



OeAD | Erasmus+ Cooperation and Study Trip South Caucasus (Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia)

The National Agency Erasmus+ Education (OeAD-GmbH) organises a one-week **cooperation and study trip** together with the Erasmus+ Offices in Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia to the three countries of the South Caucasus region of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Armenia. The purpose of this trip is to establish and strengthen contacts between higher education institutions in the countries involved. This trip focuses in particular on

- increasing knowledge of the higher education systems of these countries;
- *Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (KA107)* with opportunities for students (study visits, internships) and for teaching and further education mobility,
- initiating contacts in the field of *capacity building in higher education*, and
- possible further forms of cooperation.

Within the framework of this trip the **higher education systems and study programmes** as well as examples of good practice from these countries will be presented. Moreover, there will be ample opportunities to get to know the higher education institutions and to plan cooperation in concrete terms. Information materials from Austrian higher education institutions may be sent collectively to the event locations in advance. The OeAD lecturers working in Baku and Yerevan will take part in the programme.

The target group of the cooperation trip are employees of Austrian higher education institutions who are interested in establishing partnerships and who have been vested by their institutions with the authority to initiate cooperation. There is no restriction with regard to subject areas or study levels; together with the local partners we will seek to 'match' the areas of interest.

Seminar content and course of events

Date: May 12th – 17th/18th, 2019

The trip has been planned in such a way that it is possible to visit all three countries. Alternatively you may visit just two or one of the countries. For the exact course of the study trip please see the attached programme (additions and the final programme will be available at the beginning of 2019).

Costs: A fee of **800 Euros per participant** will be charged for participation in the entire study trip. This includes participation in all events, accommodation on site, the meals specified in the programme and all transfers between the venues. Any costs in excess of this amount will be borne by the National Agency Erasmus+ Education.

Participation in the subsequent **excursion** in Armenia (one-day, May 18th) is optional for a fee of **50 Euros** – see programme on page 5.

Participants will have to organise flights and possible visas (Austrian citizens only need a visa for Azerbaijan, official passports are exempted from the visa requirement) themselves, the costs are not included in the mentioned amount. Erasmus+ OS funds may be used to cover the costs.

Website: all information can be found at <https://bildung.erasmusplus.at/index.php?id=3840>.

If you have any **questions**, please contact the organisation team at the National Agency at cooperation-seminar@oead.at (Martina Friedrich / Tobias Schneider).

The event is co-financed by funds of the Erasmus+ Programme.



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Programme – Version 30/05/2019

Sunday, May 12th, 2019

Individual trip to Baku, Azerbaijan

Hotel: Landmark Hotel Baku, <http://www.thelandmarkhotel.az>
90A Nizami Street, Baku 1010

19:00 **Informal dinner** for the Austrian participants

Shirvanshah Museum Restaurant, www.facebook.com/shirvanshahmuzeystoran
Şirvanşah Restoran, Salatin Əsgərova 86, Baku

Monday, May 13th, 2019

Working day, Baku, Azerbaijan

Venue: Landmark Hotel Baku | <http://www.thelandmarkhotel.az/>
90A Nizami Street, Baku 1010, Azerbaijan

09:30 Opening of the Azerbaijan event

Austrian and Azerbaijani **higher education systems**

Erasmus+ funding schemes –

International Mobility (KA107), Capacity Building in Higher Education

Speed presentations of participating institutions, based on the participants' compendia

12:45 Activities of the Austrian Embassy in Baku, presented by HE **Ambassador Alexander Bayerl**

13:00 Lunch for all participants at the event location (**Networking lunch**)

14:00 **Market place** and **networking sessions** for
Higher Education institutions from Azerbaijan and Austria

16:15 The OeAD Lectureship Programme in Azerbaijan of Baku

16:30 Site visit to local higher education institution and/or walking tour of Baku

19:00 **Networking Dinner** for all participants and invited guests

Caspian Grill and Terrace, www.facebook.com/caspian.grill.and.terrace
90A Nizami Street, Baku 1010, Azerbaijan

Links & Information Azerbaijan

- <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/oeb-baku/> (Austrian Embassy)
- <https://www.facebook.com/nationalerasmusplusofficeinazerbaijan/> National Erasmus+ Office AZ
- <https://evisa.gov.az/en> (Official Visa Portal for e-Visa | Fee: 20 US\$)
- <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/oesterreich-bibliotheken/die-bibliotheken/bibliotheks-verzeichnis/bibliotheken/aserbaidschan-baku/> (Austrian Library)
- <https://www.facebook.com/oesterreichbibliothek> (Austrian Library)
- <http://adu.edu.az/en/> (University of Languages)
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OeAD.Baku/about/> (OeAD Baku)

**Tuesday, May 14th, 2019**

Flight to Tbilisi with Azerbaijan Airlines, Flight 223 (departure from Baku at 9:30, arrival in Tbilisi at 10:40)

Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

Hotel: **Ibis Styles Tbilisi Center**, www.accorhotels.com/de/hotel-A413-ibis-styles-tbilisi-center-/index.shtml
4 Galaktion Tabidze Street, Tbilisi 0105

13:00 Transfer to the Ilia State University, followed by **light lunch** (courtesy of the University)

Venue: **Ilia State University** | <https://iliauni.edu.ge/en/>
32 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi

14:00 Opening of the Georgia event
Austrian and Georgian **higher education systems**
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17:45 Activities of the Austrian Embassy in Tbilisi, presented by HE **Ambassador Arad Benkö** (tbc)

18:00 Short visit of the host university, followed by a walk to the Restaurant

19:00 **Networking Dinner** for all participants and invited guests
Tabla Restaurant, 33 Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi

Transfer to the hotel.

