

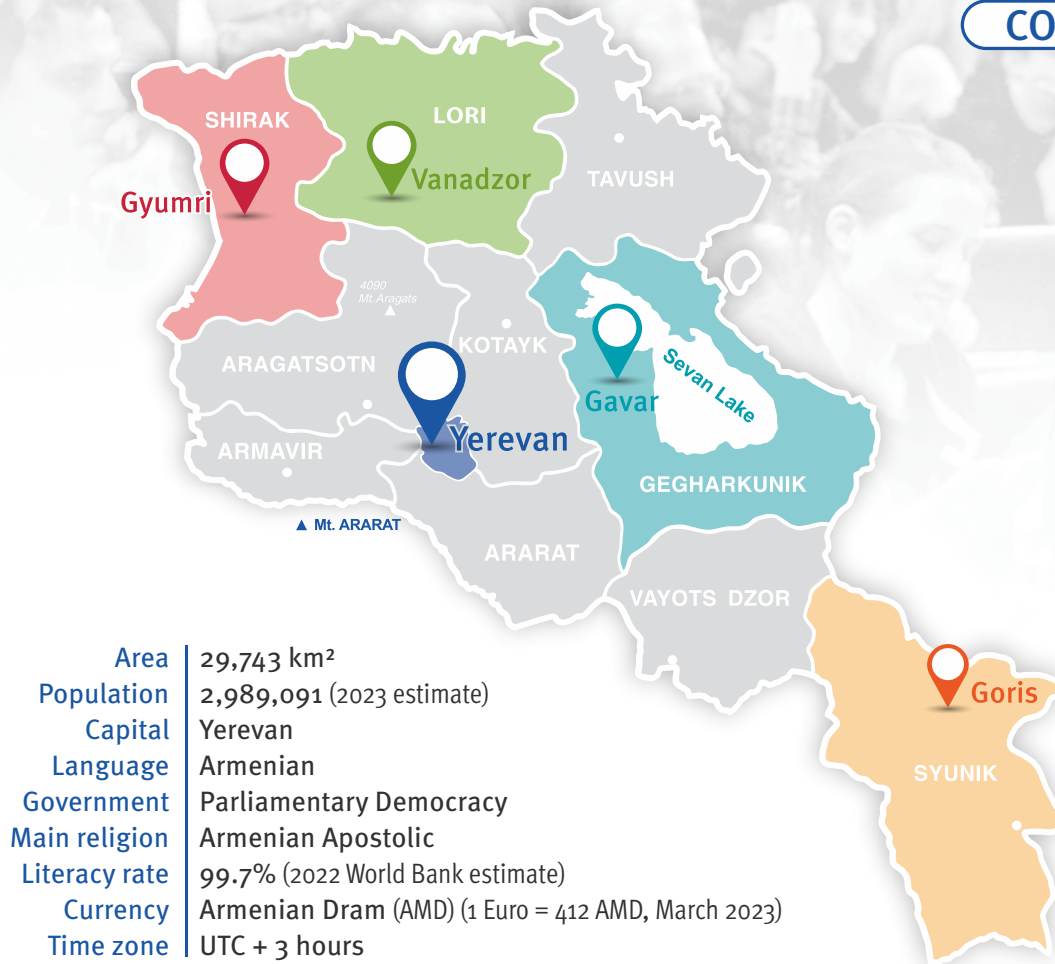
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ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME IN ARMENIA

