

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2014

	Topic	Where	When	HEREs	Main outcomes
1.	Conduct of Trainings on Linking Teaching Methods and Learning Activities to the types of Assessment	Yerevan, Armenia	7 February; 4 September	Samvel Karabekyan	8 trained university teachers
2.	TEMPUS Project Representatives' Meeting	Brussels, Belgium	10-11 February	Armen Budaghyan	The meeting gathered the representatives of the projects selected under the 6th Call for Proposals of Tempus IV and addressed practical issues such as management of the grant agreement (rules and reporting requirements) and financial management. The meeting was an excellent opportunity for new and experienced practitioners to exchange knowledge and to network. The event also gave the possibility to the project representatives to meet on a bilateral basis the NTOs and the NCPs during the time-slots devoted to the Helpdesk. http://erasmusplus.am/tempus-project-representatives-meeting/
3.	Kick-off Meeting of Tempus TNE-QA Project (Promoting Quality and Recognition of Transnational Education in Armenia and Georgia: http://www.tne-qa.com/)	French University of Armenia (UFAR)	20 February	Alexander Hakobyan	Mr. Hakobyan made a presentation on "Current trends in Higher Education as a cross-border education."
4.	Training of students	Yerevan,	February – June	Ruben	2 special courses on Bologna reforms and modern technologies of

		Armenia		Aghgashyan	curriculum development were developed and delivered to State Engineering University of Armenia (SEUA) Master program students.
5.	Handbook on “HR Management in Higher Education”	Yerevan, Armenia	February	Samvel Karabekyan	Mr. Karabekyan authored the “Organisational Culture in HEIs” part of the Handbook which was published.
6.	Conduct of Training on ECTS in VET Education	Yerevan, Armenia	03 April	Armen Budaghyan	40 trained specialists of VET sector
7.	Short term trainings and methodological consulting in curriculum development; contribution to preparing and providing local multiplication training in change management	Yerevan, Armenia	April – May	Ruben Aghgashyan	Trained administrative and academic staff members of State Engineering University of Armenia (SEUA); reconstructed SEUA study programmes
8.	Participation in a study tour on “NQF Implementation in EU Countries”	Aarhus, Denmark	04-09 May	Samvel Karabekyan, Armen Budaghyan	Gained skills on Danish and other EU countries’ NQFs
9.	Presentation on on “Armenian National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education and its Implementation Issues”	Yerevan, Armenia	15-16 May 2014	Armen Budaghyan	The conference offered a comprehensive picture of the various models, higher education systems and qualifications that create an environment favouring graduates’ employment, and at the same time having an impact on the choice of the study discipline, studying cycle and finally the chances of immediate employment. http://erasmusplus.am/eurashe-24th-annual-conference/

10.	Presentation on “Opportunities for participation in Erasmus+ programmes”	Ashtarak, Armavir, Yeghegnadzor, Goris, and Sisian, Armenia	26 May, 27 May, 23 September, 30 September, 01 October	Samvel Karabekyan	Over 200 students gained practical information on how to apply for different educational scholarship programmes.
11.	Support to higher education reforms: benchmarking on the university internationalization and analytical review of the role and functions of IROs	Yerevan (Armenia), Graz (Austria), Genoa (Italy)	May - June, November - December, 2014	Ruben Aghgashyan	Case study report on the level of different aspects of SEUA internationalization through benchmarking and the review of SEUA IRO role and functions’ current state
12.	Tempus Higher Education Reform Experts Seminar on Quality Assurance	Zagreb, Croatia	12-13 June	Samvel Karabekyan, Armen Budaghyan, Nvard Manasyan and Alexander Hakobyan	The aim of the seminar was to encourage reflection and discussion among HEREs on the general challenges and trends in Quality Assurance (QA) in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Tempus partner countries. The seminar offered a unique opportunity for country representatives to exchange information and experiences about on-going developments in their countries notably in relation with Tempus activities and projects. http://erasmusplus.am/tempus-higher-education-reform-experts-seminar-on-quality-assurance-zagreb-croatia/
13.	Participation in the training on Strategic planning of ULLL activities	Graz, Austria	16-19 June	Samvel Karabekyan	Gained skills on ULLL strategy development
14.	Seminar-Workshop on “Issues of the National	Yerevan, Armenia	24-25 June	Armen Budaghyan,	Finalised RA National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education

