

# TRIP TO AUSTRIA UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

On July 13<sup>th</sup> 3 workers of Northern University together with representatives of other Armenian 8 Universities went to Austria and spent 4 days in Graz within the framework of



TEMPUS-GOVERN project. During the training the participants got important information about education area of Austria and in general Europe.

The representative of the University of Leuven Michael Jorise introduced philosophy of changes in education sphere and the most actual theories regarding European educational area

– “black swan”, “theory of U letter”, theory of ecosystems.

During the workshop the participants were given the following homework

1. Development of strategic plan,
2. Development of criteria of master program,
3. Compliance of teaching with outcomes,
4. Development of module descriptors.



In Austria, the Government provides building to Universities for free. Utility costs are mostly covered by the municipality. All this proves how important is University for the state. At the same time autonomy of Universities is increased.

Previously, Universities were monitored and controlled by the Ministry, according to a new law – by University Council. The importance of developing programs in English was highlighted. Joint degrees are very attractive. Doctoral programs are developed for 10 years. Bologna documents are taken into account in all elaborations. Ten years ago there were no programs in English, now they are required.

At present they have 12 graduate programs in English and 39 professional programs. Successful implementation is conditioned by effective structure of the University and by the fact at what extent the Rector, vice-rectors participate in processes. Rectorate submits report to Council and Senate. There is a freedom of research and not that of researchers.