National Erasmus+ Office in Armenia

COUNTRY PROFILE



Source: CIA World Factbook

BOLOGNA PROCESS IMPLEMENTATION IN ARMENIA

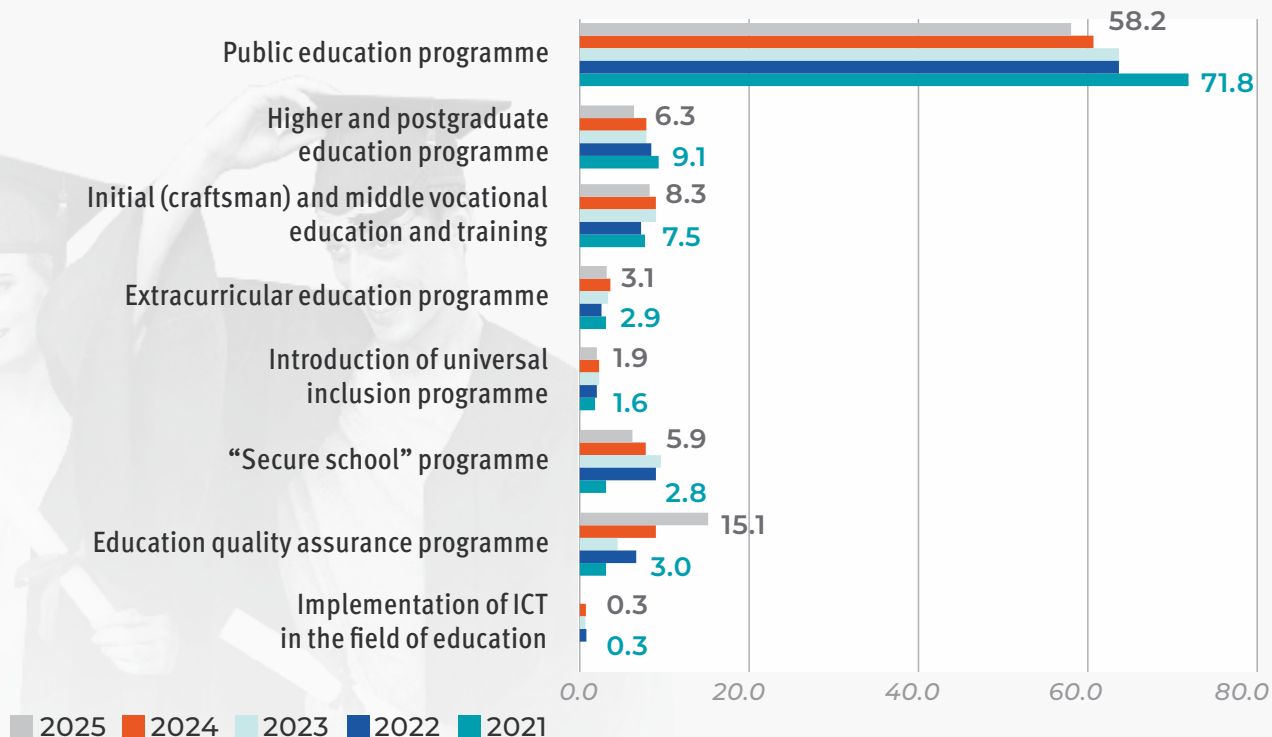
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- Structure of two cycle system in accordance with Bologna Principles, since 2005 (Bachelor: 240 ECTS, Master: 120 ECTS, Candidate of Sciences (equivalent to PhD): 180 ECTS)
- Researcher level of education is introduced
- ECTS implementation - 100% in all higher education institutions and all programs
- Implementation of the Diploma Supplement - 100% in all higher education institutions
- Classifiers of specialties and study programs - in accordance with ISCED – 2011
- National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance (ANQA) established in 2008 conducts mandatory institutional and voluntary programme accreditation
- Quality Assurance Departments - created within each higher education institution
- International Relations Offices - created within each University
- National Qualifications Framework (NQF) - consists of 8 levels
- National Information Center for Academic Recognition and Mobility (ArmENIC) set up as an independent body responsible for mutual recognition of qualifications within the European and international communities.
- New Draft Law of the Republic of Armenia “On Higher Education and Science” - submitted to the Government of Armenia



