

Support to strengthening the higher education system in Azerbaijan



Twinning project ENI/2018/395-401

Mission Report

Short-Term Mission on Activity 4.5 Assess the university governance system in three pilot universities with a view to ensuring the best approaches that support the development and review of student-centred programmes, through the participation of students in university governance, and develop proposals to enhance the system

(June 26, July 1, 2, 3, 2020)

1. Name and Function of the Expert:

Full name of experts

Ms. Jean-Jacques Paul, France

Signature



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Signature



2. Objective and Tasks of the Mission:

The mission is carried out within the framework of:

COMPONENT 4: RECOMMENDATIONS ON AMENDMENTS OF LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATIVE FRAMEWORK DEVELOPED

Activity 4.5 Assess the university governance system in three pilot universities with a view to ensuring the best approaches that support the development and review of student-centred programmes, through the participation of students in university governance, and develop proposals to enhance the system

Benchmarks for this activity are:

- Guidelines for Strategic Development Plans for Universities are developed

3. Time schedule of mission:

Date and Time	Activity
Friday – 26 June 2020	11:30-12:30 Online briefing meeting with Ms. Elizaveta Bydanova, RTA of Twinning project. 14:00-17:00 Deskwork on writing Guidelines for Strategic Development Plans of Universities.
Wednesday – 1 July 2020	Deskwork on writing Guidelines for Strategic Development Plans of Universities.
Thursday – 2 July 2020	Deskwork on writing Guidelines for Strategic Development Plans of Universities.
Friday – 3 July 2020	12:30-13:30 Debriefing meeting with Ms. Elizaveta Bydanova, RTA of Twinning project.

4. Relevant Background Information/State of Affairs regarding the mission

Three pilot universities were identified by the Twinning project to benefit from this activity. They are the Sumgait University (SDU), the Azerbaijan Technical University (AZTU) and the Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University of Baku (ASPU).

The first mission was led by international expert Mr. Jean-Jacques Paul and was carried out on December 16 – 20, 2019 to review strategic development plans of above mentioned universities, share the best practices and provide recommendations for improvement. Several examples of Strategic Development Plans from European universities were selected prior to the mission and shared with those universities.

Before the second mission, all three universities have provided their improved Strategic Development Plans. During the mission, the expert held separate meetings with each of the SDP teams at pilot universities and assisted them in drafting their strategic development plans further.

5. Achievement of the Expected Results

Planned action was achieved.

The guide has been produced along the lines initially planned.

6. Unexpected Results

7. Issues Left Open After the Mission

8. Recommendations

It would be useful to test to what extent the guide will be really used and to collect comments from universities in order to enhance it.

9. Acknowledgments (if any)

Thanks to the Twinning office team and its leader for their support during the mission.

Annexes

(If any)