

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for joint project activities in Armenia

between

Zurich University of Teacher Education (hereinafter referred to as PH Zurich), International Projects in Education (IPE), Lagerstrasse 2, 8090 Zurich, Switzerland; represented by Prof. Dr. Hanja Hansen, Vice-President and Dr. Corinne A. Pernet, Head of International Projects in Education (hereafter referred to as "PH Zürich") and Corinna Borer, IPE Project manager.

and

Khachatur Abovyan Armenian State Pedagogical University (hereinafter referred to as ASPU), 17 Tigran Mets ave., Yerevan 0010, Armenia, represented by Ara Yeremyan, Vice-Rector for Personnel and International Cooperation and Marianna Harutyunyan, Head of International Cooperation Department.

The Department International Projects in Education (IPE) supports schools and organizations in Switzerland and abroad in the areas of democracy education, job orientation, life skills, migration and multilingualism. Education is the foundation of a peaceful coexistence in a globalized world. In IPEs educational projects the relationship between professional knowledge and daily classroom practice is in focus.

Moreover, the exchange with other universities and schools abroad is very important. Academic network projects allows to discuss what good teaching and learning is internationally. The IPE incorporates these experiences into its new projects, teaching and learning materials and further education pedagogy.¹

Khachatur Abovyan Armenian State Pedagogical University is a multifunctional, educational and scientific, research institution the graduates of which are not only honored teachers, but are also involved in organization of education, and act as public and political figures.

ASPU has BA and MA degree programs in full-time and distance-learning systems, and provides PhD programs. Nowadays, based on the number of students, the ASPU is the only Pedagogical university in Armenia.²

Given that it is a common interest of PH Zurich and ASPU (hereinafter referred to as Parties) to cooperate in the educational field for promoting educational strategies for in service teachers and pre-service teacher students of pedagogical university, the two parties agree the following:

1 Purpose

The project "Better Teaching for a Better Future" (BTBF) focuses on the following overall goal in cooperation between Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Switzerland: to promote the pedagogical-didactic competences of lecturers in teacher training.

The BTBF project focuses on three key messages:

¹ <https://phzh.ch/en/Services/IPE/topics/>

² <https://aspu.am/en/page/aspu/>