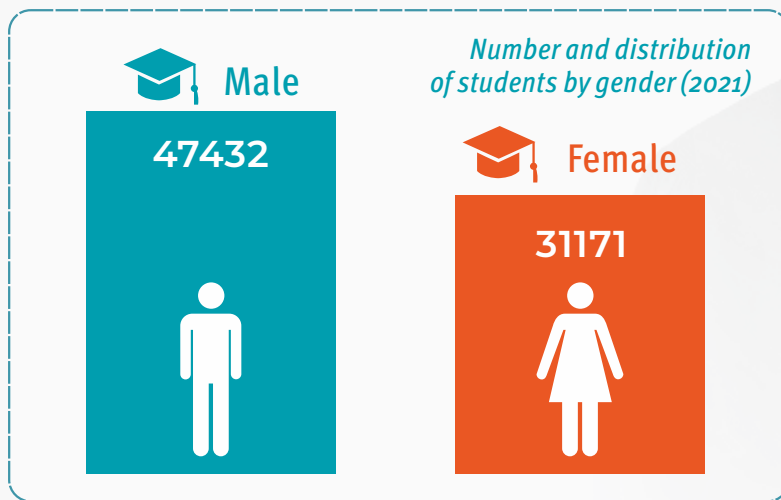
HIGHER EDUCATION IN ARMENIA

Actual and projected budget allocations of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of RA for 2021-2025 (in billion drams)



Number of Higher Education Institutions* 2021-2022		Number of Students
State	28	78603
Private	26	
Total	54	

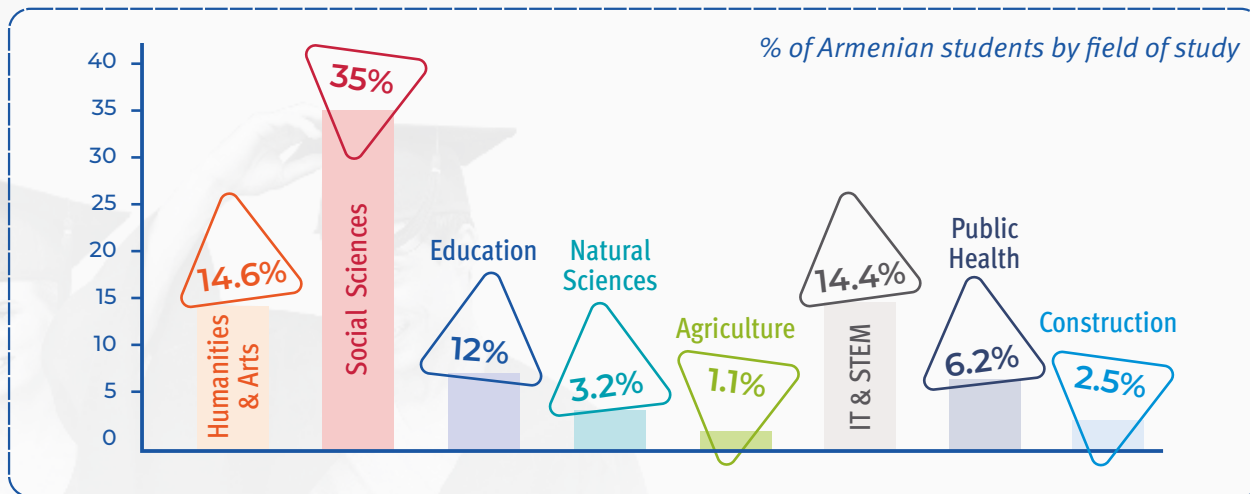
Source: Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia website <http://escs.am/>



Source: ARMSTAT, Statistical Yearbook of Armenia 2022

STUDY FIELDS

The % of students enrolled in Armenian Higher Education Institutions in 2021/2022 academic year by study fields



*Foreign Students (2021/22) - 5 681 students,
7% of total students' number*



India - 37%

US - 0.6%



Russia - 25%

Middle East - 16%



Georgia - 13,8%

Central Asia - 1,1 %

Number of University staff (2021-2022)

Teaching Staff	13178
Administrative Staff	3206
Total	16384

Source: Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports, 2023

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN ARMENIA

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Number of VET Institutions* 2021-2022		Number of Students
Initial	25	6 761
Middle	98	31 159
Total	123	37920

Source: Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Armenia website <http://escs.am/>

Students in middle vocational educational institutions (2021)



