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**Develop a generic dual educational model for
Georgia: perspectives and challenges**

26-27 June, Tbilisi

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Abstract	The Conference was held in Tbilisi, with involvement of representatives of partner countries and representatives of all stakeholders in dual education. On the basis of experience from EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme and needs of domestic industrial sector, the project partners explained the benefits of DUGEOR model on industrial sector with emphasis on improvement of competencies of dual students in higher education to different stakeholders.
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On the first 5 months of second year of DUGEOR project by consortium members was elaborated prototype of Generic Dual Higher Education Model. This work was done after numerous interviews with consortium members, based on current documentation related to high education development done by different organizations for Georgia and experience gained in frames of consortium Georgian members visit in Germany, Austria and Serbia.

This part of the project was performed with working group 3 for WP3. Working group 3 consists of one representative from each consortium institution:

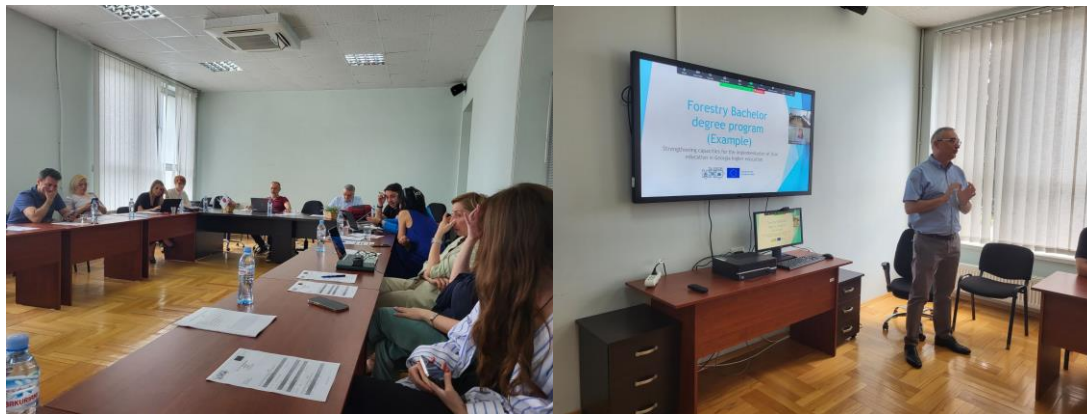
1. FH JOANNEUM
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3. Vengo
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5. University of Novi Sad
6. DHBW Heilbronn
7. University Business Academy in Novi Sad
8. Batumi Navigation Teaching University
9. Telavi state university
10. Batumi state maritime academy
11. Georgian Technical University
12. Wine Company Shumi
13. Ministry of education of Georgia
14. National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement
15. WSS
16. National forest agency

The conference on 26-27 June was some kind of overview of job done by consortium, planning future work and meeting with potential stakeholders. The conference was divided in two days: first day was Steering committee meeting and demonstration of draft of program

to comitee, also discussion od draft of Generic Dual Higher Education Model, on 27 June on conference were invited GTU administration, company representatives who are potentially stakeholders and students from different programs. Both days were hold at the faculty of agricultural sciences and biosystems engineering, in Georgian Technical University. Practically all consortium members were participated during both days.

The Title of conference was: Develop a generic dual educational model for Georgia: perspectives and challenges.

During the first day – 26 June, GTU demonstrated part of equipment purchasing by DUGEOR project. GTU is planning to establish a dual educational bachelor’s degree program in forestry and this equipment practically fully covers student’s demand. At 10:30 started steering committee meeting, which was opened by Prof. Mirko Savic speech. He overviews progress that was made by the consortium and focuses on works which must be done in next few months. To the discussion were join consortium members from Georgian, Austrian and Serbian sides. During the steering committee meeting a draft of forestry bachelor’s degree program was presented by GTU and National Forestry Agency.



27 June conference was opened by welcome speeches of Prof. Mirko Savic – project coordinator and Prof. Tamar Lominadze – vice-rector of GTU. Main presenters on conference were Hagen H. Hochrinner, - Manager/Teacher/Researcher FHJ and Ursula Goz – researcher DHBW. Both represented dual educational system, challenges and perspectives in EU. Next presenters were Levan Nebieridze – project manager from “Vengo group” and Giorgi Kvartskhava – GTU.

Based on experience from EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme and needs of domestic industrial sector, the benefits of DUGEOR model on industrial sector with emphasis on improvement of competencies of dual students in higher education were presented to the stakeholders (students, academics, companies, policy makers, etc.).

The main conclusion from the conference is that there is a consensus about the necessity of introducing dual higher education into HE system of Georgia, but there is a lot of challenges, like working hours of teachers and their workload.



Agenda of the conference

Develop a generic dual educational model for Georgia: perspectives and challenges

Location: Tbilisi, Georgia
Time: 26-27 June, 2024

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DAY I

26 June, Guramishvili ave. 17, Tbilisi, Georgia (meeting room 212, II floor)		
10 ⁰⁰ – 10 ³⁰ h	Registration of participants	
Part I Opening and welcome speeches		
10 ³⁰ – 12 ⁰⁰ h	Steering committee meeting	All consortium members
12 ⁰⁰ -12. ³⁰ h	<i>Break</i>	
Part II Prezentation and Discussion		
12 ³⁰ – 14 ³⁰		All consortium members
14 ³⁰ – 15 ³⁰ h	<i>Lunch break</i>	
Part III Summarize and comments		
15 ³⁰ – 18 ⁰⁰ h	Steering committee meeting	All consortium members
19 ⁰⁰ – 20 ³⁰ h	<i>Dinner</i>	

DAY II

27 June, Guramishvili ave. 17, Tbilisi, Georgia (Conference hall, V floor)

09 ⁴⁵ – 10 ⁰⁰ h	Registration of participants	
Part I Welcome speeches		
10 ⁰⁰ – 10 ¹⁰ h	Welcome Speech	GTU
10 ¹⁰ – 11 ¹⁰ h	Dual Education in Europe	DI. Hagen H. Hochrinner, manager / teacher/researcher FHJ Ursula Göz Researcher DHBW
11 ¹⁰ – 11 ⁴⁰ h	Dual Education from Georgian	Giga Kvartskhava PhD. Georgian Technical University
11 ⁴⁰ – 12 ⁰⁰ h	perspective	Levan Nebieridze PhD. „Vengo“ group
12 ⁰⁰ – 13 ⁰⁰ h	Discussion	All participants
13 ⁰⁰ – 13 ³⁰ h	<i>Coffee break</i>	

