

# **HEN-GEAR PROJECT**

project No. 530373-TEMPUS-1-2012-IT-SMGR

## **Higher Education Network for Human Capital Assessment and Graduates Employability in Armenia**

**PROJECT'S KICK-OFF MEETING**

**BOLOGNA, 9-11 JANUARY 2013**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2013**

## **Day 1 - Communication Day**

- 09.30-10.00 Welcome Speeches:**  
Prof. Carla Salvaterra, Vice Rector for the International Relations, University of Bologna  
Prof. Anna Sirinian, University of Bologna, professor of Armenian Culture and Language
- 10.00-11.10 Introduction of all partners and representatives (4 minutes x 16 partners)**
- 11.10-11.30 COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.30-12.10 The AlmaLaurea experience and the opportunities offered by the HEN-GER project.**  
Prof. Andrea Cammelli, AlmaLaurea Founder and Director
- 12.10-12.40 The Armenian HE system and the Labour market: an overview**  
Tatevik Arakelyan, Ministry of Education and Science  
Tadevos Avetisyan, Ministry of Labour and Social Issues
- 12.40-13.00 HEN-GEAR Project Presentation, horizon 2013-2015**  
Dr. Luisa Mengoni, AlmaLaurea
- 13.00-14.30 JOINT LUNCH**
- 14.30-15.30 Panel 1: Graduates monitoring tools in HE systems. European and Armenian perspectives** (chair prof. Varazdat Hovhannisyan)
- Armenian perspective (Mr. Ruben Topchyan, Director Armenian QA Agency - ANQA)
  - Spain perspective (Aday Brito Montero, U. G. Canaria)
  - Italian perspective (Angelo di Francia, Scientific Director, AlmaLaurea)
- 15.30-16.45 Panel 2: University-Business Cooperation and graduates employability** (chair chair prof. Nerses Gevorgyan)
- Armenian Partner University representative (t.b.c.)
  - Armenian Students Perspective (Armen Aleksanyan, Director of Students Union)
  - Armenian Entrepreneurs representative (Eduard Kirakosyan, Executive Director, Union of Manufacturers of Armenia)
  - EU perspective (Prof. Francisco Barba Ramos, U. Helva)
  - EU perspective (prof. Manuel Filipe Costa, U. Minho)

- 16.45**            **Questions and discussions**
- 17.15**            **END OF THE CONFERENCE (AlmaLaurea)**
- 18:00**            **Visit to Palazzo Fava (Genus Bononie Museums track)**  
Speech of prof. Fabio Roversi Monaco, AlmaLaurea President (t.b.c.)
- 20:00**            **Joint Dinner – Ristorante Da Cesari (Via de Carbonesi, 8)**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2013**

## **Day 2 – Technical meeting, first part**

- 09.30-09.45**    **Welcome to the participants**
- 09.45-10.15**    **HEN-GEAR Project. Work planning introduction.**  
Matteo Sgarzi, Project Coordinator, AlmaLaurea
- 10.15-11.00**    **Overview on the Armenian Background**
- Ministry of Education: structure, priorities and actions in HE and employment, feedback etc.
  - Ministry of Labour: Labour market conditions and University-to-work transition paths
  - Universities: no of students and graduates, faculties, administrative organization, study organization, Graduation procedure.
  - Stakeholder suggestions and needs according to the system implementation
- 11.00-11.30**    **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.30-12.00**    **The perspective of Armenian graduates' DB, system design and architecture**  
Angelo Guerriero, Technical Director AlmaLaurea  
Alberto Leone, Head of the AlmaLaurea IT Unit
- 12.00-12.30**    **Discussion**
- 12:30-13:00**    **Technical issue 1: Qualification levels and study subjects**
- 13.00-14.30**    **Joint Lunch**
- 14.30-15.00**    **Technical issue 2: University information systems structure and availability (administrative records on students careers)**
- 15.00-15.30**    **Technical issue 3: Questionnaire definition (local language, selection of items of local relevance)**
- 15.30-16.00**    **Final Discussion**
- 16.00**            **END OF CONFERENCE**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2013**

## **Day 3 – Technical meeting, second part**

- 09.00-10.00**      **Meeting between AlmaLaurea and the Armenian Universities**  
(reserved to Universities managers, reception at AlmaLaurea venue,  
Viale Masini 36, 1<sup>st</sup> floor)
- 10.30-11.15**      **The project: workpackages, inputs and outputs (with a focus  
on priority actions and deliverables in the project first  
months)**
- The Consortium and the Managing Structure of the project**  
**Appointment of the Project's Technical Board (PTC)**  
AlmaLaurea project management team (M. Dudko, L. Mengoni,  
M.Sgarzi)
- 11.15-11.30**      **Coffee Break**
- 11.30-12.30**      **First Technical board meeting**
- Financial Issues: how the project will be managed, "payment system  
terms"
- 12.30-13.00**      **Final remarks and conclusion**
- 13.00-14.30**      **Joint Lunch**
- 15.00**              **Meeting at the University of Bologna Rectorate**  
(meeting schedule can change on the basis of Rector availability)

## **Kick Off Participants**

to invite to kick off meeting:

**Day 1:** Rectors, Vice-Rectors, University managers of partner universities and Armenian Government officials (Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Labour). Presidents/Directors Armenian Union of Manufacturers, Students Unions, QA Agency. Italian Embassy in Armenia (Ambassador and Cultural office), Armenian Ambassador in Italy.

**Day 2 and day 3:** Project Managers (technical board members), experts/researchers in development of quality indicators for higher education, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Labour staff, heads of local IT development teams

## **Typical Armenian University delegation composition**

- 1 Rector/Vice Rector
- 1 Project Manager (Member of the Technical Board)
- 1 Expert (head of U. Information systems or Social statistics researcher)

(Please note that the information above is purely suggestive, categories could be overlapping and the whole three-days meeting is open to the all delegation members)

Global number of attendants foreseen : 40/45 persons (including EU partners)

**Working languages:** English, Italian, Armenian (simultaneous translation will be available)