Male

15364



Female

15795



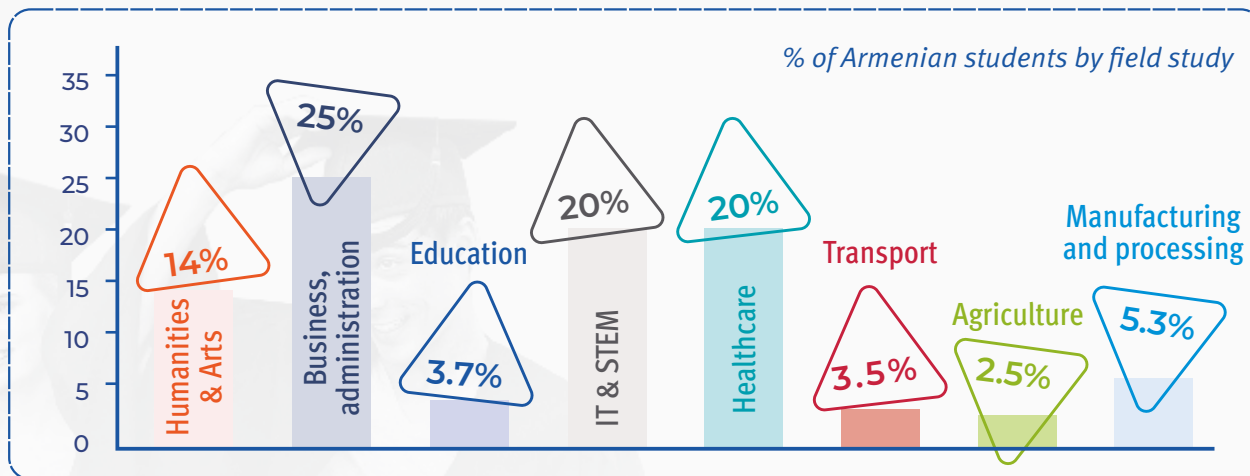
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Source: ARMSTAT, Statistical Yearbook of Armenia 2022

STUDY FIELDS

The % of students enrolled in middle VET institutions in 2021/2022 academic year, by study fields



Number of VET Staff (2021-2022)

Initial	1035
Middle Professional	3163
Total	4198

Source: ARMSTAT, Statistical Yearbook of Armenia 2022

ERASMUS+ ACTIONS ARMENIA IS ELIGIBLE FOR

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Key Action 1

- International Credit Mobility (ICM) (as partner)
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)
(as consortium partner and/or individual applicant for scholarship)
- Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)
- Virtual Exchanges in higher education and youth (VE) (as partner)

Key Action 2

- Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) (as applicant or partner)
- Capacity Building in Vocational Education and Training (CBVET) (as partner)
- Strategic Partnerships (as partner, added value)
- Knowledge Alliances (as partner, added value)

Key Action 3

- Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs)

- Jean Monnet Activities (as direct applicant)

ERASMUS+ ARMENIA STATISTICS

Tempus	The Republic of Armenia joined Tempus in 1995 (predecessor program). From 1995 to 2013 72 projects, worth a total of 43.8 mln Euro, were implemented.
Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)	The first Capacity Building Higher Education (CBHE) projects that involved Higher Education Institutions from Armenia were selected in 2015. From 2015 till 2022, 34 CBHE projects have been selected with participation of Armenian HEIs and other partner institutions, 11 of which were or are currently coordinated by Armenian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), as follows.

Project Title	Coordinating HEI
“Library Network Support Services: modernising libraries in Armenia, Moldova and Belarus through library staff development and reforming libraries” (LNSS) https://lnss-projects.eu/amb/	Public Administration Academy of RA (PAARA, Coordinator)
“Boosting Armenian Universities Internationalization Strategy & Marketing” (BOOST) https://boost.aspu.am/	Armenian State Pedagogical University (ASPU, Coordinator)
“Development and Implementation of Social Dimension Strategies in Armenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina through Cross-regional Peer Learning” (INCLUSION) http://inclusionerasmus.org/	Yerevan State Academy of Fine Arts (SAFA, Coordinator)
“Promoting internationalization of research through establishment of Cycle 3 QA System in line with the European Agenda” (C3QA) https://c3-qa.com/	French University in Armenia Foundation (UFAR, Coordinator)
“Introducing work-based learning in higher education systems of Armenia and Moldova for better employability of graduates” (WBL4JOB) https://www.wbl4job.com/	French University in Armenia Foundation (UFAR, Coordinator)

