

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2013

	Topic	Where	When	HEREs	Main outcomes
1.	Revision of Armenian National Qualification Framework (ANQF)	Ministry of Education and Science	15 February-10 November	Armen Budaghyan	The new draft of the ANQF was prepared, disseminated among higher education community of Armenia, feedbacks were collected and the necessary changes and amendments were made. The final draft was submitted to the RA Government for approval.
2.	Elective course on European Educational Reforms of Higher Education	Synopsys – Armenia CJSC, Yerevan	February-June 2013	Ruben Aghgashyan	Preparation and delivery of special elective course (36 hours) on European Educational Reforms of Higher Education (Bologna Processes) for Master Programme Students passing their education at the Synopsys –Armenia CJSC.
3.	Thematic Seminar “Organisation and Profile of Doctoral Studies”	Lebanon	11-12 March	Armen Budaghyan, Lusine Fljyan	The report is available at NEO website: http://erasmusplus.am/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Seminar-on-PhD_2013.pdf
4.	Overview of the Thematic Seminar “Organisation and Profile of Doctoral Studies”	National Tempus Office in Armenia	6 April	Armen Budaghyan	Main findings of the seminar were presented to the representatives of Armenian academic community. http://erasmusplus.am/heres-meeting-at-nto-am/
5.	Tempus Regional Seminar on “Human Resource Management in Public Higher Education in Eastern Europe”	Chisinau, Moldova	21-23 April	Samvel Karabekyan (rapporteur), Ruben Terteryan	The results of the Tempus study “Human Resource Management in Public Higher Education” were presented; reflection and discussion among academics, experts and ministerial representatives on the general challenges and trends in human resource management in public higher education was encouraged, providing some examples of good practices and recent initiatives.

					Samvel Karabekyan acted as the rapporteur of the session N1 devoted to the academic staff.
6.	Seminar on “Cross-border Education”	Madrid, Spain	22-24 April	Armen Budaghyan, Alexander Hakobyan	Report published at NEO’s website: http://erasmusplus.am/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Madrid2013_Report_Alex-Hakobyan.pdf
7.	Study Visit on “Academic Programmes in English”	Berlin, Germany	27-28 May	Sasunik Melikyan, Nvard Manasyan, Ruben Aghgashyan	http://berlin2013.bolognaexperts.net/
8.	INTERUV first Regional Conference	Warsaw, Poland	9-10 May	Alexander Hakobyan	http://erasmusplus.am/interuv-first-regional-conference/
9.	Youth Social Forum	Yerevan	11 May	Samvel Karabekyan	Presentation on the “Opportunities and Problems of Receiving Quality Higher Education in Armenia.”
10.	Working session “Study with pleasure, exercise your right”	American University of Armenia	24 May	Samvel Karabekyan, Nvard Manasyan, Alex Hakobyan	During the event the students had the chance to make inquiries, voice their concerns and get new information about student and teacher evaluation systems. http://erasmusplus.am/working-session-study-with-pleasure-exercise-your-right/
11.	Regulatory/methodical guidelines	State Engineering	May-December 2013	Ruben Aghgashyan	Together with the colleagues involved in the workgroup of a World Bank Project aimed at the support of SEUA in internal QA system

		University of Armenia (SEUA)			establishment, 2 regulatory/methodical guidelines were developed for the implementation of quality standards and procedures for study programmes in the phases of programme design, restructuring and implementation.
12.	Study Visit	Charles University, Prague	29 May–06 June; 9-12 December	Armen Budaghyan	Internal quality assurance system of the university was presented.
13.	“European Union: A Look Inside”	EU Centre in Armenia	22 June	Samvel Karabekyan	During the awareness raising action day Armenian youth and students were introduced with the EU structures, goals and activities. http://erasmusplus.am/european-union-a-look-inside/
14.	Seminar-Discussion on Needs and Challenges of Higher Education in Armenia	Ani Plaza Hotel, Yerevan	24-25 June	Samvel Karabekyan, Nvard Manasyan	Needs and challenges of Armenia’s higher-education system were discussed and assessed. http://erasmusplus.am/seminar-discussion-on-needs-and-challenges-of-higher-education-in-armenia/
15.	Case study	State Engineering University of Armenia (SEUA)	June-July 2013	Ruben Aghgashyan	Development of a detailed case study (research paper) devoted to the SEUA good practice in establishing novel educational cooperation model. The study was then sent to the “Leading and Managing Change in Higher Education” – La MANCHE Tempus project European partners’ consideration for inclusion in the concluding international report.
16.	Analytical review	State Engineering University of Armenia (SEUA)	August-September 2013	Ruben Aghgashyan	Within the “Fostering Sustainable and Autonomous Higher Education Systems in the Eastern Neighbouring Area” (ATHENA) Tempus project an analytical review was developed including the following 4 main aspects of autonomy (based on the case of SEUA): organisational, financial, academic and staffing.

