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# GORIS STATE UNIVERSITY (GSU)

*Erasmus+ SMARTI*

Support for Innovative Methodology, Approaches and Tools  
for Teaching through the Medium of English in order to  
improve Educational Yield, Sustainability and  
Internationalization [SMARTI]



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# Goris State University (General information )

- Established in **1967**
- GSU implements **14** BA and **11** MA Programs in full-time and part-time courses
- **95** professional academic staff members: 8 Doctors and Professors in Science, 32 PhD and Associate Professors and 57 Assistant Professors and lecturers.
- About **1300** students from Syunik and other regions of Armenia and Artsakh.
- In **2018** received a two-year conditional institutional accreditation by ANQA.



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# Faculties and Chairs

## Faculty of Humanities

- Chair of Philology, History and Law
- Chair of Foreign Languages
- Chair of Economics and Management

## Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering

- Chair of Mathematics and Physical-Technical Sciences
- Chair of Biology and Chemistry
- Chair of General Pedagogy and Special Education



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# INTERNATIONALIZATION

- Participation in various Capacity Building Training and Seminars
- Exchange of best practices between partner institutions
- Improvement of the relevance of the PAPs, curricula and courses
- Introduction and Implementation of new Master Academic Programs
- Introduction of new teaching and learning methodology
- Launching of well-equipped laboratories, reading rooms and classrooms



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## CUP4COM

**Building capacity for University-Enterprise partnerships towards competency based training in Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine**

- To reinforce capacity of universities in Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine towards the needs of knowledge-based society and market economy

01

## ARARAT

**Armenian Coordination Agency  
"University-Employer" Project**

- University-Market Cooperation Units established/Students' Career Support Centre at GSU/

02

## ASPIRE

**Access to Society for People with Individual Requirements**

- Promote and develop access to inclusive education, to social integration and to non-discrimination treatment of those with special needs in education

03

## MAHATMA

**Master In Higher Education Management: Developing Leaders For Managing Educational Transformation**

- Introduction and implementation of a new MP in Education Management

04



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## HERITAG

### Higher Education interdisciplinary Reform in Tourism management and Applied Geo-Information curricula

- Opening of a GIS laboratory,
- Introduction of a new MP in Tourism Management
- Development and application of new teaching materials and curricula

05

## LNSS

### Library Network Support Services

Design and piloting trainings of two modules:  
ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND  
INFORMATION LITERACY AND RESEARCH  
SKILLS

- Renovation and re-equipment of GSU library
- Digitization and modernization of the library databases



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## EMI Training Centre Action Group - GSU

### EMI SKILLS/GAPS

- ▶ ESP and EMI trainings organized and implemented within the project.
- ▶ 30% of GSU staff attended the trainings and got certificates of participation.
- ▶ Motivated academic staff, eager to improve their professional skills and capacities through EMI trainings
- ▶ /GAPS/No EMI courses or programs are available, lack of proficiency in the English language

### Degree Programs to be strengthened in EMI project

- ▶ Module "Bio-antioxidants" for BAP in Biology and Chemistry, /2 credits
- ▶ Module "Microeconomics" (Business English) for BAP in Management and/or MAP in Tourism Management/4 credits





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# SMARTI PROJECT TEAM - GSU

## PROJECT OFFICER ▶ Naira Safaryan

Head of the Department of External Relations and Cooperation at GSU, Assistant Professor at the Chair of Foreign Languages since 1998

Experience in the coordination and implementation of international projects

## QA OFFICER ▶ Gayane Shabunts

Head of the Department of QA and Students' Career Support, Assistant Professor at the Chair of History and Law. Motivated and experienced in solving problems of university education. Coordinates the accreditation process at GSU.

## PUBLICITY OFFICER ▶ Sona Alaverdyan

Specialist at the Department of External Relations and Cooperation at GSU.

Responsible for the translation and publication of promotional materials on GSU website, official newspaper and other Media platforms.







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# EMI Training Centre Action Group - GSU

a member of Teaching staff ▶ **Lilit Atabekyan and Gurgen Minasyan**

Highly interested and experienced in the problems of university education and innovation incorporation into the educational system.

Experience in working in international research projects

Participated in EMI training in the frames of Erasmus+ LNSS project.

a representative of Language Center ▶ **Naira Mezhlumyan**

Assistant Professor at GSU Chair of Foreign Languages since 1998.

Professional in teaching General and Academic English.

Actively involved in organizing language courses for GSU academic and administrative staff.

a representative of International Office ▶ **Sona Alaverdyan**

Specialist at the Department of External Relations and Cooperation at GSU.

Actively involved in the internationalization process of GSU.

Good skills in preparing technical documents and reports.





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## WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE PROJECT? (NATIONAL PECULIARITIES):

1. **Erasmus+ CB projects have a major impact on the university's overall performance and perspectives of the development and capacity building aspects.**
  - The introduction of EMI courses -a key point in the adaptation of the curriculum to conform to the international guidelines
  - More staff with competencies and fluency in English
  - Increased amount of English-language research and publication in international journals
  - English proficiency as a motivating factor for Students' enrolment on EMI courses
  - EMI courses will foster the internationalization process at the university
  - Promote the staff and students' mobility



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