

On 25th of February 2010, Serbian government adopted the “Scientific and Technological Development Strategy of the Republic of Serbia”, together with draft amendments to the relevant laws. This strategy envisages a knowledge transfer program as one of the measures to be implemented and highlights the significance of technology transfer offices in speeding up the transfer of technology to industry, helping to boost the development, and exploiting the innovative potential of Serbian companies.

Recognizing the need to institutionalize and regulate the protection and commercialization of intellectual property and research results generated at the University of Belgrade and to enhance the transfer of knowledge and technology, the University of Belgrade founded the Center for Technology Transfer (CTT UB) on October 26th, 2010. The mission of the Center is to popularize, to initiate, to facilitate and to carry out the protection of intellectual property of the University, to keep the portfolio and to commercialize the realized patents and research results, to place expert knowledge and research capacities and to establish or to improve the links between the University and industry.

The CTT UB activities are mainly focused on securing invention disclosures from researchers, filing patent applications, negotiating licenses, and creating spin-out companies as well as managing research and consulting grants and contracts, training students and entrepreneurs, and managing business incubation and science park programs. In addition, the CTT UB has assisted in the commercialization of few technologies through formation of spin-out companies or licensing.

The CTT UB is working on matchmaking between the University and industry through organizing live Academia-Industry matchmaking events as well as software support for the technology transfer, developed within the frame of TEMPUS project „National Platform for Knowledge Triangle in Serbia“. The system should support the acquisition of data related to the technologies developed at the academic institutions, as well as commercial potentials of the companies. The main goal of the system is quick and efficient forming of a unique technology database and linking and cooperation between academic institutions and companies.

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