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Tuesday, 26th September	
Chair: Sharistan Melkonian, Director of Accreditation, American University in Armenia	
09:30 – 10:00	Registration of participants
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome notes Armen Der Kiureghian , Rector, American University in Armenia Jean-Marc Lavest , Rector, French University in Armenia Levon Mkrtchyan , Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Armenia (TBC) Lana Karlova , Coordinator, National Erasmus+ Office in Armenia
Tempus TNE_QA project: Contribution and impact on external quality assurance of higher education in Armenia and Georgia	
10:15 – 11:00	TEMPUS TNE_QA project: Objectives, major achievements, contribution to the TNE QA development in the region and beyond Susanna Karakhanyan , ANQA Immediate Past President of Accreditation Commission, INQAAHE President (2016-2018), Armenia <i>Questions and answers</i>
<i>11:00– 11:20</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:20 – 12:00	Transnational higher education in Armenia: state of art, challenges of regulation and contribution of the TNE_QA Sasounik Melikyan , Head of Higher Education Organization and Coordination Division, Ministry of Education and Science of Armenia <i>Questions and answers</i>
12:00 – 12:40	Transnational higher education in Georgia: state of art, challenges of regulation, contribution of the TNE_QA to the HE system in Georgia Maia Shukhoshvili , Head of division of Higher Education Development, Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia <i>Questions and answers</i>
<i>12:40– 13:30</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 14:15	TNE_QA project experience in the context of UNESCO agenda for cross-border higher education quality assurance: peculiarities of TNE challenges in the region Michaela Martin , Programme specialist, International Institute for Education Planning, UNESCO, France <i>Questions and answers</i>
14:15 – 15:00	Standards and Procedures for External and Internal Quality assurance of Transnational higher education: regional and country level peculiarities

	<p>Christophe Terrasse, Director of international projects department, European Foundation for Management Development, Belgium</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
15:00 – 15:45	<p>TNE_QA project outcomes for quality assurance in Georgia, the contribution and expected impact</p> <p>Maia Gelashvili, Head of Academic Accreditation division, Georgian National Centre for Education Quality Enhancement (NCEQE), Georgia</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
15:45– 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 16:45	<p>TNE_QA project outcomes for quality assurance in Armenia, the contribution and expected impact</p> <p>Ruben Topchyan, Director, Armenian National Centre for Professional Education Quality Assurance Foundation (ANQA), Armenia</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
16:45 – 17:30	<p>Lessons from the project on quality assurance of TNE in a global context</p> <p>Rafe Smallman, Quality Specialist, Quality assurance agency (QAA) Gloucester, UK</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>

Wednesday, 27th September	
Chair: Jean-Marc Lavest, Rector, French University in Armenia	
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10:00 – 10:45	<p>Interacting with, maintaining and building upon current partnerships: including look at the QA processes to support this: BSU experience</p> <p>Matthew Holt, Quality Assurance Manager, Bath Spa University (BSU), UK</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
10:45 - 11:30	<p>Transnational Higher Education at University Jean Moulin Lyon 3 (Oversea Programs): Experience, Operation, Impact and Outcomes</p> <p>Jean-Baptiste Cartier, Project Manager, Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University, France</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:30	<p>TNE_QA project impact and benefits for Akaki Tsereteli State University Irma Grdzeldze, Head of Quality Assurance Service, Akaki Tsereteli State University, Georgia</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
12:30 – 13:10	<p>Impact and benefits of TNE_QA project on UFAR: project partner and coordinator perspective Arayik Navoyan, TNE_QA project coordinator, Vice-Rector for external relations and quality assurance, French University of Armenia</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
13:30 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:00	<p>Transcending borders: U.S. and Armenian accreditation standards Maria Martirosyan, Compliance and Assessment Coordinator, American University in Armenia</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
15:00 – 15:45	<p>TNE_QA project impact and benefits for Batumi State Maritime Academy Nino Khurshbadze, Head of ISO Standard Assurance Service, Batumi State Maritime Academy, Georgia</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
15:45 – 16:00	<p>CU's perspective on assuring quality in Transnational Academic Programs Tereza Japaridze, Manager at Quality Assurance Department, Caucasus University, Georgia</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
16:00- 16:45	<p>Russian-Armenian University as a transnational education institution: impact and outcomes of TNE_QA project Larisa Avetisyan, Leading specialist of Quality Control Department, Russian-Armenian University, Armenia</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
16:45 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00-17:15	<p>Closing remarks Jean-Marc Lavest, Rector, French University in Armenia Lana Karlova, Coordinator, National Erasmus+ Office in Armenia</p>
17:15 – 18:00	Project coordination final meeting