



# CEPFA REVIEW

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## Kicking-off 2024-2025 Academic Year

CEPFA director Gohar Grigoryan and VET teachers of the “Dental Technology” department, Lilit Papyan and Erik Sargsyan, traveled to Lyon, France, to participate in educational and professional exchange within the framework of the Erasmus+ IMPROVET\_AM project.

For the administrative team, the program included exchanges on essential topics such as digitalization strategies in education, funding/investments, safety, and several other key areas.

Our students, Anush Petrosyan, Artyom Petrosyan, and Saro Grigoryan, had the opportunity to visit the SEPR Campus in Lyon, where they actively participated in professional exchanges, carried



out practical work, and attended joint classes-enriching their knowledge and gaining valuable experience.

The future dental technicians were also given the chance to visit leading dental laboratories, where they got acquainted with the latest technologies and methods in dentistry.

Our delegation had the opportunity to visit iconic sites that embody France's cultural and historical legacy.

## Erasmus+ Program: Professional Exchange in Italy

As part of the Erasmus+ IMPROVET\_AM program, the next phase of the exchange took place in the city of Alba, Italy, with the participation of deputy pedagogical director Yelena Martirosyan and psychologist Ashkhen Aslanyan. The agenda was in-

tensive: students' admission and final examinations of a training of healthcare assistants, a meeting with specialists from the Casa Maria Rosa residential community and the Cooperativa Sociale Progetto Emmaus social unit to



discuss methods of care for individuals with disabilities and mental health issues, and case study-based problem-solving as part of the final exam assignment.

The visit also included a tour round the APRO Formazione training



representatives from centres of excellence across 22 countries. In addition to discussions on the topic of "Teaching and Learning – Modern Educational Approaches" the agenda included key themes such as partnerships and collaboration aimed at building strong strategic alliances for achieving objectives, as well as governance



and funding as sustainable tools and means for achieving excellence.

The event concluded with the implementation of the ISATCOVE self-assessment tool, the summarization of results, and the development of an improvement plan. The camp was organized by the



## A Success for CEPFA

Another success for CEPFA: Our educational institution has been awarded the "Commitment to Vocational Excellence" certificate by the European Training Foundation (ETF), confirming our dedication to improving and advancing the quality of vocational education.



## The First Training Has Been Completed

The first training course for hiking leaders was conducted within the framework of the "Trails of Armenia" program funded by the French Development Agency (AFD), the Ministry for Europe and



Foreign Affairs (MEAE), the Popular Education and Youth Foundation (FONJEP), and several French local authorities.



The participants have received their certificates.

During the 90-hour, three-phase training, participants studied a wide range of topics, including group leadership, safety and first aid, meteorology, pedagogy and psychology, survival in snowy terrain, and rescue operations. The course was led by Lionel Confort, a high mountain guide and instructor from the AFRAT training center.

## "Pedagogical Café" meeting at CEPFA

While enjoying a cup of coffee with delicious sweets prepared by our future pastry chefs, the CEPFA teaching team engaged in interesting discussions and exchanges on new assessment methods, online learning tools, and the topic of sustainable development.



## Areg Gevorgyan Shared His Experience

CEPFA students from the Culinary and Pastry departments met with Areg Gevorgyan, the director of "Kamancha" restaurant.

During the meeting, the students received answers to their questions related to the field and the



center, where CEPFA representatives were introduced to the latest equipment and educational technologies used in healthcare training.

Discussions were held on career opportunities, particularly the skills and qualifications needed for employment, as well as on topics such as sustainable development, waste reduction, and ecological footprint.

Additionally, the healthcare assistant training program was reviewed, and an important meeting took place with Teresa Valentino, head of the healthcare sector of the Piedmont region.

## Visit of the UNDP Delegation



A delegation from local self-government bodies of France, including the Deputy

Mayor of Lyon Sonia Zdorovtsoff (member of the CEPFA Board of Trustees) visited CEPFA to learn more about the center's activities. It should be noted that the delegation arrived in Armenia within the framework of the UNDP program "Support to Refugee Populations and Host Communities in Ararat and Armavir Regions."

During the visit, official meetings were held with representatives of ministries and local self-government bodies to establish connections with local communities, exchange experiences, and discuss possible areas of cooperation in the field of socio-economic integration and support for refugees.



## Making Excellence Accessible to All Learners

The conference titled "Making Excellence Accessible to All Learners" brought together representatives of member states of the European Training Foundation's (ETF) Network of Excellence



(ENE) in Turin, Italy. The event was attended by the Deputy Pedagogical Director of CEPFA, Y. Martirosyan.

CEPFA is a member of the Network of Excellence that was established in 2020 and includes more than 300 organizations from 54 countries.

Key topics discussed at the conference included the role of Centres of Excellence in the VET (Vocational Education and Training) system and their internationalization, as well as the application of the ISATCOVE (Internal Self-Assessment Tool for Centres of Vocational Excellence) online platform, which supports the strengthening of CoVEs (Centres of Vocational Excellence).

During the conference, a speech delivered by CEPFA's long-standing partner, the General Director of the SEPR Campus, Oriane Reynaud, highlighted the successful history of cooperation with CEPFA.

## CEPFA in the First Winter Camp "Internationalizing Vocational Excellence"

CEPFA Responsible for Quality Assurance, A. Dabaghyan, participated in the first Winter Camp on Internationalizing CoVEs held in Nova Gorica, Slovenia, together with 40

career path of Mr. Gevorgyan. He encouraged the youth to dream, not fear risks, and believe in the success of their own work.



## CEPFA's Eco Club and a Meeting on Eco-Thinking

Lusine Karapetyan, founder of the KASA Foundation's TNAC Youth Center and Solution HUB, shared her experience with CEPFA students and spoke about eco-activities, the importance of eco-thinking, sustainable development, and social responsibility. She encouraged them to continue the journey of raising eco-education and awareness.



## Awarding the Winners

The 2024 New Year performance featured a series of short, humorous sketches scrip-

ted by CEPFA students who tried to transport the audience to Armenian and French villages. The winning team enjoyed a deserved prize — the opportunity to attend Pyotr Tchaikovsky's magnificent ballet "The Nutcracker", filled with magical music and colorful dance performance. The winners and their creative team enjoyed this wonderful evening, celebrating the success of their collaborative efforts.



## CEPFA's Literacy Connection

During the event dedicated to Book Day, the students presented the books they had read, sharing the emotions, feelings, and impressions they experienced. They also visualized the content and displayed posters illustrating the main ideas of the books.



Hovhannes Tumanyan as a symbol of Armenian literature, was an essential part of the event. Students talked about interesting facts of the great writer's life and works.



## The Feast of Tyarndarach was celebrated at CEPFA

Tyarndarach is translated as "towards the God" in Armenian and is a special event in the Armenian Apostolic Church.

It takes place 40 days after the birth of Jesus. The belief is that jumping over the bonfire this very day can cure illnesses and purify sinners.

The Feast of Tyarndarach was celebrated at CEPFA. Students from the Pastry department treated everyone to traditional sweets.

Everybody spoke about the meaning of the holiday and danced around the bonfire.

