

## PIN hosts EU delegation for meetings and field visits

### Eastern Partnership COVID-19 Solidarity Programme partners meeting



In December 2020, People in Need (PIN) Armenia hosted a meeting with representatives of the European Union (EU) in Armenia, including Jan Plešinger, Head of the Political Section at the EU Delegation to Armenia, and Petr Drbohlav, Regional Director for the Eastern Partnership and Balkans Division at PIN, as well as representatives of the 11 civil society organisations (CSOs) that are currently implementing grant projects across Armenia as part of the EU-funded "COVID-19 Solidarity

Programme for the Eastern Partnership." [READ MORE](#)

### Sharing experiences from PIN's Rapid Response Call

PIN held an event to share experiences from the distribution of hygiene kits and awareness-raising materials throughout Armenia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 2,800 households comprising 11,500 beneficiaries received support within PIN's Rapid Response Call, part of the "COVID-19 Solidarity Programme for the Eastern Partnership." Aid has been distributed throughout Armenia by eight local NGOs that have helped cover the hygiene needs of vulnerable households, including those from Nagorno-Karabakh. [READ MORE](#)



### Supporting displaced families in Goris and Tegh



Jan Plešinger, Head of the Political Section at the EU Delegation to Armenia, and Silja Kasmann, the Deputy Head of the Cooperation Section, visited the PIN warehouse in Goris, located in the Syunik Region. Plešinger expressed his gratitude to the PIN team for ensuring the smooth distribution of aid parcels, and thanked the country director of PIN Armenia and her team for their work. [READ MORE](#)

## Supporting community tourism development in the Syunik Region

In February, PIN Armenia hosted Jan Plešinger, Head of the Political Section at the EU in Armenia, Silja Kasmann, Deputy Head of the Cooperation Section, and project officials at PIN's Goris office for a presentation on the current status of the "EU4Tourism: Outdoor adventures on the historic trails in Syunik" project and upcoming events. EU representatives took the opportunity to visit the [Cave-Library Boheme](#) and the [Ttenut eco-camp](#), established along the Legends Trail as part of the project.



## New and continuing cooperation

### Partnership between ECHO and PIN renewed

The partnership between PIN and ECHO, the humanitarian department of the EU, began in 2004 and has been renewed for an additional seven years. With continued financial support from the EU, PIN will be able to provide essential humanitarian assistance to millions of people in countries including Armenia, Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Nepal, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. [READ MORE](#)

### Vocational Education and Training (TVET) project is expanded

Eight Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) have been signed between PIN, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions, and businesses to train students to be competitive in the textile and agribusiness labour markets in Armenia's Shirak Region.

This work is being done within the framework of the EU-financed "Transition from Education to Employment" project, which has been running since 2019. The project also includes fostering cooperation between the different parties, developing the professional skills of the TVET institutions' pedagogical staff, the replenishment of material and technical resources, and other related activities. [READ MORE](#)



## We love learning and sharing our experience

### Online trainings for Legends Trail grantees



Grantees along the Legends Trail, supported as part of the “EU4Tourism: Outdoor adventures on the historic trails in Syunik” project, have successfully completed a series of online trainings to improve their customer service skills. Thanks to the financial support and training being provided by the EU and PIN to help project beneficiaries run their start-ups productively, dozens of businesses have been established along the Legends Trail to

foster local tourism development.

