

MINUTES

Meeting/Project Name:	ERASMUS+ ARMDOCT (Reforming Doctoral Education in Armenia in Line with Needs of Academia, Industry and Current EU Practices) / 609850-EPP-1-2019-1-AM-EPPKA2-CBHE-SP		
	WP 2 commencement meeting		
Date of Meeting: (MM/DD/YYYY)	09/10/2020	Time:	16:00-18:00
Meeting Facilitator:	Kristina Tsureyan	Venue:	Brusov State University (BSU)

Meeting Objective

Coordination and planning of WP2 activities

Consortium partners:

AM partners

1. Eurasia International University (EIU) (Coordinator)
2. French University in Armenia (UFAR) (Co-Coordinator)
3. Armenian State Pedagogical University after Kh. Abovyan (ASPU)
4. Yerevan State Medical University (YSMU)
5. Vanadzor State University after H.Tumanyan (VSU)
6. Brusov State University (BSU)
7. Yerevan State University (YSU)
8. National Polytechnic University of Armenia (NPUA)
9. Institute for Informatics and Automation Problems of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia (IIAP NAS RA)
10. National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia (NAS RA)
11. Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia /MESCS/

1. EU partners
2. Catholic University of Portugal, Portugal (Universidade Catolica Portuguesa)
3. University of Teramo, Italy (Universita degli Studi di Teramo)
4. Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University, France (Universite Lyon III Jean Moulin)
5. Vilnius University, Lithuania (Vilniaus Universitetas)

Representatives from AM partner institutions present at the meeting:

Name	Institution
Tatevik Gharibyan	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia /MESCS/
Arevik Ohanyan	Eurasia International University /EIU/
Mariam Jilavyan	Eurasia International University /EIU/
Yeranuhi Manukyan	Yerevan State University /YSU/
Gohar Parsadanyan	Yerevan State Medical University /YSMU/
Marianna Harutyunyan	Armenian State Pedagogical University after Khachatur Abovyan /ASPU/
Areg Grigoryan	National Polytechnic University of Armenia /NPUA/
Hovhannes Hovhannisyan	French University in Armenia
Armenuhi Kyureghyan	Vanadzor State University after Hovhannes Tumanyan /VSU/
Naira Hakobyan	International Scientific-Educational Center of NAS RA /ISEC NAS RA/
Levon Aslanyan	Institute for Informatics and Automation Problems /IIAP/
Kristina Tsaturyan	Brusov State University/ BSU/
Ani Yeghiazaryan	Brusov State University/BSU/
Siranush Ghazaryan	Brusov State University/ BSU/

The purpose of the meeting was to:

- discuss the outcomes of WP1 on the basis of which WP2 activities should be planned

-
- decide on the main directions of WP2 activities
 - discuss in details the upcoming activities of WP2
 - set deadlines for certain activities.

The consortium members participating in the coordination meeting were 13 representatives from the partner institutions in Armenia.

The meeting was launched with the opening speech of Kristina Tsaturyan, Head of the Department of External Affairs and International Cooperation of Brusov State University. She introduced the participants the aim of the meeting and the main points to be discussed.

It was mentioned that the second work package (WP2) of the "Reforming Doctoral Education in Armenia in Line with Needs of Academia, Industry and Current EU Practices" ARMDOCT Project is coordinated by the Brusov State University in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the RA. WP2 is devoted to the development of the policy and the legal framework for the new Doctoral Education aimed at internationalization and integration into the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and the European Research Area (ERA).

During the meeting, the main outcomes of the first work package (WP1) were presented on the basis of which the project team members will continue researching and drafting corresponding legal documents and by-laws in terms of policy, admission and organization of doctoral education, awarding of scientific degrees, as well as strengthening the link between science and economy. The developed national core documents will be reviewed by the consortium members and the external experts through several public consultation events and meetings.

Kristina Tsaturyan suggested to set task-force groups within the WG to focus on the specific areas of Doctoral Education in Armenia, such as: admission, supervision, research, defence, financing.

Arevik Ohanyan recommended the structure of the synopsis, to ensure the logics and continuation of WP1 and WP2 which are: the state policy on doctoral education in the Republic of Armenia, organization of doctoral education, admission and research, defence procedure, link between science and economy.

As a result of the discussion among the WG members, the following main directions for the WG were decided upon: state policy on doctoral education, admission to doctoral programmes, organising doctoral programmes, awarding degrees in doctoral programmes, ensuring the link between science and economy. Thus, 5 task force groups will be created to elaborate deeper the policy and development in the above mentioned domains. Though, some of the participants expressed their willingness to participate in one or another group during the meeting, it was agreed that the partners will assign representatives to each task force group by 18:00 of 11.09.2020.

Additionally, Marianna Harutyunyan told that the ASPU participates in another Erasmus+ Project “MODEST” which also aims at the improvement of doctoral education in Armenia and the ENI countries. Descriptions of the doctoral education in ENI countries have been developed within the MODEST that Marianna Harutyunyan has suggested to share among the partners. Further, she suggested organizing an interproject meeting and coaching with the members of the ERASMUS+ MODEST project aimed at sharing experiences, which was discussed and agreed to discuss with the two project coordinators and set the day of the Interproject coaching.

Immediate actions:

- Kristina Tsaturyan will send all the Armenian participants via email the following /due date: September 10, 2020, after the meeting/:
 - o the main directions of the task-force groups
 - o the format according to which the final outcomes of WP2 should be presented.
- All the other Armenian institutions will send Kristina Tsaturyan the list of the members to be included in the task-force groups /due date: September 11, 2020, 6 PM, Local Time/.
- The members of each taskforce will organize meetings and discussions on the activities to be carried out.

The main points highlighted and next steps:

- The following directions for the taskforce to elaborate within the WP2 are confirmed:
 - o State policy on doctoral education



-
- Admission to doctoral programmes
 - Organising doctoral programmes
 - Awarding degrees in doctoral programmes
 - Ensuring the link between science and economy.
 - The format according to which the final outcomes of WP2 should be presented is confirmed. It should include (but is not be limited to) the following sections:
 - direction of the working task-force group
 - objectives
 - proposals
 - risks
 - ways of mitigating risks.
 - All the Armenian participant institutions will confirm the list of the members to be included in each task-force group.
 - The members of each task-force group will organize meetings and discussions on the activities to be carried out, to work together and present the initial outcomes of their work by the 12th of October.
 - Project members from Armenian State Pedagogical University after Kh. Abovyan will communicate with the ARMDOCT Project Coordinators to organize an interproject meeting and coaching with the members of the ERASMUS+ MODEST project for the purpose of experience sharing.
 - Project members from Armenian State Pedagogical University after Kh. Abovyan will share the descriptions of doctoral education in ENI and EU countries presented in the framework of the ERASMUS+ MODEST project.