

Project ID	101128804 - DeSIRe - ERASMUS-EDU-2023-CBHE
Project Type	ERASMUS-LS
Target Country	Georgia, Armenia
Title	Development of Soft Skills at Higher Education Institutions of Armenia and Georgia in Compliance with the 21st Century Labour Market Requirements (DeSIRe)
Project Start Date	
Project Aims	<p>Adopting a holistic approach to teaching and learning has become an asset to well-rounded education striving to develop whole individuals possessing both transferable soft skills (SS) and academic skills. The former gives the latter flexibility to develop and keep up-to date in an ever-changing world. Therein lies the actuality of this project which aims at bridging the discrepancy between the SS offered by Armenian and Georgian HEIs and those demanded by the labor market. The academic programs of most ARM and GE HEIs are still rooted in traditional scientific learning methods primarily employed to enhance students' subject-specific abilities and skills. In this sense, SS are at a disadvantage because they are not sufficiently developed or timely updated in line with recent trends in education and rapid changes in labor market requirements, especially when it comes to their teaching methodology, content, and assessment. To attain a more advanced level of SS-based knowledge and competences at HEIs, 10 SS modules are to be designed and implemented into the formal and non-formal education in line with Tuning Methodology from a student-centered and a labor-market-demand perspective through the physical and virtual mobility of staff. 5 SS ECTS-compliant modules will be incorporated into specific courses or academic programs of HEIs, and the other 5 will be realized through MOOCs as part of synchronous and asynchronous education, thereby offering efficient lifelong learning opportunities to stakeholders, including more vulnerable segments of society who need reskilling to forge personalized learning and career pathways.</p> <p>The project intended outcomes include 5 SS Modules incorporated in 80 academic programs; 160 academic courses updated; 480 trained academ. /admin. staff; 5 MOOCs impacting 500 students; 8 equipped SS Labs; 2 SS Manuals.</p>
Grant Requested	795,598.00
Project Duration	36 months
Coordinator	
Coordinating institution	Vanadzor State University after H. Tumanyan" Foundation (VSU)

Other Partners	
ARMENIAN STATE PEDAGOGICAL UNIVERSITY AFTER KHACHATUR ABOVYAN FOUNDATION (ASPU)	AM
STATE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS OF ARMENIA FOUNDATION (SAFAA)	AM
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