

Annex VII

Description of ongoing projects after the “Reforum” open-space workshop

The Voice of Student: The primary objective of "The Voice of Student" project is to raise awareness about issues affecting students by fostering discussions on university campuses. The project has already commenced its preparatory work, with a team of ten individuals actively developing an online platform for the initiative. To promote their efforts, members of the project have created dedicated social media pages on Instagram and Facebook, named "[The Voice of Student](#)." Currently, the team is undertaking online surveys to identify the problems facing students. Approximately 40 students have already participated in the survey, with more expected to join soon. Following the surveys' completion, the team will analyze the responses and identify the five most critical topics affecting students. The topics will serve as discussion points for public forums, where students and other interested parties can engage in meaningful conversations. This inclusive approach will enable a broad range of perspectives to be shared, facilitating a better understanding of the issues at hand.

The University through the Eyes of a Student: "The University through the Eyes of a Student" is an exciting project that aims to enhance the knowledge of prospective students about the faculties and student life at Yerevan State University (YSU) through engaging videos. The project is led by a dedicated team of 30 YSU students from various faculties. The team has secured permission from the YSU Rector's office to commence filming, which is scheduled to be held in March, 2023. Additionally, agreements have been reached with students from each faculty, who will represent their faculties in the videos. This collaborative approach will ensure that each faculty is adequately represented, providing a well-rounded view of student life at YSU. Through this initiative, the team hopes to provide valuable insights to prospective students, enabling them to make informed decisions about their future studies.

Multy room: The “Multy room” project aims to establish an informal educational platform that fosters the development of skills among students of Vanadzor State University. The initiative team faced obstacles with organizing the project within the university premises, hence the team is operating outside of the campus, with the involvement of Vanadzor State University students. As part of the project, book lovers and movie enthusiasts’ clubs have already been established, with each group comprising around 15 members. In the upcoming months, the team plans to launch a discussion club, which has already recruited members.

Informed applicant-competitive specialist: The “Informed Applicant-Competitive Specialist” project is aimed at promoting the professional orientation of the youth in the Vanadzor community of Lori region by aligning it with the current demands of the labor market. A team of 16 young individuals from Vanadzor State University has been assembled to spearhead this

initiative. They have successfully collaborated with 12 experts who will facilitate career counseling courses for high school students and other young people. Surveys are already being conducted among high school students, with 25 individuals already registered for the first online course.

Stop Bullying: Stop Bullying is an initiative with the primary aim of promoting awareness among students about the harmful effects of bullying, and consequently, reducing the incidence of bullying and violence within universities. The project is already in motion, with a dedicated team formed by students mostly from the Faculty of Law at the French University of Armenia. The members of the initiative have prepared informative materials to educate students and staff in educational institutions on ways to prevent and tackle bullying. Currently, the project is in the process of reaching out to schools to establish partnerships for the successful implementation of the project.

Be aware: beware: The "Be aware: beware" project aims to safeguard the rights and interests of students at YSU, ASUE, and BSU through comprehensive research and awareness-raising campaigns. The initiative has already assembled a team of 15 individuals to conduct research on the protection of student rights and interests, as well as to develop information campaigns based on their findings. Presently, the team is collaborating with a sociologist to design a questionnaire for the research, which will be based on a representative sample. Following the questionnaire's development, a focus group discussion is scheduled to take place.

Support for Future: The aim of this 'street art' project is to raise awareness among young people in Gegharkunik region about the significance of higher education. The initiative team will create three street art pieces in different communities of the region, after assembling a team of youth and students from various communities. The team has already formed small groups in Martuni and Gavar communities, where two of the murals will be painted. The group members have also made arrangements with the local government bodies and will soon start working on the street art.