



Development of a flexible, innovative and practical framework for Work-based Learning in higher education of Armenia and Russia

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# **Project Aim**

FlexWBL creates a platform for implementation of a Work-based Learning (WBL) framework in the national higher education systems of Armenia and Russia in order to bridge the gap between skills supply and labour market demands in the university-enterprise cooperation network and the wider economic and social environment according to the Yerevan Communique, Paris Communique and EU 2020 strategy's objectives.

## What is Work-based Learning

Work-based study programmes typically employ different structures, approaches and processes from those used in subject-based academic programmes. Work-based Learning is the term being used here to describe a class of university study programmes that bring together universities and work organizations to create new learning opportunities in workplaces, where students are full-time employees, whose programme of study is embedded in the workplace and is designed to meet the learning needs of the employees and the aims of the organization.



Проект FlexWBL – это инструмент укрепления взаимного доверия для совместного развития высшего образования Армении и России и бизнеса на основе лучших Европейских практик, использующих модели Work-based Learning в университетских программах обучения студентов, которые предпочитают работать и учиться одновременно.



FlexWBL ծրագիրը հանդիսանում է փոխադարձ վստահության ամրապնդման գործիք` Հայաստանում և Ռուսաստանում բարձրագույն կրթության և բիզնեսի համատեղ զարգացման համար` հիմնվելով եվրոպական լավագույն փորձի վրա։ Այն բուհական կրթական ծրագրերում օգտագործում է աշխատանքահենք ուսուցմանը միտված ձևաչափեր ուսանողների համար, որոնք նախընտրում են աշխատել և սովորել միաժամանակ։



# The project consortium

The driving rationale behind the project consortium is the development of a strong partnership among 10 key higher education institutions in 3 European Member States and 2 Partner Countries, which help facilitate and promote the European Work-based Learning approach for those who want to work and learn. It is incredibly supportive to encourage all "to provide inter-disciplinary programmes as well as to combine academic and work-based learning." (Paris Communiqué, 2018).

In view of the recent international trends towards rediscovery of Work-based Learning (WBL) in higher education as well as in vocational education and training, the current situation in partner countries with the high demand of work-related learning, an in-depth examination of WBL approach and development of WBL framework suitable for Armenia and Russia is crucial for further development of flexible routes accessing higher education institutions.

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