	Qualifications Framework (NQF) of RA for Higher Education”			Lusine Fljyan	
15.	Presentation on Bologna Reforms in Armenia	Yerevan, Armenia	05 July	Samvel Karabekyan	Dissemination of information of ongoing Bologna reforms
16.	Handbook on HR Management in HE	Yerevan, Armenia	July-October	Samvel Karabekyan	Authored the chapter devoted to the organisational culture in Higher Education Institutions
17.	Support to higher education reforms: review of the package of the documents on Armenian universities autonomy level developed by EUA team within the Tempus ATHENA project	Yerevan (Armenia), Coimbra (Portugal)	July - August, November, 2014	Ruben Aghgashyan	Feedback review to the “Policy Roadmap” including analysis, recommendations and actions for reformations aimed at the improvement of universities autonomy; the second (revised) draft of the “Policy Roadmap”
18.	Participation in press-conference on “General and Higher Education Correlation: Current Issues”	Yerevan, Armenia	25 August	Samvel Karabekyan	Dissemination of information on current problems in transition from High Schools to universities
19.	Interview during the talk-show “Bardzradzayn” on Yerkir Media TV Channel	Yerevan, Armenia	September 2014	Sasounik Melikyan	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9HYj8RMqG4

20.	International Workshop “A Framework of Reference for Pluralistic Approaches to Languages and Cultures”	Yerevan Brusov State University of Languages and Social Sciences (YSULSS)	1-3 October	Lusine Fljyan	The workshop aimed to enhance plurilingual and intercultural education in Armenia both at grassroot level /teacher trainers and classroom teachers/ and policy level/ curriculum design and reforms of educational policies in Armenia/; to offer support to education professionals in their effort to review the existing approaches in language policy and identify areas where the FREPA approaches can be successfully implemented; to discuss relevant competences which would work for the specific context of the Armenian educational system. Target groups and stakeholders included: Policy makers, Teacher trainers, Curriculum developers, School and university teachers of Armenian, Russian, English, French, German, Student teachers from the YSLU Chair of Pedagogy and Methodology.
21.	Participation in trainings on Strategic planning and organizational development of University LLL centres	Tbilisi, Georgia	20-24 October	Samvel Karabekyan	Approved ULLL strategy for the University of Languages and Social Sciences
22.	Participation in an information seminar on German NQF and its Implementation	Osnabruck, Germany	29 October – 02 November	Armen Budaghyan	Gained skills on German NQF and SQFs implementation
23.	Participation in a training on University Autonomy and Governance	Coimbra, Portugal	03-04 November	Armen Budaghyan	Gained skills on university autonomy & governance in EU HEIs
24.	Providing consultation on RA Law on HE	Yerevan, Armenia	06 November 27 November 18 December	Armen Budaghyan	Recommendations for the new RA Law on Higher Education
25.	Participation in the	Tallinn,	15-19 November	Samvel	Gained skills on e-learning tools in ULLL

	training on E-learning in ULLL	Estonia		Karabekyan	
26.	Training for Doctoral Students	Yerevan State University of Languages and Social Sciences (YSULS)	20 November	Lusine Fljyan	Ms. Fljyan conducted 2-day training with doctoral students entitled "How to upgrade the level of research papers." During the training detailed description of the methodology of writing a dissertation paper, explanation of the research methods, the structure of the thesis, the issues on the plagiarism, the detailed description of the strategy of writing the research paper were presented and discussed.
27.	Communication and Dissemination: sharing the experience in developing and implementing internal QA/QM mechanisms, and in university internationalization	Genoa (Italy); Yerevan (Armenia);	November 24-26; December 13-18	Ruben Aghgashyan	Report on the current state of SEUA internationalization policy and strategy and the main challenges, Workshop-seminar, PICASA project; Presentation "SEUA Web-based Quality Assurance System: methodical base and implementation tools", site visit of HCERES (France) and ANECA (Spain) auditing agencies' experts to SEUA
28.	Study on the assessment of the quality of the courses included in the PhD programmes of Yerevan State University of Languages and Social Sciences (YSULS)	Yerevan	November 2014	Lusine Fljyan	Study published
29.	Facilitation of panel discussion during the Quality Week	Yerevan, Armenia	4-5 December	Samvel Karabekyan	Sharing experiences of preparation of self-evaluation reports
30.	Erasmus+ Information Day in Yerevan	Yerevan State Medical	11 December 2014	HERE-AM team	The event informed beneficiaries about the new Erasmus+ Programme, in particular about the Erasmus+ Call for Proposals

		University (YSMU)			<p>launched in October 2014 and on the actions relevant to the international dimension of Higher Education: Credit Mobility, Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs), Capacity Building in Higher Education, and Jean Monnet Activities. The Information Day brought together key administrators, scholars and experts from higher education institutions, as well as students, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders.</p> <p>http://erasmusplus.am/erasmus-information-day-in-yerevan/</p>
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