



Peer Learning at SEPR Campus



Anush Stepanian, responsible for Career Guidance at CEPFA, visited the SEPR Campus in Lyon, France, in June within the frame of the Erasmus+ project. During her visit, she had the opportunity to learn about the activities of SEPR, particularly activities on career guidance, be engaged in professional exchanges, attend the end-of-year event, meet with alumni and employers, and have some cultural trips. The visit was important as it touched upon career guidance methodology, included visits to national and regional career guidance centers, explored the alumni network structure, and helped to have insight into inclusion for children with special needs.



Developing Hiking and Ecotourism

A trilateral memorandum of Understanding was signed between the French Association AFRAT, the Armenian Federation of Mountaineering and Mountain Tourism, and CEPFA. AFRAT is a well-known organization in France that specializes in the training of hiking guides. In July, AFRAT hosted the CEPFA team. During the partnership meeting, bilateral cooperation agreements were discussed, along with various technical and financial issues. The CEPFA



team had an opportunity to participate in a wonderful hiking in the picturesque mountains of Vercors, accompanied by the volunteers who had visited Armenia last year. The program is designed to support the integrated and sustainable economic development of rural communities through ecotourism and hiking, while also promoting hiking among youth and civil society as a means of fostering social cohesion and protecting the mountain environment.

Moving TVET to the Top of the Global Agenda



The Director of CEPFA Gohar Grigoryan participated as a speaker in the "Moving TVET to the Top of the Global Agenda" WorldSkills 2024 conference in Lyon. In her speech, she highlighted the Francophone initiatives in VET and their significance in the development of professional skills on the international stage. It is worth noting that the WorldSkills 2024, the 47th international competition, was held under the patronage of French President Emmanuel Macron. The event brought together 1,500 talented young individuals from over 65 countries, competing in 62 different professions.

Mira Nersisyan, Winner of the "Best of Nation" Award at WorldSkills 2024



The 47th WorldSkills competition took place in Lyon, France, where Armenia's national skills team represented the country with honor. Mira Nersisyan, a student of CEPFA's "Garment Manufacturing Technology", demonstrated her skills over the four days of the competition and won the "Best of Nation" award. The VET teachers, SEPR, and the Lyon Metropolis significantly supported Mira's preparation for the competition. The teaching staff of SEPR, including Nathalie Vialla, played an essential role in her



success. Ahead of the opening ceremony of WorldSkills 2024, the Armenian delegation received a warm welcome at the SEPR educational center in Lyon, as part of the "One School, One Country" project.

The event was attended by Ms. Narine Nikolyan, Consul of the Republic of Armenia, and Ms. Valérie De Rosa, Head of Programs for Cooperation with Armenia at the Lyon Metropolis.

A Great Opportunity for Graduates



Invited by the Métropole de Lyon, graduates of CEPFA's "Culinary" department, Levon Martirosyan and Robert Hakobyan, had an opportunity to participate in the International Youth Forum. During this event, young people from various countries met with experts, business and government representatives to discuss the challenges in the professional world. The forum serves as an important platform for exchanging ideas and developing strategies to address current issues.

Collaboration and Experience Exchange

With all its hospitality, CEPFA hosts students from other colleges in Armenia. This time, the center hosted third-year "Dental Technology" students from Mehrabyan Medical College. The students had an opportunity to have hands-on training and learn about the process of duplicating model.



The Pétanque is in Yerevan...

The summer was intense at CEPFA. From August 13 to 27, CEPFA students discovered the game of pétanque, which is widely popular in southern France. They learned from experienced French players and participated in exchanges with French youngsters.

The program was implemented in collaboration with the ACFOA Septèmes-Les-Vallons association (Cultural Association of French People of Armenian Origin from Septèmes-les-Vallons and its Surrounding Areas).



For more than 15 years, the association has been organizing commemorative, cultural and festive events related to Armenian history and culture, and is involved in projects in Armenia.

The official opening ceremony of the pétanque court was attended by the Ambassador of France to Armenia, Olivier Decottignies, the First Deputy Mayor of Yerevan, Armen Pambukhchyan, the Deputy Mayor of Yerevan and member of CEPFA's Board of Trustees, Levon Hovhannisyan, the Director of CEPFA, Gohar Grigoryan, representatives from the "Dadikian" Foundation, Jean



Dadikian, Marine Sarkissian, and Richard Makinejyan, members of the ACFOA association from Septèmes, headed by President Ludovic Pasquinucci, as well as the young Armenian and French participants and their leaders, Edita Sarkissian, Émilie Julien, Steven Incardona, and Nikola Margosyan.

Our student at UFAR



Vahé Grigoryan, a student of the CEPFA (Pastry Technology), participated in the "Global Governance and Leadership" course of the Peace Caravan School, which started at UFAR. The course was led by former French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin and political scientist, expert in international relations, Bertrand Badie.

CEPFA for the People of Artsakh

As part of the "Learn and Earn: Artsakh" program, CEPFA revealed the secrets of cooking and pastry-making for displaced residents of Artsakh. Nearly 100 beneficiaries participated in the courses, with some aiming to acquire new skills and others looking to enhance their existing knowledge. The program, titled "Humanitarian Assistance and Integration of Refugees from



Nagorno-Karabakh," was implemented by the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU). All participants of the program received certificates of completion from CEPFA. Some of them have already started their professional activities, while others are actively engaging in meetings with potential employers.

The French Ambassador Presents Certificates

Learners from Artsakh who participated in the trainings organized with the support of the Women's Support Center and the French Embassy in Armenia re-



ceived their certificates of completion. The certificates were personally given by the French Ambassador to Armenia, Olivier Decottignies. A professional tools set was a special gift prepared for the trainees. Non-formal trainings organized at CEPFA provide a great opportunity to learn professional skills and gain practical experience.

Diploma Awarding Ceremony at CEPFA

An official diploma awarding ceremony of 2023-2024 academic year took place at CEPFA. Before the ceremony began, the director, Gohar Grigoryan, delivered a congratulation speech to



mark the memorable occasion. Afterward, each course supervisor congratulated the graduates and presented them with their diplomas. The graduates expressed their gratitude to both the administration and the faculty members, promising to return as successful professionals in the future.