



## Deliverable D6.1– Report

# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual report on evaluation of CU sustainability and business model

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## Deliverable D6.1 – 3rd Quarterly Management and Progress Report

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Work package	Lead beneficiary
WP 6 - Sustainability	Comenius University (CU)

### 1. Project progress and significant achievements during the reporting period

CU's sustainability and business model is a challenging topic since it is an educational institution governed by public law with strict legal and financial obligations. The main shareholders are government, society, industry and private sector whose expectations and needs must be followed.

CU consists of 13 faculties and provides services to approximately 25 000 students at all three levels of higher education. CU's research and innovation potential is in 2400 teachers and research workers and 2100 doctoral students. CU is being influenced by numerous internal and external factors, which are being topics for many research groups on their own.

After number of discussions with project partners and their specialists during the joint workshops, trainings and short-term visitation main areas of focus were extrapolated.

Project members have agreed to break down the exploratory area of the university's sustainability and business model into the level of the research teams, considering the size of the university, hierarchy, and the low-innovative character of the Slovakia in general as represented in figure 1.

The research and scientific character of the ELEVATE team members and their experience highlights the importance of the core team in terms of exploring, discovering, and exploiting new research opportunities with the possible application in the business sphere.



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## SIMPLIFIED CORE COMPOSITION OF COMENIUS UNIVERSITY

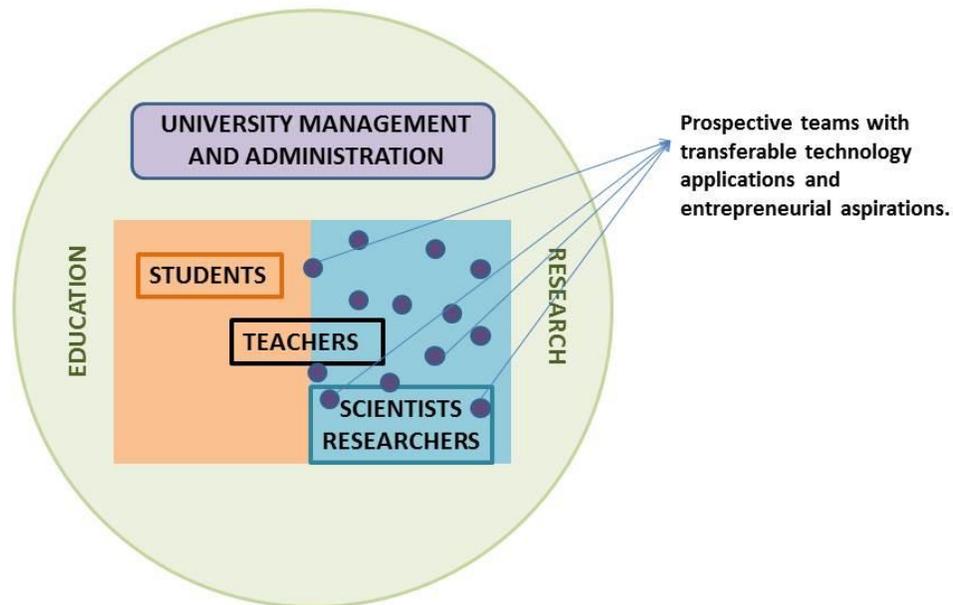


Figure 1 Break down of the explorative area of sustainability and business model for developing promising new ideas.

Considering the sustainability options and project's ELEVATE possibilities, partners have agreed to focus on specific topics representing problematic areas that each of the partners is facing when promoting the entrepreneurial activities at universities and turning the research outputs into the applications in practice.

- Technology transfer
- Establishment, support and management of academic spin-offs and start-ups
- Management, protection of the intellectual property rights
- Research support structures and their improvements

Further exploration of these topics under H2020 has already led to sets of recommendations, guidelines, improvements benefiting partnering institutions in a balanced way of bottom-up and top-down approaches. Centre for technology transfer at Comenius University is undergoing the optimization process incorporating best practice from Innsbruck and Open Universities. CU's Head of the Project Office has been participating on the trainings and workshops organized by partners and will organize special event with the project ELEVATE members for the CU's



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researchers, project managers and leaders in similar areas. Such activities shall lead to higher involvement of CU in international projects and cooperation, thus supporting the overall sustainability.

Following deliverables shall be understood as a point of reference for building up a sustainability strategic plan, business models identification and roadmap preparation:

- D1.15 D15 – IPR Management Plan
- D3.1 D32 - Initial report on preparing Strategic plan for Technology transfer from EPPL/FMPI CU
- D2.4 D25 - Organization of 1st Training workshop with post workshop report
- D3.2 D33 - Progress report on preparing Strategic plan for Technology transfer from EPPL/FM
- D3.4 D35 - Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy and rules as part of ELEVaTe Workshop
- D4.1 D38 - Strategic plan for establishment of research support structures
- D4.5 D42 - Report on 1st WP4 Workshop

## 2. Summary of project activities in year 2016 regarding the Sustainability

Project ELEVaTE is a 3-year project where sustainability is the main objective of work package 6, aiming to:

- share experiences and best practice in long-term planning, risk management, diversification of resources;
- share insights into grant options, technology transfer and commercialization options;
- identify effective business model for developing promising new ideas;
- create a Roadmap for future development of EPPL CU team.

To achieve these aims, the project participants had to get to know each other's university on institutional level, map the actual situation and internal challenges, which was the core of the activities in year 2016. Emphasizing discussions and exchange of knowledge in identified areas.



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