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ETF FormA: Formative Assessment Skills for Teachers

A three-day FormA training programme, organized by the European Training Foundation (ETF), was held at CEPFA. The programme was designed for teachers and managers of vocational education and training institutions. The training aimed to adapt the Euro-pean FormA toolkit to the Armenian context and promote the effective implementation of formative assessment in the VET sector.



The opening ceremony featured welcoming remarks by Araksia Svajyan, Deputy Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sport of the Republic of Armenia;



Tamar Kitashvili, Senior Human Capital Development Expert at ETF; Olena Bekh, Coordinator for Innovation in Teaching and Learning; Anna Aleksanyan, Formative Assessment Expert and Trainer; and Gohar Grigo-ryan, Director of CEPFA.

Yelena Martirosyan, Deputy Pedagogical Director at CEPFA; Aida Dabaghyan, Responsible for Education Quality Assurance and Anush Stepanyan, Teacher in Armenian Language and Literature and Career Counselor, participated in the European Training Foundation's (ETF) FormA three-day training programme.



Throughout the training, participants explored modern approaches to formative assessment, practical methods, and a range of assessment tools designed to provide continuous support to learners, ensure effective feedback, and improve learning outcomes.

CEPFA at Vickino Day



The first Vickino Day Health Innovation Conference brought together professionals from the healthcare, technology and education sectors in Armenia to explore emerging trends, digital transformation and new opportunities for collaboration.

Gohar Grigoryan, Director of CEPFA, took part as a speaker, presenting the Erasmus+ IMPROVET_AM project, its key work packages, and the new modules developed for the Dental Technology vocational qualification. Her presentation highlighted the growing role of digital technologies, 3D modelling and CAD/CAM systems



in dental education, as well as the importance of equipping students with professional skills that respond to the evolving needs of the labour market.

Lilit Papyan, CEPFA Dental Technology lecturer, also took part in the conference, representing CEPFA's commitment to innovation and the continuous development of dental education.

CEPFA Strengthens Skills Through Erasmus+ ELE_VET

As part of the Erasmus+ ELE_VET project, Yelena Martirosyan, Deputy Pedagogical Director at CEPFA, and teachers



Ani Harutyunyan and Roza Avagyan participated in an international Training of Trainers programme held in Italy from January 26 to 30.

The training aimed to strengthen tea-chers' digital skills, entrepreneurial mindset, and innovative teaching methodologies. The knowledge and experience gained will contribute to the introduction of modern, learner-centred, and labour-market-oriented edu-



cational approaches at CEPFA.

The participants also visited Perugia, Italy, which contributed to intercultural dialogue and the strengthening of professional networks.

Erasmus+ IMPROVET_AM: New Opportunities for Cooperation

As part of the Erasmus+ IMPROVET_AM project, Gohar Grigoryan, Director of CEPFA, and Aida Dabaghyan, Responsible for Education Quality Assurance, participated in the project's 3rd in-person international meeting, held at the APRO



Formazione training centre in Alba, Italy.

During the meeting, the partners presented the achievements of the project, while also discussing opportunities for ensuring the sustainability of the results and further strengthening partner cooperation.

The meeting was also attended by Christiana Burzio, ETF Coordinator for Relations with Armenia, and Tigran Tadevosyan, Director of Lori Regional State College.



New Steps in International Cooperation

Gohar Grigoryan, directrice du CEPFA, et Tigran Tadevosyan, directeur du Collège régional d'État de Lori, ont visité le centre de formation Cometa Formazione, situé à Côme, en



Italie.

Au cours de la visite, ils ont rencontré Alessandro Mele, directeur général du centre, et Teresa Salvino, responsable du service des relations internationales. Ils ont découvert les activités et l'organisation du centre et ont échangé sur les possibilités de développer de futures collaborations.

CEPFA in Leipzig: Exploring New Opportunities for Cooperation

Gohar Grigoryan, Director of CEPFA, travelled to Leipzig, Germany, for a working visit to Ruth-Pfau-Schule, exploring its educational programmes and approaches to vocational education and training. During the visit, she met with Jana Becker, Director of Ruth-Pfau-Schule, members of the school's team, and representatives of the Leipzig City Municipality and the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Armenia in Saxony.



The meetings provided an opportunity to exchange experiences and explore new avenues for cooperation, with a particular focus on the development of Dental Technology education. The Erasmus+ IMPROVET_AM project and its results were also presented, paving the way for further collaboration and knowledge exchange between the institutions.

CEPFA at EfVET: Building Bridges Through VET



Gohar Grigoryan, Director of CEPFA, participated in an international meeting held in Trento, Italy, as part of the EfVET Internationalization & Learning thematic team.

The agenda included workshops on the quality of mobility programs, discussions on Erasmus+ KA1 and KA2 projects, project-based learning, as well as presentations on experience sharing and the transition from practical experience to policy development.

The initiative aimed to strengthen cooperation among Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) and reinforce the link between education and the labour market

French Senate Delegation Visits CEPFA



CEPFA welcomed a delegation from the France-Armenia Friendship Group of the French Senate, led by its President Gilbert-Luc Devinaz.

