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➤ **Project newsletter from the EU founded Twinning Project for “Setting conditions for recognition of the Armenian Accreditation System by the European Co-operation for Accreditation” (AM 17 ENI EC 01 19)**

➤ **Project objective**

The overall objective of the Twinning project is to support the implementation of the EU-Armenia CEPA agreement with regards to fostering an internationally recognized accreditation and conformity assessment system in Armenia.



The specific objective of the project is to support ARMNAB in actively participate in fulfilling the conditions for associate the work of European Co-operation for Accreditation (EA) EA membership. ARMNAB as associate member of EA has not yet applied for EA peer evaluation – the project will provide support to prepare for the fulfilment of the conditions to become an EA bilateral signatory.

The project is financed by the EU. The budget for the implementation of the

project is 700 000 EUR.

**Expected results are:**

1. The legal and procedural framework revised with respect to ISO/IEC 17011 and the relevant provisions of EU regulation 765/2008/EC.
2. Enhanced institutional capacity of ARMNAB to provide accreditation in line with the EA rules.

➤ **Training on Component 1**

In the framework of the Twinning project on September 16-17 Marco Cerri, Component Leader 1, has conducted the training on "ISO / IEC 17011: 2017 Conformity assessment — Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies" for internal and external assessors of ARMNAB.



➤ **Steering Committee Meeting M1**

The first Steering Committee meeting of the Twinning project "Setting Conditions

for Recognition of the Armenian Accreditation System by the European Cooperation for Accreditation" took place on September 23. During the meeting, the work plan covering the activities for the upcoming 6 months, as well as issues connected with the visibility and funding of the project were approved. The discussion also covered the details of the Kick-off Meeting of the Twinning project, and the document to be signed between the relevant bodies of the EU and RA.



➤ **Kick-off Meeting**

In his opening speech Mr. Frank Hess, Head of Cooperation, EUD Armenia, said "We believe that strengthening quality infrastructure is a complex and time-consuming exercise, being a crucial element in ensuring the competitiveness of the export sector.



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Deputy Minister of Economy Mr. Arman Khojyan mentioned that the Ministry of Economy is convinced that Armenian economy will have a benefit from this

project.



Mr. Thomas Facklam - Project leader, German Accreditation Body (DAkKS) emphasized that "The Kick-off meeting will be a starting point of the cooperation between German and Italian accreditation bodies and ARMNAB. We will work together on an equal level and learn from each other...", Ms. Ani Obosyan - "National Accreditation Body" State Non-Commercial Organization (ARMNAB), stressed the importance of the project in enhancing the ties between the parties involved and they believe that this project will allow them to be more visible for Europe. In their presentations Dr. Stephan Finke, Chief Executive Officer of DAkKS and Director General, Italian Accreditation Body (ACCREDIA) Mr. Filippo Trifiletti spoke about benefits of accreditation and the way to international recognition.



The Twinning project and the main objective were presented by the project Resident Twinning Adviser (RTA) Mr. Miklós Devecz and his counterpart Nazik Abgaryan, Quality Manager of ARMNAB.

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