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REFORMING DOCTORAL EDUCATION IN ARMENIA IN LINE
WITH NEEDS OF ACADEMIA, INDUSTRY AND CURRENT EU PRACTICES (ARMDOCT)

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK OF DOCTORAL EDUCATION

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Day 1
October 14

AM time	Activity	The working language
08:30-10:30	Transfer to the hotel, check-in	
10:30-11:00	Registration of participants	
<i>Chair of the day</i>		
Hovhannes Hovhannisyan, Acting Rector, Yerevan State University		
11:00-11:30	<p>Opening session: Welcoming Notes</p> <p>Karen Trchounian Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport “New vision, new challenges”</p> <p>Lana Karlova Programme Coordinator, National Erasmus + Office in Armenia (TBC)</p> <p>Arevik Ohanyan ARMDOCT Project Coordinator Eurasia International University, Head of Research Incubator “ARMDOCT: activities, outcomes and further actions”</p>	Armenian with synchronous translation into English
11:30-11:45	Coffee break	
11:45-12:30	<p>“National Policy on Reforming the Third Cycle (PHD) of RA Higher Education”</p> <p>Edgar Aleksanyan Head of Department for Higher and Postgraduate professional Education, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport</p>	Armenian with synchronous translation into English
12:30-13:00	Q&A	Armenian with synchronous translation into English
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
GROUP WORK:		
Developing regulatory framework in line with the new policy		
14:00-15:45	Topic: Redesigning the ADMISSION regulations and toolkit	
15:45-16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00-17:30	<p>Plenary: Feedback and recommendations, presentation of each group Q&A</p>	English
17:30-18:00	Free time	
18:00-20:00	Dinner	



Day 2
October 15

AM time	Activity	The working language
8:30-09:00	Breakfast	
09:00-09:30	Registration of participants	
<p><i>Chair of the day</i> Nazeli Navasardyan, Head of Division of Science, Brusov State University</p>		
09:30-11:00	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: Redesigning the Regulations on the award of academic degrees in the RA_in line with the new national policy</p> <p>Keynote speaker: Karen Keryan, Chairman of Supreme Certifying Committee</p> <p>Panelists: Ruben Topchyan, Director of National Centre for professional Education Quality Assurance Foundation Tatjana Bulajeva, Associate professor at Education Department of Vilnius University Konstantin Yenkovyan, Vice-Rector of Yerevan State Medical University Rafael Barkhudaryan, Vice-Rector for Natural and Exact Sciences of Yerevan State University Paola Pittia, Deputy Rector of Internationalization and Joint Study Programmes, University of Teramo</p>	Armenian with synchronous translation into English
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-13:00	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: The New Funding Scheme</p> <p>Keynote speaker: MESCS representative</p> <p>Panelists: Edgar Aleksanyan, Head of Department for Higher and Postgraduate professional Education, Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport Guillaume Rousset, Senior Lecturer in Law, Jean-Moulin Lyon 3 University Artur Ishkhanyan, Academician-Secretary of NAS RA, Member of the Presidium of NAS RA Suzanna Shamakhyan, Vice President on Strategic Programming at FAST Hrachya Astsatryan, Director of the Institute for Informatics and Automation Problems of the National Academy of Sciences of the RA Aram Jivanyan, Founding Scientist at Firo, Gituzh initiative representative</p>	Armenian with synchronous translation into English
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
GROUP WORK:		
Developing regulatory framework in line with the new policy		
14:00-15:30	Topic: Redesigning the SUPERVISION requirements, roles, and responsibilities	
15:30-17:00	Plenary: Feedback and recommendations, presentation of each group, Q&A	English
17:00-18:00	FAIR of Erasmus+ KA2 CBHE projects targeting scientific research and development	
18:00-19:00	Dinner with classical music performed by LIBERTA quartet	



Day 3
October 16

AM time	Activity	The working language
08:00-10:00	Breakfast	
10:00-10:30	Registration of participants	
<i>Chair of the day</i> Konstantin Yenkoyan, Vice-Rector of Yerevan State Medical University		
10:30-13:00	PANEL DISCUSSION: Diversification of funding sources of doctoral education	Armenian with synchronous translation into English

The new National Policy of Doctoral Education envisions strengthening the links of university and private sector, as well as diversifying the funding sources of doctorate education (for competitive scholarships, infrastructure improvements etc.). There is an urgent need for elaborating state co-funding mechanisms, as well as tax incentives for the private sector (also including diaspora-based) in order to increase their involvement in the development of doctorate education and renewal of research infrastructure. This vision may be achieved by sound collaboration among MESC, RA Ministry of Economy, RA Ministry of Finance, as well as RA Ministry of High-Tech Industry. During the panel discussion we will once again highlight the missed opportunities, legislative shortcomings hindering the collaboration and pave the way for further legislative changes.

Keynote speaker:

Paola Pittia

Professor, Deputy Rector of Internationalization and Joint Study Programmes, University of Teramo (Italy)

Panelists:

Vahan Kerobyan

Minister of Economy of the Republic of Armenia

Karen Trchounian

Deputy Minister, RA Ministry of education, science, culture and sports

Davit Sahakyan

Deputy Minister, RA Ministry of High-Tech Industry

Avag Avanesyan

Deputy Minister, RA Ministry of Finance

13:00-14:00 Lunch

GROUP WORK:

Developing regulatory framework in line with the new policy

14:00-15:30	Topic: Redesigning the regulations on the organization and operation of specialized academic councils	
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00-17:30	Plenary: Feedback and recommendations, presentation of each group Q&A	English
17:30-18:00	Closing Remarks	English
18:00-20:00	Dinner	