The visit offered an opportunity to discover CEPFA's educational programmes, training facilities and learning environment, as well as the opportunities available to students. The delegation was also introduced to CEPFA's key areas of activity and its international cooperation initiatives. The visit highlighted the strong ties between France and Armenia and opened the door to further dialogue and cooperation.

CEPFA at a Presidential Event

As part of the official visit of Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, to Armenia, CEPFA's culinary and pastry teams were entrusted with preparing and serving the official reception held at the National Gallery of Armenia.

For our students, taking part in such a high-profile event was a valuable opportunity to put their



professional skills into practice and contribute to an important occasion bringing together the French and Armenian communities. We are proud of our students for taking on this important responsibility and grateful to the Embassy of France in Armenia for its trust and continued support.

Italian VET Experts Visit CEPFA

As part of the Erasmus+ KA1 programme, a delegation of education experts, VET directors and teachers from Italy, led by EGInA, visited Armenia for an experience-sharing and professional exchange. As part of their programme, the delegation visited CEPFA to learn more about the institution and its educational activities.



The guests attended masterclasses led by CEPFA students, explored the Centre's educational programmes, and exchanged ideas on opportunities for future cooperation and joint initiatives.
The visit strengthened international partnerships, and showcased CEPFA's student-centered approach to vocational education.

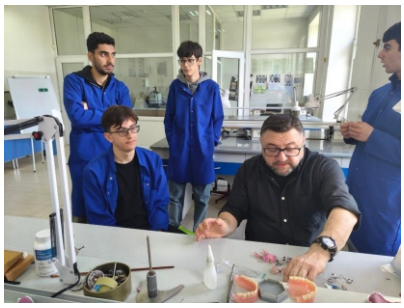


Italian VET Experts Visit CEPFA

Ahead of International Education Day, CEPFA students joined an international online discussion through the Mix-Up platform, connecting with students from VET institutions in different countries. The discussion gave students an opportunity to share their views and experiences on some of the key issues shaping education today, including equal access to education, practical skills development, bullying prevention, gender education, and support for teachers working in socially vulnerable communities.
The exchange encouraged students to look at education from different perspectives, learn from their international peers, and contribute their own ideas to a wider global conversation.

From the Classroom to the Lab: New Skills in Dental Technology

CEPFA's Dental Technology Department welcomed Razmik Diraryan, an orthodontic appliance fabrication specialist and Director of OrthoLab, for a session focused on the latest developments in the field. Students explored different types of orthodontic appliances, modern fabrication technologies and materials. The session combined theory with hands-on practice, allowing students to put their newly acquired knowledge into action and gain practical experience in the fabrication process.



Opening Doors at CEPFA

CEPFA opened its doors to students, teachers and administrative representatives from Mesrop Vardanyan Secondary School in Lernantsk village (Spitak) and Anatole France French School.
During the visit, the guests discovered CEPFA's VET programmes, educational opportunities and pathways into the labour market.



They toured classrooms and laboratories, met with teachers and students, and took part in discussions focused on career guidance and professional development.

The visit offered young people a closer look at vocational education and the professions available to them, while creating an opportunity for schools to exchange experiences and explore future cooperation. Visits like these give young people valuable insight as they consider their future careers.

Garment Manufacturing Students Exchange Experience

Second-year students from CEPFA's Garment Manufacturing Technology Department took their learning beyond the classroom as part of an inter-college cooperation initiative. They visited Yerevan Vocational School No. 1, where they took part in a hands-on demonstration lesson.

The session focused on sketching, drafting a basic shirt pattern, and garment modelling, giving students the opportunity to explore different stages of the design and pattern-making process.



The visit was a valuable opportunity for students to broaden their professional knowledge, exchange experience with their peers, and gain a closer look at practical approaches used in garment production.

When Books Spark Conversation



Books became the starting point for a lively conversation at CEPFA as part of Book Day. First- and third-year students from the Dental Technology Department took part in a special discussion exploring the importance of reading and use of library resources.

One of the highlights of the session was a discussion on books and films, with students sharing their views on how stories change when they move from the page to the screen. They also read and discussed the quatrains of renowned Armenian poet Hovhannes Tumanyan, bringing their own interpretations and pers-pectives to the conversation. Members of the Student Council joined the discussion as well.

The session concluded with Hermine Sargsyan, Resource Centre Coordinator, introducing students to the Centre's book collection and showing them how they can make better use of its resources.

Sport and Team Spirit at CEPFA

CEPFA students took part in a series of sports activities, showcasing their skills, determination and team spirit.

At the initiative of Diana Hovhannisyan, Physical Education teacher, an inter-college Chess Championship brought together the college's 10 strongest chess players. Grisha Mirzabekyan, a second-year Hairdressing student, claimed first place, followed by Vahe Grigoryan, a second-year Dental Technology student, in second place. Third place was shared by Narek Fidanyan, a third-year Culinary student, and Arman Vardanyan, a second-year Dental Technology student.

The sporting spirit continued with a friendly volleyball match between CEPFA and Sero Khanzadyan High School No. 184. The CEPFA team finished the series with one victory and one defeat, adding another chapter to the college's active student life.