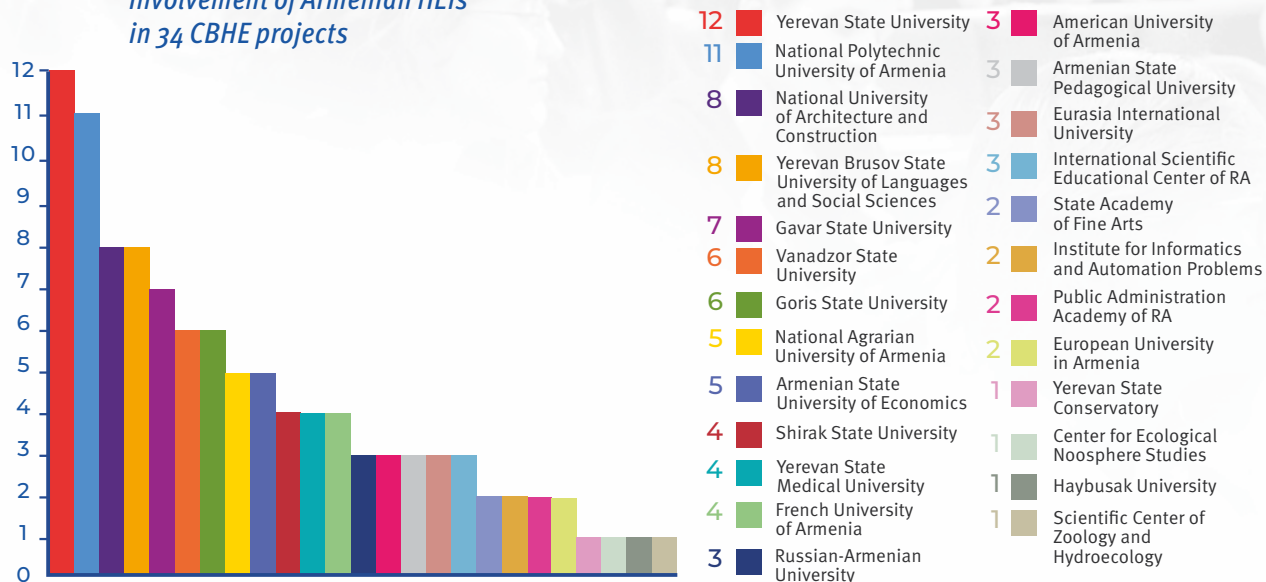
Project Title	Coordinating HEI
“Change in Classroom: Promoting Innovative Teaching & Learning to Enhance Student Learning Experience in Eastern Partnership Countries” (Printel) http://www.printel.am/	Yerevan State University (YSU, Coordinator)
“Doctoral Programmes in Public Health and Social Science” (DPPHSS) https://dpphss.am/	Yerevan State Medical University after Mkhitar Heratsi (YSMU, Coordinator)
“Reforming Doctoral Education in Armenia in Line with Needs of Academia, Industry and Current EU Practices” (ARMDOCT) http://www.armdoct.com/	Eurasia International University (EIU, Coordinator)
“Transforming Graduate Education for Green and Sustainable Future“ (T-Green)“	National University of Architecture and Construction (NUACA, Coordinator)
“Competences for International Innovation Projects” (ComPIIT)	European University in Armenia (EUA, Coordinator)
“Development of Aquaculture And Fisheries Education For Green Deal in Armenia and Ukraine: From Education To Ecology” (AFISHE)	Armenian National Agrarian University (ANAU, Coordinator)

