€ of funding
- 24 months duration:
  - from: 1st January 2011
  - to: 31st December 2012



## LFIB

## Partners







Valorisation



Universidad Politécnica de UPM

Management & Dissemination



Oxford University
Outreach



Entrepreneurship



## LFE Objectives

Demonstrate the advantages of collaboration in **International focused networks** of technical or research intensive universities

- Share and exchange good Practices
- Pilot joint actions taking benefit of the International nature of the network





## Ulab is a laboratory

- Identify/exchange best practices
  - Pilot innovative experiments in:
    - Research Management
    - Rights protection and commercialisation
    - Entrepreneurship
    - Outreach  $\Rightarrow$
- Extract conclusions to contribute to the enhancement of research management in European Technical Research Universities





**Aim**: Identification of current practices, reporting on Best Practices in the three areas

- Research Strategies
- Research Support Services
- Human Resources management

Polito WP leader





## Phase 1: Best practices

### to collaborate/integrate with industry:

- Institutional Initiative for Biomedical Technology (UPM)
- Cittadella Politecnica and Collaboration with General Motors (Polito)
- Formal collaboration between University of Oxford and Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals NHS Trust
- Research "oriented " towards the industry (ParisTech)
- Industrial Research Chair Programmes

#### to find new funding opportunities:

- European Projects Office (UPM)
- EU Fund Raising Division (Polito)
- Research Facilitators Network (Oxford)

### for multidisciplinary approach:

- Institutional Initiative for Biomedical Technology (UPM)
- CoTeSys (TUM)
- Frequent, informal interactions within and across departments as demonstrated by collegiate system (Oxford)

#### for valorisation of human resources:

- UPM Programmes for senior researchers (Isaac Peral) and PhD students (Homologadas)
- Institute for Advanced Study (TUM)
- John Fell Fund (Oxford)

#### to promote the research excellence:

- Research Quality Assessment Plan (UPM)
- Scientific productivity assessment process (Polito)
- Continuous Review and Improvement Program (Oxford)

#### on IT infrastructures:

- Information Technology System of Vice-Rectorate for Research (UPM)
- On-line timesheet tools (Polito)
- PORTO open repository (Polito)
- Research Support website (Oxford)





### **Preferred themes**

- How to reinforce excellence and strategies for filling research capacity gaps → Institutional initiative for Biomedical Technology (CTB) at UPM and Cotesys at TUM.
- •New innovative models of relations between University Industry → Cittadella Politecnica (Polito)
  - Sharing of IT systems and similar tools to improve research support and increase visibility → Information Technology System of Vice-Rectorate for Research at UPM and on-line Timesheet Polito at POLITO
- •Exchanging knowledge among European research support offices → European Projects Offices at UPM, TUM, Paristech and Polito and the Research Facilitators at Oxford
  - Human resources and post-doc training programs ->UPM "Becas UPM Homologadas (Programme for PhD Students)



WP 2 THEME	Best practice selected	Originating institution	Pilot site	date	Staff involved	Specific objectives
	Cittadella Politecnica and Collaboration with General Motors	POLITO	UPM	11 April 2012	-Prof. Jose María López - Deputy Director of INSIA-UPM (Automobile Institute) -Ana Belén Bermejo- Programmes Coordinator at European Office	Support the definition and building of a Cluster on "Sustainable Mobility" in the Campus of Excellence MONCLOA
			TUM	11 April 2012	-Dr. Evelyn Ehrenberger, Vice- President for Entrepreneurship and Intellectual Property	To compare and strengthen the coordination of new and existing Clusters of Excellence and Industry Partner Cooperations at TUM.  - Mission towards the creation of a wealthy, high-quality academic environment where to bring together education, research, enterprises in the same premises allowing mutual interaction among students, researchers, entrepreneurs
ategies	CoTeSys	TUM	POLITO	13 April 2012	-Shiva Loccisano (TT office) -Ilaria Robaldo (EU Affairs office)	Explore ways to reinforce the developing of strong multidisciplinary research groups in connection with industry
Research Strategies			ParisTech	5 July 2012	Prof. Claude LAURGEAU, Founder of the Robotics Centre, MINES ParisTech Prof. Arnaud de la FORTELLE, Director Robotics Centre, MINES ParisTech Prof. David FILLIAT, ENSTA ParisTech Dr. Sébastien Fernandez, ParisTech, Doctoral training & research internacional partnerships	Explore ways to reinforce strong relationships with industry;  Developing cooperation in the field of robotics
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Research support services	EU Affairs Office	POLITO	UPM	8th May 2012	-Javier López, European (Project Office, Director) -Beatriz Cubeiro, (International Grant Officer)	Explore way for strenghtening links among eu offices and researchers Identification of items that can be transferred from the visits to optimize the services of the Office





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## WP2 Research Support Guidelines

- The following issues have proven to be of added value and can be proposed as guidelines for the enhancement of best practices' exchange:
- The ideas' transfer could be effective only if it is part of a general strategy
- The knowledge of the context is essential: a good practice can't be analysed and understood if disconnected by what is around it → the regulation of the country and of the procedures of the university where the best practice is originated
- A careful choice of best practices of real interest, either to enhance own similar practices or to change and introduce more efficient new practices.
- The identification and selection of the "right people" to participate to the visit, to involve the university staff of both institutions who directly work at the practice.





