



Project: I3E-Promoting Innovation in the Industrial Informatics and Embedded Systems Sectors through Networking

Workpackage 5: Networking

Activity 5.2.: I3E Workshops

Responsible partner: Foundation” Cluster Information and Communication Technologies”

Report on the 2d I3E Workshop - 17-18 February 2011

Sofia, 23 February 2011

1. INTRODUCTION

The 2^d workshop on presentation of the current results of the project “I3E-Promoting Innovation in the Industrial Informatics and Embedded Systems Sectors through Networking” was organised on 17-18 February 2011, in Sofia, Bulgaria. The workshop’s title was SEE Days of Microelectronics and Embedded Systems, / Innovation and Competitiveness/.

The conference is traditionally organized by two I3E partners BICT and FNBU (Foundation for New Bulgarian University) in cooperation with Foundation Applied Research and Communication Fund. The conference targets representatives of SME in the field of ICT and particularly microelectronic and industrial informatics, as well as university and research representatives and public administration. BICT have invited representatives of SEE countries not presented in the consortium, who make presentations and overview about ICT sector and recent developments in respective countries. There were representatives from Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYROM, Croatia, Albania and Turkey. It is also targeted enterprises, seeking funding for R&D and development. As the scope and aims of the conference fit well into the scope of the I3E project and the main target was entrepreneurs from the field, BICT team decided to include the first Local Capacity Building Meeting in the workshop as official part of the conference.

At the 2^d SEE-I3E Workshop, attention was given to the presentation of current results of WP3, WP5 and presentations of status quo of SEE countries.

2. DATES & PLACE

17-18 February 2011 at Grand Hotel Sofia, Bulgaria

3. PARTICIPANTS

There were 30 participants of the 2d I3E Workshop. The workshop participants can be divided into several groups:

- from academia institutions dealing with technology transfer of their research results;
- the stakeholders from different public agencies;
- entrepreneurs;

4. I3E WORKSHOP AGENDA

First Day

Official Opening

Electronic and Industrial

Mr. Borislav Stefanov, Executive Director, Invest Bulgaria Agency

Promoting Innovation in South East Europe

Athanasios Kalogeras, I3E project manager

Strategic Research Agenda Document Microelectronics and Embedded Systems Sector in the SEE Region

Presentation of Best Practices collected by I3E Partners

Mr. Antoni Slavinski, Foundation for New Bulgarian University

Innovations Myths and European and USA Reality

Todor Yalamov, Coordinator IT Group

Mr. Petar Statev, Chairman, Bulgarian ICT Cluster

Innovation Funds – EU programs for SMEs, Financial Tools

Mr. Angel Milev, ARC Fund Program Director

IT sector in Albania

Mr. Dritan Mezini, Board chairman of Albanian Information and Technology Association

FYROM ICT Market Challenges and Opportunities

Mrs. Anita Nikova, Deputy Executive Director, MASIT

Innovation & Croatian High

Mr. Boris Krstanovic, President of Association of Croatian ICT Clusters

Potential of ICT in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Zlatan Mulabegovic, Association of Information Technology in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Potential of ICT in Turkey, Mr. Reha Senturk, Bati Innovation and Electronics Regional Innovation Centre, T

Discussion and closing remarks

Second day

Registration Capacity Building Meeting

SME innovation training of Methodology, Criteria and Techniques for G.Petrov, FNBU

The Bulgarian Vision for the Strategic N. Milovanov, FNBU

Revue of IMS Kiril Stojchev, Lenko Stanev, Ivan Bogomilov, Georgi Petrov

Dragomir Bojkov, Ivan Bogomilov, Georgi Petrov“ M. Kolev, “Codico Bulgaria”

Best Practices of Industry and Academy Collaboration S. E. Gurova, SU

Innovations and funds for financing of innovative projects for SME” A. Milev. ARC Fund, CSD “ B.

Balabanov, G. Petrov, FNBU

Windows Embedded operating systems, M. Topuzova,

European Initiatives and Perspectives for Local Embedded Systems”, A. Slavinski, FNBU

Ranking of the Best Practices” Research IMS-BAS innovations and industrial applications

EuroGPS SaveDrive. ICOM – Innovations and telematic Embedded Systems and Components Market in Koutzarov, FNBU

Technology Environment for Leaving Labs and Open Innovation Talents Management and Centers of Excellences for an Innovative systems, Triniti Soft

R&D Activities in the Field Practices”,Agenda”,applications”,telematic” ,South Eastern Europe”,Collaboration”,Innovation”,SME”, Policy”,

Round Table and Match Making Event development of ICT /Microelectronics and Region/.

5. REPORT

The aims of the 2d I3E Workshop were:

- a presentation of the current results of the international project “I3E-Promoting Innovation in the Industrial Informatics and Embedded Systems Sectors through Networking”. I3E project is funded under South-East Europe Initiative with an aim to help towards the transformation of the South-East Europe (SEE) area into a knowledge-based innovation-driven economy. The project places emphasis on two leading edge technology sectors that may create a competitive advantage for the area, namely industrial informatics and embedded systems. The main technical deliverables include a Strategic Research Agenda in the aforementioned sectors making possible the alignment of research efforts in the area and a Methodology Guideline for Innovation stemming from best practices relevant to the transformation of research into innovation.
- to collect updated information about the last developments in the ICT sector and particularly Industrial Informatics and Embedded Systems from other SEE countries, which are not part of I3E consortium and to widen the scope of the Strategic Research Agenda.
- to widen the I3E network with representatives from neighbouring SEE countries and Western Balkans;
- to rise awareness about I3E project and it’s results into partners from SEE countries and to find support;
-

The morning part of the first workshop day started with presentation of Microelectronics and Industrial Informatics sector in Bulgaria, by the executive director of Invest Bulgaria. The event continues with presentations of the project, SRA and WP4. It was very positively accepted by the audience the information received about development and transfer of innovations in Bulgaria and USA as well as the European financial tools for SME.

The afternoon session was devoted to the regional presentations of different representatives. The information and presentations collected were very useful for the participants. The information which was not known so far about the Western Balkans countries and turkey as well as readiness for future collaboration for development was presented.

The second day was devoted to LCB Meeting, where the FNBU team presented excellent information and reports concerning innovations and technology transfer. The workshop was closed with round table, where all participants got chance to present their future plans expectations and plans for future collaboration in the SEE region.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTATION

1. Agenda;
2. Presentations of the speakers;
3. Pictures from the event;
4. Video of the event;