

EC Partners

- Yerevan State University

Facts and Figures

- **EC Contribution:** €915,000 (100% of total) granted **2006-2008**
- **Library hall with 15 computers** connected to high-speed Internet and free access for library visitors
- **Conference hall for 30 persons** with head over projector and translation facilities
- More than **700 books** on European Law, Economics and Political Science available in the Library



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ECEILAW - Establishment of a Chair for European and International Law and Centre of European Law and Integration at Yerevan State University

"I am more than sure that the Centre and the Chair of European Law will have considerable input in further steps of Armenia's Integration in European Union..."

Tigran Torosyan, Speaker of National Assembly of RA (Speech at the Opening Ceremony of the Centre)



Context: Building capacities for future reforms

Despite of orientation towards implementing democratic reforms and integrating into Europe, Armenia's higher education lacked appropriate infrastructure and basis. Project is targeted at fostering European studies and research on European Integration issues among all interested parties.

Objective: Promoting EU Law and European Studies

- Ensure qualified research and researchers in the field of European Studies;
- Pursue and support the legal approximation process in the Republic of Armenia;
- Support the introduction of European Studies courses for different faculties in Yerevan State University.

Impact: What has been achieved?

- The Chair for European and International Law was established and first recruitment of 12 Master students on European Law specialization has been implemented;
- The Centre of European Law and Integration was established, enabling access to widely used EU law and integration web resources;
- Advisory Board of the Centre, consisting of about 30 representatives of Public authorities, NGOs, educational institutions and foreign missions has been set up;
- A Web-site of the Centre with information about its main activities and the Library has been launched.

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The European Commission ECEILAW Project – Wider opportunities for students and researchers

Intensification of relations between the European Union and Republic of Armenia and the fact that Armenia has been included into the European Neighbourhood Policy entails a need to promote European Law and raise public awareness of Integration processes within the country for both professionals and ordinary citizens.

Yerevan State University, as one of the main education and knowledge providers in Armenia, up to the moment the project was launched had nothing special to offer for those interested in European Integration issues and European Studies. Through introducing a new specialization for lawyers, providing open access to necessary information and promoting the European Integration research at the Centre of European Law and Integration, this project made an important step in involving researcher and students into the interdisciplinary world of European Studies. As soon as the Centre began functioning, EU Law specialization Master students were involved into its various activities in the field of raising public awareness and conducting research on EU Law. Involving those students contributed to the efficiency of the teaching EU Law and raising effectiveness of Centre's activities.

The Project is focused not only on EU Law, but on promotion of European Studies as a prospective area for research. The interdisciplinary nature of research peculiar to European Studies is new to Armenian researchers. For that end, a promotion of methods and approaches of interdisciplinary research tools are viewed as important outcomes of the Project.



Students working at the Centre's electronic library