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## **Project REKS - Researchers in European Knowledge Society**

### **Project description**

The project REKS is a Bulgarian activity within the Researchers in Europe Initiative of the European Commission. The **main goal** of REKS project is to raise the awareness of Bulgarian society on the importance of researchers for building a knowledge economy and society in Bulgaria as part of the European ones.

In order to achieve the main goal, the following **project objectives** are defined:

- to facilitate the dialogue between different stakeholders in the economy and the society on the importance of researchers and the respective policy needs;
- to improve the appreciation of researchers' in society and by young people in particular;
- to disseminate information regarding practical tools supporting the researchers career in Europe and in Bulgaria.

The project will be implemented by a **consortium of five Bulgarian universities**. As co-ordinator is acting Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Centre of Information Society Technology. Project partners are "Angel Kantchev" University of Rousse, Technical University of Varna, Trakia University Stara Zagora – Department for Information and In-service Teacher Training and "Paisij Hilendarski" University of Plovdiv.

The project duration will be 6 months. The project will concentrate on the following **groups of activities**:

- *Awareness-raising rally* – will be carried out within one week and will consist of four regional seminars in Rousse, Varna, Stara Zagora and Plovdiv dedicated to the researchers' profession.
- *National conference* – will take place in Sofia at the end of the project.
- *Survey* on the state-of-the-art in the researchers' profession will be conducted during the REKS project and the results will be presented at the final conference.
- *TV broadcasting* – the TV production 'High Tech' on Nova Televisia will integrate 6 TV transmissions – one every month during the 'Researchers in Europe Initiative'.
- *Dissemination* – will be used on-line and off-line channels for dissemination and reaching a wider audience in Bulgaria.

It is expected that the project activities will have a substantial impact on Regional and National levels, and a European added-value. The **outcomes of the project** will be:

- increased awareness of the general public and the businesses on the importance of research human resources for building the knowledge economy and society;
- increased awareness on Bulgarian and Europe-wide initiatives related to researchers;
- increased awareness on career and job opportunities for young scientists in Europe;
- contribution to research human capacity building in the country ;
- minimising weaknesses in research labour force and thus supporting the knowledge-based society in Bulgaria as part of the European one;
- enhanced participation of Bulgarian researchers in the Marie Curie Actions, and other EU programmes related to human capacity building.