For full list of projects, scan the QR code below

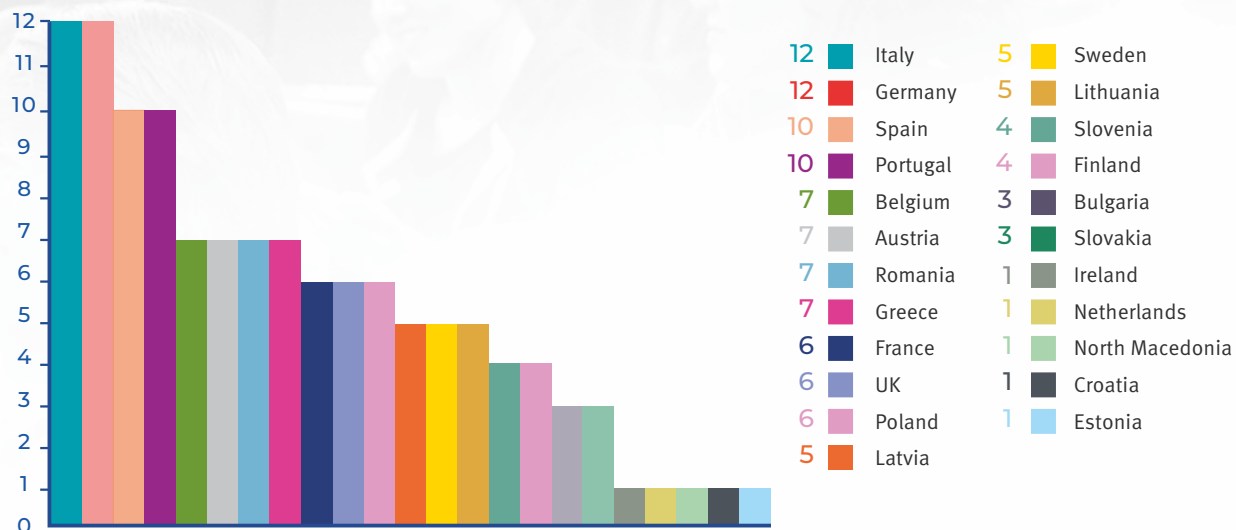


In total, 25 Universities and institutes as well as 22 partner institutions (national authorities, professional organizations/unions, NGOs and student bodies) have been involved in 34 Erasmus+ CBHE projects.

*Involvement of Armenian HEIs
in 34 CBHE projects*



Involvement of European countries in 34 CBHE projects with Armenian partners



CAPACITY BUILDING IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

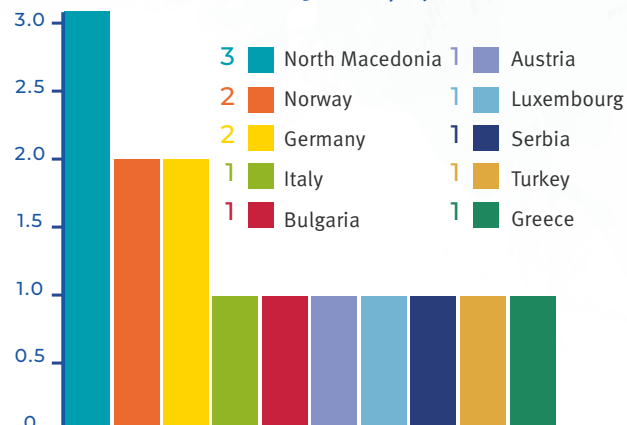
As a result of the 1st Call for applications 2021 under the Capacity Building for Vocational Education and Training (CBVET) Action, 3 projects were selected with participation of Armenia VET institutions.

- 1 “Developing Social Entrepreneurship schemes for VET institutions in Neighbourhood East” (SE VET) - Coordinated by COSVITEC SOCIETA CONSORTILE ARL, Italy
- 2 “Beyond Europe with Micro-credentials” (BEM) - Coordinated by SACHSISCHE BILDUNGSGESELLSCHAFT FUR UMWELTSCHUTZ UND CHEMIEBERUFE DRESDEN MBH – SBG, Germany
- 3 “VET partnership For Green and Smart Electricity in Buildings” (VET4GSEB) – Coordinated by SOFIA ENERGY CENTRE LTD, Bulgaria

Involvement of Armenian partners in VET sector capacity building projects



Involvement of Associated country partner institutions in 3 CBVET projects with Armenia



ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY

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Top 3 sending institutions (with the highest number of ICM projects)



Top 3

Yerevan State University
Armenian National Agrarian University
Armenian State University of Economics

