

# Meeting of the Science, Technologies and Innovation Expert Council to the Mayor of Sofia Municipality

held in ICT-BAS on 14 July 2015

together with the **Second Meeting of AComIn Stakeholders' Committee**

In July 2015 the Science, Technologies and Innovation Expert Council to the Mayor of Sofia Municipality was invited to organise one of its regular meetings in the ICT premises. The Meeting was opened by the Sofia Mayor Mrs Yordanka Fandakova in the presence of Prof. Nikolai Denkov and Prof. Kostadin Kostadinov, Vice-ministers of Education and Science.



More than 35 guests attended the meeting: Advisors of the President of Republic of Bulgaria, Heads of NGOs related to Sofia Municipality and the Bulgarian government, leading figures in high educational institutions, directors and key scientists in academic institutions, as well as representatives of professional associations.

**Mrs Svetlana Lomeva**, Executive Director of Sofia Development Association, presented a draft of the Innovation Strategy of Sofia.

**Prof. Nikolai Denkov**, a Vice-minister of Education and Science, presented the forthcoming Operational programme “Science and Education” and focused more deeply on the instruments “Center of Excellence” and “Center of Competence”. The Director of ICT **Prof. Svetozar Margenov** delivered a summary of the institute achievements and discussed their relevance to the Bulgaria’s Smart Specialisation Strategy.



**Prof. Galia Angelova**, Co-ordinator of AComIn, presented the project and its relevance to the Bulgaria's Smart Specialisation Strategy. **Prof. Dimitar Karastoyanov**, Smart Lab manager, presented the innovation aspects of AComIn and the achievements in establishing links between the academia and industry. Finally **Prof. Dimitar Tcharaktchiev** from Medical University Sofia presented a joint development between AComIn and the University Specialised Hospital for Active Treatment of Endocrinology for semi-automatic extraction of the Bulgarian diabetic register, using language technologies for analysis of Bulgarian text.



The Meeting ended with demonstrations of the AComIn equipment (Smart Lab) and applications developed using these high tech devices.

