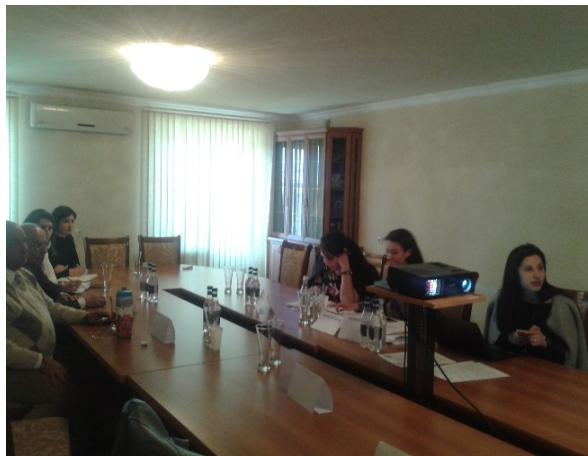


External evaluation within TEMPUS-VERITAS project

On 5 April, within TEMPUS-VERITAS project an external evaluation of Northern University has been implemented among 11 universities. An expert group had debates with vice-rector of education and research G. Asatryan, staff of quality assurance department, responsible bodies of profession academic programs and with a working group, academic staff, supervisors and postgraduate students. The aim of the visit was to evaluate the results and achievements of the VERITAS project, and the procedures directed to the increase of effectiveness of postgraduate education system of the University. The procedure was monitoring by the Armenian National Center for Professional Education Quality Assurance (ANQA). Two Local experts, one international expert, one student expert and one observer from partner universities of the project were included in the expert group.



During the meeting, the working group of VERITAS presented to the expert group a pilot project, elaborated and launched within the project. As well as documents regulating the postgraduate education of the University.

The expert group also visited the classrooms, library, cabinets and so on. They saw a new cabinet for postgraduate education, equipped with computers

provided within the project.

As the arrival to Yerevan was impossible for Jordi Colomer-European expert, Professor of Girona University of Italy, the meeting with him was provided via Skype, which, however, had no influence on the importance and effectiveness of the discussions. The meeting was original as the representatives of the University were included in expert group as experts (Head of Law and social sciences Ani Khechoyan, and postgraduate student Hayastan Hakobyan). The aim was to evaluate the interuniversity procedures of postgraduate education by the direct participants of the University.



At the end of the meeting, the expert group presented all the observations carried out after discussions with target groups.

The University management body thanked the expert group for the effective and constructive discussions.

P.S. The group of professionals presented the “Report of pilot external evaluation of the Northern University” carried out

on the base of self-assessment and expert group visit. The leadership of the University has elaborated some steps for improvement directed to recommendations, based on the analyses presented in the report.

VERITAS (Structural development of third level education based on Salzburg principles) is a 3 year grant project of TEMPUS program (2013-2016 (extended till 2017)). The aim of the project is to improve the postgraduate education system of Armenia, making it compliant with European qualification framework and Salzburg principles.

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