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Legislative Challenges for Industry- Academia Collaboration and Researchers Career

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Challenges for Industry-Academia Collaboration

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Legal Framework

- Bulgarian Academy of Science Act
- High Education Act
- Public Education Act
- Encouragement of the Science Research Act
- Educational Degree, General Educational Minimum and Curriculum Act
- Educational Degrees and Academic Ranks Act
- Other legislative acts (tax legislation, intellectual property protection legislation, regulation of the public-private partnership, Professional Education and Training Act, etc.)

Challenges: Industry-Academia Collaboration

- **A collaboration useful for both parties**
 - Financing of academic projects by the industry
 - The scientific achievements in the industry
- **The main challenge before the legislation is to allow both parties to benefit from such a collaboration**

Financing Academic Projects

- The industry as a source of financial support for the academic
- Is it really attractive for the industry to invest in academic projects?
- Does the legislation stimulate the investments in academic activities?
- The state is still identified as the main source of financial support – positive and negative aspects

The industry would invest only in projects whose final results could be used and implemented as business solutions.

Intellectual Property Aspects

- For stimulating the investments in academic projects through the legislation in respect to the intellectual property aspects
- The academic achievement as a source of profits (academic achievements which are intellectual property objects)
- Regulation of the relations with respect to industry-academia collaboration with respect to the use of intellectual property objects created within academic projects

Facing the Needs of the Industry

- Facing the needs of the industry is one of the main challenges for the academic institutions but it is closely related to the legal regulation of its activities
- The academic institutions must follow the contemporary trends of the industrial development and must ensure an adequate and efficient scientific capacity
- The academic institutions and their most precious capital – the researchers
- How to attract and retain researchers?

Researchers Mobility

- Engaging researchers for particular projects
- Facilitating the exchange of researchers between different academic institutions
- Recognition of educational degrees and academic ranks
- Proposing attractive conditions for work and career
- The state subsidies as main source of financial support for the academic institutions – negative aspects with respect to attracting researchers

Feedback – from academic institutions/industry to the legislator

- The public-private partnerships face new and new challenges
- The participants of those partnerships as an active party in the law-making process

Other Aspects

- Tax measures
- Public awareness
- Business oriented model of work in the academic institutions
- Alternative forms which would allow the academic institutions to obtain investments and to act as businesslike organizations
- Access to professional assistance outside the academic institutions

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Thank you for your attention!

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