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EU supports Armenia to integrate into the European Higher Education Area

On 19 February the European Union Delegation to Armenia invites journalists to the press briefing on a three-day training session organized on 17-19 February for Armenian university staff. Meeting will take place at 10:00 am at the library after Sargis and Mary Izmirlyans, at the auditorium N 202 after Schubert, 2nd floor, YSU.

The topic of this training session delivered by three EU experts will be writing learning outcomes, methods and processes for assessing a student's level of knowledge, skills and competencies; like formal and informal exams, classroom participation, assignments, self-evaluation, peer evaluation etc. and linking the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation system (ECTS) to different modules. The seminar is targeted at around 30 representatives from twelve different universities in Yerevan.

In the upcoming months 90 more professors, lecturers or administrators extensively dealing with learning outcomes in their university will receive training on the above topic. The sessions will be held both in Yerevan and the regions of Armenia. These trainings are a part of the process aiming to new legislation which will be consistent with Bologna principles.

The training sessions described above are organised in the frames of a EU Twinning project called "Empowerment of the Tertiary Level Education of the Republic of Armenia for European Higher Education Area Integration", which was launched on 1 October. The project's overall objective is to strengthen the cooperation on social development, especially in accordance with the EU's best practice reforms in the field of training systems, quality assurance, and the reform of the higher education system.

The project includes the higher education institutions and the national centre of higher education quality. Over 60 international experts from Finland, Germany and Estonia were also involved in the project.

The challenge for the Armenian tertiary level education system at this stage is to design a holistic system that is capable of preparing highly qualified specialists with transferable skills and capacity to function in an ever-changing environment.

The initiative is financed by the EU with a total budget of €1 million and will last for 24 months.

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