17.	Seminar on “Human Resource Management in Higher Education: Current Trends and Challenges”	Yerevan State Linguistic University	27 September	HEREs team	Armenian academic community was informed about the modern agenda of Human Resource Management in Higher Education; the issues and challenges of Human Resource Management in Armenian Higher Education System were identified. http://erasmusplus.am/seminar-on-human-resource-management-in-higher-education-current-trends-and-challenges/
18.	2013 University Administration Support Program (UASP) Alumni Conference	Kyiv, Ukraine	5-6 October	Armen Budaghyan	The workshops focused on Distance Learning and Online Learning, Diffusion and Adoption of Innovations, Planning for Online Course Delivery.
19.	Ministerial regional conference	Yerevan	17-18 October	Armen Budaghyan	The revised ANQF and its level descriptors were presented to higher education community of Armenia and HE representatives of EU’s Eastern European Partnership and Black Sea Economic Partnership organizations’ member countries.
20.	“Quality Assurance in Armenian Higher Education: Quest for quality for students”	American University of Armenia	19-20 October	Samvel Karabekyan, Nvard Manasyan	The students were trained on quality assurance in Armenian Higher Education System, on students’ participation in quality enhancement and assurance processes. During the event students’ views on quality of higher education in Armenia were also identified and compared to the European experience. http://erasmusplus.am/quality-assurance-in-armenian-higher-education-quest-for-quality-for-students/
21.	Information Day on Erasmus +	Kaunas, Lithuania	24-25 October	Alexander Hakobyan	During the event the international dimension of the higher education part of the new programme was presented.
22.	Presentation on University Lifelong	Yerevan	November 2013, Lifelong	Samvel	

	Learning		Learning Days in Armenia	Karabekyan	
23.	Presentation on “Joint Pilot Accreditation Procedures of ASIIN and ANQA at State Engineering University of Armenia (SEUA)” and “Quality Assurance Web-based e-System: Methodical Framework, Implementation Mechanisms” within the INARM Tempus project	State Engineering University of Armenia	7- 9 November 2013	Ruben Aghgashyan	
24.	Training	Yerevan State University	08 November-27 December	Armen Budaghyan	Academic and administrative staff members of Yerevan State University were trained on the Concept of Bloom’s taxonomy of thinking; Formulating and writing learning outcomes (LOs) on the course and programme levels; Qualification frameworks and development of LO based study programmes; Quality assurance of study programmes; Assessment of students; Evaluation of academic staff performance.
25.	Presentation of Open Society Foundation’s Report on Higher Education in Armenia	Congress Hotel, Yerevan	14 November 2013	Sasunik Melikyan, Armen Budaghyan,	Main findings of the report on “Higher Education in Armenia Today: A Focused Review” were presented.

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26.	Training	State Engineering University of Armenia (SEUA)	December 2013	Ruben Aghgashyan	Development and provision of short term trainings for State Engineering University of Armenia study programme developers on Self-assessment Criteria and Standards, and Programme Accreditation Procedures.
27.	Quality Assurance Forum within the “Quality Assurance and Compliance” project supported by the World Bank programme	Yerevan	2-3 December 2013	Ruben Aghgashyan	The experience of SEUA in institutional accreditation was presented.
28.	Workshop on Quality Assurance in Teaching and Accreditation Policies	Applied Science University of Zurich, Switzerland	8-11 December	Ruben Aghgashyan	Presentations on “Accreditation of Armenian HEIs: general background” and “SEUA Experience in Internal QA and Institutional Accreditation processes.”
29.	ASIIN Annual Conference 2013 “QM reloaded” Interlinking Internal and External Quality Assurance at Higher Education	Stuttgart, Germany	12-13 December	Ruben Aghgashyan	Presentation on “Internal Quality Assurance and Accreditation: the case of SEUA.”

	Institutions				
30.	“Issues of Criteria-Based Student Assessment”	Yerevan State Linguistic University Press, N2, pp. 14-25	2013	Samvel Karabekyan, Armen Budaghyan	The article is published. It discusses the issues of student assessment based on criteria and standards. Particular attention is paid to the role of assessment in the improvement of learning process aimed at reaching learning outcomes.
31.	“Problems of World Education”	N6, pp. 2-18	2013	Armen Budaghyan	The article is published.