

**Meeting: Alliances between Academia and Industry**

**Friday, 10 July 2015**

Room 148, Building 12  
Department of Computer Science,  
Pure and Applied Sciences (FST-01)  
University of Cyprus, New Campus

The key aim of the meeting is to enforce alliances between Academia and Industry. At first the state of the project **Virtual Alliances for a Learning Society (VALS)** funded by European Union Lifelong Learning Programme (Sub-Programme Erasmus-Knowledge Alliances) will be introduced. We will present the scope of the project, the development activities and the preliminary results of successful virtual partnerships between universities and businesses, the mutual benefits for cooperating parties as well as reflections on the outstanding issues. There will be also a presentation on the **operation activities of Enterprise Liaison Offices in Cyprus** that aim to promote also collaborations between industry and academia. The meeting will be also interlinked with a talk on the possibilities offered by the **Eurostars 2 program that mainly supports R&D performing small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs)**. Finally, there will be an open discussion with the participants on all individual issues for establishing and reinforcing connections between the industry and academia in Cyprus, as well as promoting research-oriented business innovation through academia and R&D SMEs.

**Agenda**

10:00 –10:20	<b>Attendance, Registration and Coffee.</b> Welcome, Professor George A. Papadopoulos, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Cyprus.
10:20 –10:40	<b>Virtual Alliances for a Learning Society (VALS) LLP Project: Target, Objectives and Approach</b> Dr. Achilleas Achilleos, Post-Doc Researcher, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Cyprus
10:40 –11:00	<b>Virtual Alliances for a Learning Society (VALS) LLP Project: Preliminary Results</b> Dr. Georgia M. Kapitsaki, Lecturer, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Cyprus
11:00 –11:20	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:20 –11:40	<b>Operation Activities of Enterprise Liaison Offices in Cyprus</b> Ms. Vassiliki Savvopoulou, Project Manager, Industry Liaison Office, University of Cyprus Dr Gregory Makrides, Head of Research and International Service, University of Cyprus-Project Coordinator
11:40 –12:30	<b>Briefing on the Submission of Proposals under the Program «EUROSTARS 2»</b> Mr. Marinos Portokalides, Research Promotion Foundation (RPF), Cyprus
12:30 –13:00	Open Discussion & Questionnaire
13:00	Light Lunch

**Seminar Host:**

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