

# VERITAS

STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD CYCLE BASED ON SALZBURG PRINCIPLES

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## OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AT NAS RA



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# LOCAL MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT AT NASRA

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## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

**Management team is in charge of financial and operational management of the project at NAS RA.**

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## DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE PROJECT

- **RESEARCH UNIT – PhD Studies Department, Foreign Affairs Department – Coordination of Foreign Students at NAS RA**
- **DEVELOPED DOCUMENTS**
- NASRA SWOT Analysis in line with Salzburg Principles
- Amended Charter of PhD Studies Department
- Amended Charter of Foreign Affairs Department of ISEC NAS RA
- Admission Rules to PhD Studies
- Roadmap for PhD Education (Translated and Localized)
- Strategic Development Plan for “Molecular and Cellular Biology” PhD Program
- Translation of QA standards for its further localization
- PhD student satisfaction survey (in progress)

## CURRENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Development and external review of “Molecular Biology” PhD Program
- Meeting with Scientific Secretaries of NAS RA research organizations to discuss lessons learnt from the study visit and to discuss QA issues
- Implementation of PhD student satisfaction survey and dissemination of results

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## DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

- IN-HOUSE TRAINING at NAS RA
- 55 participants: coverage in local mass media: aravot.am and slaq.am



# DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

- Horizon 2020 Info Day at NASRA - over 70 participants
- Local meeting at NASRA to discuss PhD award criteria



## DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

- Coverage of VERITAS activities in the newspaper of NAS RA – “Gitutyun”
- Regular updates on the website
- Coverage in the mass media



# MAIN CHALLENGES/STRENGTHS

- **MAJOR CHALLENGES**
- ***Synchronization of standards and criteria for PhD education at 35 research organizations of NAS RA***
  - **OPPORTUNITIES**
- ***Opportunity to have a PhD program developed in line with international standards***
- ***Introduction of QA standards into PhD education***
- ***Exchange of best practice and experience among the partners themselves***
- ***Familiarization with the European practice***

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