



Fellowship Report

Organisation sending: University of Sarajevo (UNSA)

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Organisation Hosting: The Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

Location of the fellowship: Vienna, Austria

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1. Recommendations for the work of the Agency for the Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance

Development of recommendations for the work of the Agency for the Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance of Bosnia and Herzegovina. These inputs are based on lessons learned practices observed at FFG, aimed at supporting and enhancing internationalization and development of science and research among HEIs in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Observations and conclusions during the visit:

- Meetings with the representatives of Department for European and International Affairs provided insights into structure of the Agency, processes for funding, promotion and work of the Agency.
- Interviews contributed to identification of processes that could be part of the responsibilities of the Agency for the Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- The role of the agency (FFG) is recognized as a strong factor in the promotion of science and research, support for cooperation between higher education institutions and industry, sources of funding, as well as the internationalization of domestic science, research and technology.
- UNSA will prepare recommendations for the Agency for the Development of Higher Education and Quality Assurance of Bosnia and Herzegovina and present them at future events/meetings, which will also include representatives of ministries and other institutions responsible for issues of higher education and science.

2. Recommendations for the Technology Transfer Office at UNSA

Contribution/recommendations for the work of the UNSA Technology Transfer Office, which is in the process of being established.

Observations and conclusions during the visit:

- Meetings with representatives provided insight into the type of support for researchers, the launch of start-up companies and their further development.
- Interviews with representatives of start-up companies provided insight into the needs of young researchers and the problems they face, which can be overcome with the help of



university support through promotion, cooperation with companies, access to research infrastructure and other resources.

- UNSA will use this information and tools in the process of establishing and organizing the work of the Technology Transfer office in the coming period.

3. Recommendations for the work of the Intellectual Property Office and inputs for the management of research infrastructure

Observations and conclusions during the visit:

- Interviews with representatives of the Research, Technology and Innovation Support office provided insight into the management of innovations, patents and licensing at the Vienna University of Technology. In addition, the process of establishing cooperation with companies and industry, as well as the support provided to researchers, were presented.
- The meeting with representatives of the department for cooperation with companies provided insight into the way of establishing cooperation between the University and companies, the conditions and obligations of both. The method of managing and promoting research infrastructure was also presented.
- UNSA will incorporate the collected knowledge, recommendations and examples of good practice into its Intellectual Property Office, which is currently being established. Also, information and recommendations on how to manage research infrastructure can be included in the UNSA Open Science Policy. The way in which the research infrastructure of the Vienna University of Technology is promoted and made visible provides useful input for the UNSA Research Infrastructure Registry, which is currently being created.