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In the period 4-6 February 2015, at the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, were conducted the works of the International Forum “Strengthening the Knowledge Triangle in the Republic of Moldova: Steps towards European Integration through Education-Research-Innovation”. International Forum was organized within the Project “SEETechnology”, co-funded by the South-East Europe Program and FKTBUM Project, co-funded by the European Commission Tempus Program. The main organizer of the Forum was the Center for European Integration Studies in field of the AESM.

The main objective of the Forum “Triangle-2015” was to define the steps to be taken towards the complete Europeanization of the Republic of Moldova by strengthening the interaction between education, research and development. The main result of this interaction is the implementation of research findings into innovative products and services that may enhance the competitiveness of the Republic of Moldova at transnational level.

Thus, the Forum aimed to enhance the visibility of research conducted by universities, strengthening their impact on policy development in the field of research and innovation of the Republic of Moldova nationally and internationally. The main emphasis was placed on the following aspects: the role of universities in education and training of researchers; increasing partnerships with other universities, research institutions and enterprises to better respond to the needs of society; the way in which the policy framework creates conditions for regional transformation and promotion of innovation and competitiveness, as well as challenges and obstacles faced by universities in the supply/provision of research results and excellent educational programs.

The work of the Forum was attended by representatives of public institutions and authorities of the republic, of institutions in the sphere of science and innovation, university and entrepreneurial environment in the republic and abroad (Germany, Hungary, Ukraine, Belarus).

In order to promote and disseminate information on the national intellectual property system the work of the International Forum was also attended by specialists from AGEPI.

Thus, in the first session of the Forum entitled “Interaction Education-Research: Achievements and Obstacles/Difficulties”, on February 4, Head of Economics and Finance Department, AGEPI, Mr. Iurie Badir, presented the communication on “Patenting Activity of Universities of the Republic of Moldova” by which informed the audience about the achievements of higher education institutions of the republic in the field of patent protection of scientific research results, the need for protection of such results and the importance of innovations for economic development of the country.

In the opening of the third session “Interaction Education-Research: Achievements and Obstacles/Difficulties”, which took place on 6 February this year, Mrs. Lilia Bolocan, Director General of AGEPI, presented a brief information about the protection of intellectual property objects in the Republic Moldova and the impact of intellectual property objects for the country’s economy. In this context, Mrs. Bolocan mentioned that there is a positive correlation between the type and number of registered intellectual property objects and the level of development of the country. Thus, it proves that developed countries such as Germany and China have a greater number of patented inventions in comparison to other objects of intellectual property and in developing countries or with economies in transition (including the Republic of Moldova), predominant is trademark as the most protected intellectual property object. Mrs. Director General said that “over the past year in the Republic of Moldova were registered around 6000 IP objects and only 300 of them - were inventions. That is why, to enhance the innovative spirit of the population, but also to promote intellectual property as an indispensable economic instrument, the Republic of Moldova has one of the most attractive mechanisms of protection of inventions – discounts of 95% of the registration fee for an invention, provided by AGEPI on behalf of the state, to persons in the field of science, pupils, students and retirees”. Meanwhile, Mrs. Bolocan reported that AGEPI promotes patented inventions and supports inventors participation in international exhibitions of inventions, products and new technologies (in Romania, Russia, Poland, Croatia), and also organizes in Chisinau the International Specialized

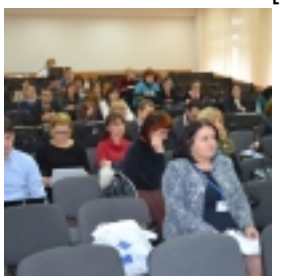
Exhibition “INFOINVENT”, which has become a forum of intellectual property, creativity and innovation, where gather together all inventors from the country and abroad.

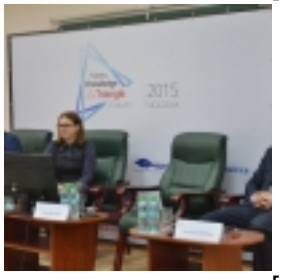
In conclusion, the Director General of AGEPI said that in Moldova there are creative people, but there are still problems at the chapter of using the products of their creativity, for lack of the necessary skills to complete the process - to lead an invention until the economic effect and balance, finally, the number of trademarks with that of inventions sought on the market.

For more information about the Forum visit http://triangle2015.md [1]



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