Top 3 receiving countries



Top 3



Poland



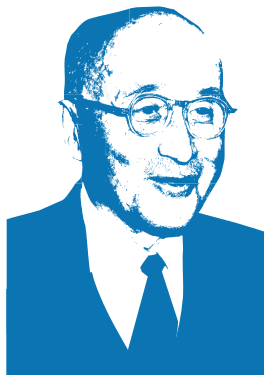
Spain



Italy

Year	Participant	Participants Incoming (to EU)	Participants Outgoing (from EU)	Total
2022	Students + staff	825	375	1200
2021	Students + staff	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020	Students + staff	643	422	1065
2019	Students + staff	629	370	999
2018	Students + staff	534	307	841
2017	Students + staff	300	67	367
2016	Students + staff	446	200	646
2015	Students + staff	577	311	881





JEAN MONNET ACTIVITIES

As a result of the Call 2022, Eurasia International University has won funding to establish a Erasmus+ **Jean Monnet Chair in EU Legal Studies and Legal Europeanization**. It is the first Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law in Armenia. The Chair holder is Dr. Anna Khvorostiankina, Head of the EIU Law Department.

The objective of the Jean Monnet Chair is to serve as a hub of knowledge in the field of EU Law and the processes of Europeanization of legal orders beyond the EU's borders. The implementation of the project will hopefully lead to a better implementation of the EU-Armenia CEPA and further deepening of EU-Armenia relations.

For more information visit <https://www.eiu.am/en/jean-monnet-module-chair/>

From 2015 to 2022, 2 Jean Monnet Networks, 2 Jean Monnet Projects and 4 Jean Monnet Modules were approved and selected for funding, as follows:

Jean Monnet Networks

1. "Developing European Studies in the Caucasus" (DESCNet), **Center for European Studies, Yerevan State University**, Coordinator: *Kristine Gevorgyan*
2. "EU and EAEU: Between Conflict and Competition, Convergence and Cooperation" (EUCON), Armenian partner: **Armenian State University of Economics, University of Applied Sciences BF Vienna Wohlmutterstrasse**, Coordinator: *Hannes Meissner*.

Jean Monnet Projects

1. “Comparing EaP Countries Strategies and Solutions in the Area of Approximation of Domestic Legal Systems to the EU Aquis” (COMPASS), **Brusov State University**, Coordinator: *Anna Khvorostyankina*
2. “Promotion of the European Studies in Armenia”(PROMOEU) **ISCOMET – Institute for Ethnic and Regional Studies**, Coordinator: *Silvo Devetak*, Armenian partners: Armenian State Pedagogical University, Public Administration Academy of RA, Vanadzor State University, Gladzor University.

Jean Monnet Modules

1. “Migration policy challenges in the EU and the South Caucasus” – **Center for European Studies, Yerevan State University**, Coordinator: *Arthur Ghazinyan*
2. “European Integration and EU Values: Human Rights, Democracy and The Rule of Law” – **Yerevan Brusov State University of Languages and Social Sciences**, Coordinator: *Tigran Torosyan*
3. “EU Politics, policies and polity” - **Armenian State University of Economics**, Coordinator: *Diana Galoyan*
4. “Laboratory of Approximation of Armenian Legislation to EU Aquis” (LegAL) – **Brusov State University**, Coordinator: *Anna Khvorostyankina*



ERASMUS MUNDUS DESIGN MEASURES

In 2022, Yerevan State University has been successful in applying and winning the first Erasmus Mundus Design Measure project “Developing Joint Master’s degree programme in European Studies: Law, Governance and Communication”/DEGES/. It is a project to be implemented by five universities from Armenia (Coordinator), Georgia, Germany, Latvia and Lithuania. The details of this project can be found below.



Project name: Developing Joint Master’s programme in European Studies: law, governance and communication/ DEGES

Project number: 101082758

Funding: Lump sum/ 55,000.00 €

Duration: 15 months

Project Start: October 1, 2022

Coordinator University: Yerevan State University, Centre for European Studies

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Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences,
Latvia Vilnius University, Lithuania

PROJECT SUMMARY

Developing Joint Master’s degree programme in European Studies: Law, Governance and Communication /DEGES/ is a project proposed by the Yerevan State University. The main aim of the project is to develop and design fully functional new interdisciplinary and innovative Erasmus Mundus Joint Master’s programme in accordance with the Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint programmes in the EHEA that can be accredited by national and/or international quality assurance agency.