## WP2 Research Support Main conclusions

- Increase international dimension: University should compete over the world for attracting the interest of the private sector and for qualified human resources.
  - To reach this aim is strategic to consolidate working contacts among university similar offices (i.e. EU offices) so as to set up a systematic method to proceed and interact
- Go towards smart specialization: this concept implies to focus their activities in some scientific areas and addressing multidisciplinary challenges bringing together expertise spread out on different areas of the university.
- ☆ Wider the range of interaction with industry: University should investigate various type of cooperation with industry not only at local level but internationally. This can be done starting from the usual framework agreements, to new approaches based, for instance, on the co-habitation in the same campus of universities and companies.





## WP3: Valorisation

**Aim:** Identification and exchange of current practices among the partners on methodologies for commercial and economic valorisation of results

### **Main outcomes:**

- Elaborate an international patent catalogue grouping all Ulab Universitys' technology offer for specific sectors
  - Jointly present this catalogue to regional industrial fairs (benefit from the partner's infrastructure and contacts in the region)





# Joint participation in Fairs



23-24 May 2012, UPM Energy and Environment International Trade Fair





19 June 2012, Oxford THE business creation networking event of the year. Typically more than 1,000 people attend.





23-25 October 2012, TUM

Europe's top event for material-driven and supplier-oriented product innovations. lightweight design to pave the way for a new era in e-mobility, aerospace, new energy, automotive and consumer goods.





21-23 November 2012, Venice International showcase for nanotechnologies





## Phase 2: Pilot in Entrepreneurship

### Aim:

- to create and consolidate a network of universities and incubators, throughout Europe, facilitating exchanges and collaborations between them
- to experiment the use of the network with several start-up interested in internationalise their operations

### Main outcomes:

- Offices of all ULAB incubator are opening their services to other ULAB partners.
- Promotion of alliances and partnerships for further establishment of synergies between the start-ups





## Phase 1: Best practices

#### **ENGAGING STUDENTS IN REAL ENTREPRENEURIAL SETTINGS:**

- TUM Manage & More scholarship, the entrepreneurial qualification programme at TUM
- Paris A Telecom Paris module
- Polito The Politecnico of Torino "Entrepreneurship and Business Planning" program

#### **ORGANIZING BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITIONS:**

- UPM UPM Business Plan Competition, actùaupm
- TUM enable2start
- TUM Münchener Business Plan Wettbewerb (MBPW)
- Oxford The Saïd Business School's VentureFund competition
- Polito The Start Cup Piemonte Valle D'Aosta

## BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN RESEARCH LABS AND INNOVATIVE STARTUPS:

- TUM Start-up Evening
- Oxford -- Engagement in knowledge exchange and technology transfer
- Paris Challenge+ or HEC Start up

#### ENTREPRENEURSHIP AS A FULL-FLEDGED RESEARCH FIELD

- TUM School of Management Entrepreneurship research
- Paris HEC Paris entrepreneurship research field

#### **FINANCING START-UPS:**

- TUM UnternehmerTUM Fund
- Paris 3T Telecom Technology Transfer Fund
- Paris A new fund at HEC Paris
- Polito I3P financing services

#### **ENHANCING TEAM BUILDING:**

- UPM Team Building in the UPM Entrepreneurship Program
- TUM Entrepreneurs'Night
- TUM Teamproject within the Executive MBA in Innovation & Business Creation
- Paris Startup in Vitro @ HEC School of management, ParisTech
- Polito Entrepreneurial/managerial Team ET





## WP5: Outreach

**Aim**: Identification and exchange of current practices on outreach activities of universities

Main outcome European contest to award the 3 best Outreach projects





## Phase 2: European Outreach Competition

### The winners were:

<u>Active Science – Young people engaged in science</u> (encouraging deliberative democracy by engaging young people in current scientific and technological issues - Agora Scienza, Centro Interuniversitario, Italy)

Centre of the Cell (the first science education centre in the world to be located within biomedical research laboratories - Queen Mary, University of London, UK)

Sons de Barcelona (Sounds of Barcelona) (working with environmental sounds to foster interest in music technologies through creative workshops - Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain)





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