Wednesday, May 15th, 2019**Working day, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Venue: Ilia State University, <https://iliauni.edu.ge/en/>

09:30 **Bologna reforms and impact of higher education cooperation with Europe**
(**Irine Darchia**, Higher Education Reform Expert, Georgia)
Good Practice: **How Erasmus+ may enhance mutual cooperation**
Market place and networking sessions for
Higher Education institutions from Georgia and Austria
The Georgian science system (**Nino Gachechiladze**, National Science Foundation, Georgia)
Overview about **APPEAR**

13:00 Lunch for all participants at the event location (**Networking lunch**)

Afternoon: **Site visits** to higher education institution (suggestions will be arranged) or free time

17:30 Guided walking tour of Tbilisi

20:00 **Informal dinner** for the Austrian participants with HE **Ambassador Arad Benkö** (tbc)
Kopala Restaurant, Chekhov street 8/10, Tbilisi 0103

Links & Information Georgia

- <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/oeb-tiflis/> (Austrian Embassy Tbilisi)
- <https://www.oesterreich-bibliotheken.at/oesterreich-bibliotheken/die-bibliotheken/bibliotheks-verzeichnis/bibliotheken/georgien-tiflistbilissi/> (Austrian Library)
- <https://www.facebook.com/oesterreich.bibliothek.tbilisi?ref=hl>
- <http://erasmusplus.org.ge/en/Home> (National Erasmus+ Office Georgia)
- http://mes.gov.ge/higher_edu.php?id=2&lang=eng (Higher Education in Georgia)
- <https://appear.at/en/> (Austrian Partnership Programme in HE & Research for Development APPEAR)

**Thursday, May 16th, 2019**

Bus transfer to Yerevan (departure from the hotel foreseen at 7.00 am); stops en route with a short visit is planned. Participants have to arrange their lunch themselves – several options for snacks on the way.

Hotel: **Ibis Yerevan Center**, www.accorhotels.com/de/hotel-7309-ibis-yerevan-center/index.shtml.

Transfer to the venue.

Venue: Bryussov State University of Languages, <https://brusov.am/en>
42 Tumanyan Street, Yerevan

16:00 Opening of the Armenia event

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Short visit to the **Austrian Library (Österreich-Bibliothek)**

20:00 **Networking dinner** for all participants and invited guests

Pandok Yerevan, 91 Teryan Street | <https://pandokyerevan.com>

Walk back to the hotel (Taxis available).

Friday, May 17th, 2019**Working day, Yerevan, Armenia**

Venue: Yerevan State Academy of Fine Arts, <http://www.iatp.am/yafa/>
36 Isahakyan Street, Yerevan (contact +374 10 560726)

09:30 **Erasmus+ funding schemes –**

International Mobility (KA107), Capacity Building in Higher Education

Good Practice: **How Erasmus+ may enhance mutual cooperation**

Market place and networking sessions for

Higher Education institutions from Armenia and Austria

The **OeAD Lectureship Programme in Armenia** and overview about **APPEAR**

13:00 Lunch for all participants at the event location (**Networking lunch**)

Afternoon: **Site visit** to a higher education institution or free time or/and individual journey home (on an individual basis, private extension possible)

18:00 **Guided walking tour** of Yerevan

End of the official programme

19:00 *optional: informal dinner* for the Austrian participants (Syrian-Armenian restaurant Deryan, tbc)

Links & Information Armenia

- <https://erasmusplus.am/> National Erasmus+ Office Armenia
- <https://www.bmeia.gv.at/oeb-armenien/ueber-uns/oesterreich-bibliothek/> (Austrian Library)
- <https://www.facebook.com/AustrianLibrary.Yerevan/?rc=p> (Austrian Library)
- <https://www.facebook.com/Lektoratsprogramm/> (OeAD Lektoratsprogramm)
- <https://appear.at/en/> (Austrian Partnership Programme in HE & Research for Development APPEAR)



Saturday, May 18th, 2019

Excursion (special registration required) or individual return journey

Guided tour – 09:00 – 18:00

Khor Virap Monastery with a view on Mount Ararat (if weather allows)

Noravank Monastery

Wine-growing area Areni/Yeghegnadzor

Participation fee: **50 Euros** per person – this includes the bus trip, entrance where applicable, guide and lunch in a local restaurant.

