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In December 2010, within the State University of Moldova (SUM) was inaugurated the Bureau of International Cooperation in Research and Innovation, its opening and endowment with the necessary equipment is possible thanks to the TEMPUS “MERCURY” project “Towards the Research Entrepreneurial University Models in Higher Education in Russia, Ukraine and Moldova”, launched in February 2009 for a period of three years. Professor Petru Chetrus was appointed as Executive Director of Bureau.

The opening meeting of the new Bureau was attended by Professor Mihail Revenco, USM pro-rector for scientific work; Liliana Vieru, Chief of International Cooperation and European Integration Division, AGEPI; Prof. Valentin Arion, Coordonator of the National TEMPUS Moldova Office; Sergiu Porcescu, Head of European Integration and International Cooperation Management, ASM; Ghenadie Cernei, Director of the Agency for Innovation and Technology Transfer, ASM; university professors, scientists, students, representatives of partner institutions of USM and mass media.

Prof. Petru Gaugas, local coordinator of the TEMPUS “Mercury” Project did a brief survey of the project objectives and activities undertaken since its launch. It was noted that, along with project partner universities of Ukraine and Russia, is pursuing to transform SUM into a center of innovative development, using the experience of the universities of Alicante (Spain), Saarland (Germany) and Krakow (Poland) as business models of successful research.

To participants in the project and future beneficiaries of the Bureau also addressed Mr. Valentin Arion, coordinator of the National TEMPUS Moldova Office, who stressed the importance of efficient use of resources made available by European donors in the framework of TEMPUS projects, including the “MERCURY” project, the need to ensure the viability and sustainability of results, and launching them on the international market through research projects.

Liliana Vieru, Chief of International Cooperation and European Integration Division, AGEPI, partner in the “MERCURY” Project, congratulated the State University of Moldova for the results recorded in research-innovation-patenting activity, and also expressed her belief that opening of the Intellectual Property Bureau in September 2010 and of the Bureau of International Cooperation in Research and Innovation will lead to the increase of the innovational activity in the institution, but also of the number of inventions implemented in the real sector, thus contributing to national economic growth and, respectively, to the welfare of population.

About the importance of the Bureau for Studying Youth of the Republic of Moldova (students, masters and doctoral candidates) emphasized Professor Mihail Revenco, SUM pro-rector, mentioning that they should be first and the most appropriate project beneficiaries. Also, Mr. Revenco mentioned the need to include students in the actions of these two bureaus, because by this way the information in the field will reach far more quickly to those interested.

Also, the project team was congratulated by Mr. Genadie Cernei, Director of the Agency for Innovation and Technology Transfer, ASM, who highlighted the coercitiveness of collaboration of all higher education institutions, as well as ASM institutes in this priority area.

The Bureau of International Cooperation in Research and Innovation of SUM will give the public concerned, including the business environment of Moldova, the following services:

- monitoring the financial fund opportunities;
- establishing and ensuring relationships of cooperation with potential sponsors;
- providing consultancy in the research and innovation project management field;
- information on opportunities for participation in various contests of international projects etc.

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