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Advisory Body meeting held at the RA Cadastre Committee on 13.10.2022, Within the framework of the GeoTAK project

The Session of the Advisory Body was held at the RA Cadastre Committee with 37 participants within the framework of the GeoTAK program.

Aram Gugarats, deputy head of the committee, welcomed the attendees.

Varazdat Hovhannisyan, the Armenian coordinator of the GeoTAK project, presented the work done during the past 20 months, the results of needs, and their analysis.

In particular, he presented the results of the questionnaires prepared for the representatives of the industrial and educational spheres, the cooperation with various sectoral programs and GIT trainings. According to the questionnaires, the necessity of GIT in educational as well as industrial sphere was emphasized.

The percentage of participation in the questionnaires, the topics of the implementation of the PhD thesis were discussed. It was noted, that the main priority will be given to topics related to GNSS.

The participants had discussions on the following issues:

- The duration of the presented post-graduate program is long, it would be appropriate to provide some solutions at the master's level, and the rest during working activities, in decision-making period.
- Study materials will be translated into Armenian, but knowledge of English is also important.
- It was proposed to create a working group, which will include representatives of the universities, Cadastre Committee and other organizations, putting the main activity on the educational system.
- It was suggested that the Cadastre Committee present the sectoral problems arising from the strategy n integrated cadastre and the ways to solve them.
- Issues related to the relevant fields were raised, including the lack of specialists, share of knowledge, incomplete provision of equipment and software packages, non-regulated maintenance of existing databases, non-standardized collection of data on spatial objects, failure to keep up with the rapid development of technologies.

- The learning outcomes should be match with the employer's requirements, which can be achieved through close cooperation (universities and employers).
- Organizations should implement data management in the geographic information system (GIS), and the best way is the effective cooperation with universities and the involvement of knowledgeable specialists in relevant fields. GIT "thinking" should be in all structures so that they could communicate in a mutually understandable language.

Recommendations were presented.

- RA NEO program coordinator Lana Karlova offered to take advantage of this opportunity that 4 European countries with their professional knowledge are ready to help the RA team solve the problems in this field.
- General coordinator of the GeoTAK project Prof. Louis A. Ruiz maintained that it is necessary to activate all structures and create a common working group that will be useful for the development of the sector.

In particular, he said "today was a very important meeting, we- specialists need to have discussions, our other colleagues are doing the same work parallel to you, when the needs of the field be collected, the problem will be solved, my suggestion is to meet in the near future and understand our next steps."

It was proposed to include in the Advisory Body the following members:

1. Samvel Kroyan - NUACA
2. Gurgen Yeghiazaryan - ANAU
3. Paruyr Efendyan - ANAU
4. Artak Piloyan - YSU
5. Gevorg Manukyan - RA Cadastre Committee
6. Harutyun Daveyan - RA Ministry of Economy