INNOVATION LABORATORIES:
- using an open innovation learning platform &
- action research in enterprise education in order to enhance the engagement &
- innovative capabilities of Universities in Post-Socialist Societies

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The project that can help to change your future

We are an international team of actors who work on fostering academic environment for INNOVATIONS through cooperation among the partners and interaction with regional enterprises and supporting societal developments

WE JOINTLY IMPLEMENT AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

INNOLAB unites 10 teams from different regions in the UK, ESTONIA, GREECE, BELARUS and UKRAINE
Do you have a strong personality? Are you well motivated? Do you want to grow professionally so that life will seem enticing and full of optimism and enthusiasm?

Then we have something that will most probably attract you

Students acquire new knowledge and skills through studies and generate ideas. They sometimes have no account of how valuable those could be. Just because they have no idea of how to measure the value of the ideas. Or how to apply them in practice. We are here to interact and assist you in expressing the most challenging or unusual thoughts or endeavours.

Creative IDEAS = Simple INNOVATIONS / Simple IDEAS = Creative INNOVATIONS
Innovations – New Sources – Variety – Diversity of Knowledge and Interaction

"Innovation is fostered by information gathered from new connections; from insights gained by journeys into other disciplines or places." Margaret J. Wheatley
...Innovations get deep into the learning environment at the University where we can’t escape without thinking. This encourages creativity and innovation in ourselves. Learning becomes inspiration for creative thinking and producing unexpected solutions for technological improvements. We are fostered by the extra-curricular and curricular opportunities, facilities, events, and training at enterprises... **Andrei Mironenko, Faculty of Chemical Technology, Polotsk State University, Belarus**

...Innovations are simultaneously a challenge for us to be more flexible in a fast-changing competitive world of uncertainty and an inspiration to develop our unique talents for creating socially-responsible business in future. That’s why the knowledge triangle between educational institutions, enterprises and society creates the synergy effect and represents a strategic mechanism for economic growth and new jobs creating. Innovations allow understanding which skills are important for practical work. We are learning by doing. It allows you to build a career and get necessary skills and knowledge for future work... **Students at the NAUKMA, Kiev, Ukraine**

...The future of society is not a leap into invisible space, it starts today and now, the platform for progress lies in tight links between Universities and enterprises that all lead towards well-being of the society... **Students at Kharkiv National Technical University, Kharkiv, Ukraine**
Students in the Project

The project envisages 5 major outcomes to be achieved:

- Creation of 5 regional innovation laboratories INNOLABs in the 5 regions: Uzhgorod, Kharkiv, Kiev in Ukraine, Grodno and Polotsk in Belarus. The INNOLABs will be used in regional innovation ecosystems in Belarus and Ukraine. They will allow enterprises, working together with academics & students, to experiment with breakthrough ideas. They will provide the setting for the development and advancement of solutions & generate value for both society & enterprises.

- Use of the platforms for teaching/learning and enhancing cooperation between the Universities and enterprises. Students will work under supervision of their tutors in smaller groups and individually in-class and at home at solving real-world problems that regional enterprises have and have set up on the platforms. Through platforms students will be able to publicise their innovative ideas and solutions which will most probably attract enterprises or investors. Through the platforms they will be able to communicate with their peers in the other Universities in Belarus and Ukraine and exchange ideas with people in business.

- Boosting opportunities for students for their professional development and enhancement of their entrepreneurial skills. The acquired knowledge will help Belarusian and Ukrainian students to better adapt to the new learning environment that will be created at the partner Universities after the launch of INNOLABs. The use of open innovation learning platforms will stimulate more active students learning through team work aimed at generating ideas, increase entrepreneurial potential, improve students employability skills and enhance their career opportunities.

- Giving a chance to students to learn from the peers at the EU partner Universities and participate in short-term trainings at the Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia, in October 2013 and Bradford University, UK, in November/December 2013. Students at the Belarusian and Ukrainian partner Universities (three from each) together with staff at those Universities will visit Tallinn University of Technology to learn from best practice in open innovation learning platforms at meetings with academics, students and innovative enterprises.

Three students and three staff members from the Belarusian and Ukrainian partners will learn from best practice of Bradford University in enterprise education. The visit will include meetings with educators, discussion about teaching and support material, monitoring lectures, discussions about the use of new practices.
Our partners who will participate in the development of the INNOLAB and will attract students with their ideas and solutions each in its own region

BelMobileSoft Solutions

...Creativity is thinking up new things. Innovation is doing new things often through failures. You can never do things without failing. A creative and innovative person is simply a person who doesn't take his education too seriously. From the time a person is six years old until he graduates from University he has to take examinations at regular intervals. If he flunks once, he is out. But an inventor is almost always failing. He tries and fails maybe a thousand times. If he succeeds once then he's in. These two things are diametrically opposite. We often say that the biggest job we have is to teach a newly hired employee how to fail intelligently. We have to train him to experiment over and over and to keep on trying and failing until he learns what will work...

Stephan Kossinski, Head of Technology, BelMobileSoft Solutions, Novopolotsk, Belarus (st.kossinski@open.by)

Tangram Ukraine Ltd.

...We do business but not alone. Alongside are those who invent or simply have an idea. What we do is translate an idea or invention into a good or service that creates value or for which customers will pay. Tangram Ukraine Ltd. Company is on the market of Ukraine since 1999 and specializes in providing services in the field of IT consulting, Internet business solutions, web programming, web hosting and colocation services, systems integration, broadband Internet access. Among clients there are many famous companies from the CIS countries, Western Europe and North America. The company cooperates with different educational establishments attracting young professionals for applying their knowledge...

Oleksiy Tsebro, CEO, Tangram Ukraine Ltd., Kiev, Ukraine, (ceo@tangram.ua)
Our Offers to Students

The enterprises offer:
- Participation in international and national innovative projects;
- Internships and career development;
- Development of analytical skills;
- Participation in development and realisation of consulting projects;
- Enhancing skills for innovative development of business;
- Offering real-life problems for solving in groups or individually.

The Universities using the open innovation learning platforms within the INNOLABS will
- encourage students’ active involvement in the cooperation with enterprises;
- attract lead enterprises in their regions to the exploitation of the INNOLABS;
- engage students with their ideas and research results in the development of business.

We are fostering the culture of innovations. Therefore, we are inviting all students who have interesting ideas and solutions, who are enthusiastic and motivated, looking into the future, to work with us and use the INNOLABS very actively.

You can do a significant contribution to the project and the economy of the region
In case you have questions or issues to discuss, as well as interesting ideas to offer, please, contact the staff of the project at your University

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