

THE UNIVERSITY THIRD MISSION: EXAMPLES FROM PERUGIA

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Recently the Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of the University and Research Systems introduced the concept of the Third Mission. This mission referred to an opening towards the socio-economic context through the enhancement and transfer of knowledge, in a more current concept that includes, in addition to the economic enhancement activities of research, also initiatives with socio-cultural and educational value. Indicators were defined, inherent not only in technology transfer but also in the activities of the human sciences that have an impact on society, such as science museums and archaeological excavations. The monitoring carried out during the last years has shown serious difficulties to apply for technology transfer. However, helpful case studies were reported, and this paper shows recent application of third mission activities from this University.