Project objectives are to promote modernisation and internationalisation of programme curriculum, to develop system supporting admission of international students and their inclusion into university life, to enhance network of universities, academics and researchers and their integration into the European Higher Education Area, to enhance internationalisation of higher education through implementation of transnational project.

Within the frames of the project a series of events are planned to include capacity building trainings for academic staff, workshops and events with participation of stakeholders, policymakers, labour market representatives and academia. The final results of the project will be presented during the final conference with participation of programme beneficiaries, stakeholders, students and policymakers.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES



The project will contribute to (1) modernisation of European Studies teaching in partner countries, Armenia and Georgia, (2) enhancement of quality assurance at all universities and promotion of internationalisation of universities and the programme.

OVERARCHING PRIORITIES

For Erasmus+ 2021 - 2027 Programme the following overarching priorities were set up by the European Commission:



INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

The Programme seeks to promote equal opportunities and access, inclusion, diversity and fairness across all its actions. When designing their projects and activities, organisations should have an inclusive approach, making them accessible to a diverse range of participants.

Key focus on participants with:

- ✓ Disabilities, Health problems, Barriers linked to education and training systems, Cultural differences, Social barriers, Economic barriers, Barriers linked to discrimination, and Geographical barriers



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

In line with the strategic priorities of the Digital Education Action Plan (2021-2027), the Programme aims to support this endeavor to engage learners, educators, youth workers, young people and organisations in the path to digital transformation.

Key strategic priorities of the Action Plan:

- ✓ The development of a high-performing digital education ecosystem, by building capacity and critical understanding in all types of education and training institutions on how to exploit the opportunities offered by digital technologies for teaching and learning at all levels and for all sectors and to develop and implement digital transformation plans of educational institutions.
- ✓ Supporting actions aiming at enhancing digital skills and competence development at all levels of society and for everyone. The focus will be on fostering both basic and advanced digital skills as well as digital literacy, which has become essential for everyday life and for enabling people to navigate a world full of algorithms and participate fully in civil society and democracy.



ENVIRONMENT AND FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

The Programme will be a key instrument for building knowledge, skills, and attitudes on climate change and support sustainable development both within the European Union and beyond.

Key support to the use of innovative practices to make learners, staff and youth workers true actors of change:

- ✓ Actions targeted at saving resources, reducing energy use, waste and carbon footprint, opting for sustainable food and mobility choices, etc.
- ✓ Prioritize projects that enable behavioral changes for individual preferences, cultural values, awareness, and more generally support active engagement for sustainable development.



PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRATIC LIFE, COMMON VALUES AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Programme supports active citizenship and ethics in lifelong learning; it fosters the development of social and intercultural competences, critical thinking and media literacy.

Priority is given to projects that offer opportunities for people's participation in:

- ✓ Democratic life, social and civic engagement through formal or non-formal learning activities.

The focus is put on raising awareness of and understanding the European Union context, notably as regards the common EU values, the principles of unity and diversity, as well as their social, cultural and historical heritage.



HIGHER EDUCATION REFORM EXPERTS

The purpose of the National Teams of Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs) is to provide a pool of expertise in certain areas to promote and enhance progress toward the Lisbon and Bologna objectives in the light of national needs and aspirations.

The mission of the National team of HERE is threefold:

- Support policy development in their respective countries by boosting modernisation reform processes and strategies in Higher Education, in close contact with the local authorities concerned and in particular in regards to, for instance, curriculum development, modernisation of governance, management and functioning of higher education systems and institutions, strengthening relations between the higher education sector and the wider societal and economic environment, etc.
- Support policy dialogue with the EU in the field of higher education, possibly in synergy and coordination with various policy platforms established under the Erasmus+ programme or other potential initiatives established by, and under the guidance of, the European Commission.
- Support Erasmus+ and EU funded projects by disseminating their results and outcomes, notably best practices and innovative initiatives, and exploiting them for modernisation and development purposes.

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