### Workshop on Work-Based Learning models

A two-day workshop was held in Aghveran with representatives from TVET institutions and businesses within the framework of the “Transition from Education to Employment” project. During the workshop, experts led representatives of both the public and private sectors through a discussion on Work-Based Learning (WBL) models, the intricacies of matching each institution with the best methods, contributing to the quality of vocational education, and expanding the labour market. [READ MORE](#)



### Workshop on strategic planning for CSOs



PIN Armenia hosted a three-day workshop and training as part of the “Civil Society Actors as Drivers of Change in South Caucasus and Moldova” project to assist the eight CSOs being supported by the project with strategic planning. Welcoming remarks were made by Urban Line, Cooperation Officer of the EU Delegation to Armenia, and Varduhi Dadunts, PIN Armenia Country Director. [READ MORE](#)

## Journalism awards ceremony

---

Five journalists received awards from PIN as part of the “Democratization of the Armenian Public Broadcaster” Project for stories about issues related to public broadcasting. Through this award, PIN and the members of an expert group seek to convey the importance of this topic. It also helps to raise awareness in Armenia about the real role and mission of the Public Broadcaster, which serves the interest of the public, rather than the leadership of the country.

Read the winning articles:

1st place - [Ampop.am](http://Ampop.am)



Second place shared between [Aravot.am](http://Aravot.am) and [Dalma.News](http://Dalma.News).





## PIN's work in the media

### MIR24 Russian TV features the Amasia Wool Factory



The MIR24 report highlights the Amasia Wool Factory's products and production processes, and explores how sheep breeding has become more popular in northern Armenia's Shirak Region, largely due to the factory's presence there.

[SEE MORE](#)

### Armenian Public TV on "Transition from Education to Employment"



Public TV of Armenia has featured the new opportunities created for project beneficiaries in Shirak Marz thanks to the "Transition from Education to Employment" project.

[SEE MORE](#)

### Tsayq TV on "Transition from Education to Employment"



Tsayq TV featured the signing ceremony for the five MOUs signed as part of the "Transition from Education to Employment" project.

[SEE MORE](#)

### Lragir.am online platform includes PIN's TVET project



PIN Armenia's TVET project aims to create new development opportunities for employers and TVET institutions in Armenia's Shirak Region by training professionals with work-based learning methods, which in turn will foster entrepreneurship in the region. [READ MORE](#)

### News.am online platform features TVET project



Cooperation between PIN, TVET institutions and business representatives, the development of the professional skills of the pedagogical staff of TVET institutions, the replenishment of material and technical resources, and other related activities have been implemented by PIN within the framework of the EU-financed "Transition from Education to Employment" project. [READ MORE](#)

### Armenpress News Agency features TVET project developments



Armenpress covered the signing of MOUs in Gyumri between PIN, TVET institutions, and businesses to train specialists in accordance with the requirements of the textile and agribusiness labour markets in Armenia's Shirak Region. [READ MORE](#)

### Hetq.am features the TVET project's second round of MOUs



Hetq.am featured the progress being made under the "Transition from Education to Employment" project funded by EU. [READ MORE](#)

## f Social media at a glance

### Seven child-friendly spaces in the Syunik Region

PIN, in partnership with the Goris Municipality and with funding from USAID Armenia, has opened seven child-friendly spaces in Vorotan, Verishen, Hartashen, Qarahunj, Khndzoresk, and Goris, serving approximately 400 children. The team has created cosy conditions in which to entertain the children, and help displaced children from Nagorno-Karabakh cope with stress. Special events and surprises were organised for the New Year's holiday. [READ MORE](#)



### Book Donation Day in Goris

Local and displaced children from Nagorno-Karabakh spent Book Donation Day in Goris libraries, where they were able to take advantage of two, recently established child-friendly spaces. They celebrated the day with various events and were given books.

## Grant opportunities

### Enhancing the tourism potential of southern Armenia



PIN Armenia announced a call for non-profit organisations and community groups from Goris, Tatev, and Kapan to apply for community initiative grants. The grants will be awarded under the "EU4Tourism: outdoor adventures on the historic trails in Syunik" project, which aims to develop the tourism potential of the Syunik Region. [READ MORE](#)

### Mitigating the impacts of COVID-19



PIN recognises the crucial role local CSOs play in service delivery, community mobilisation, awareness raising, policy engagement, and advocacy for the protection of human rights and civic freedoms, both now and in the post-pandemic environment. Therefore, in this phase of the "COVID-19 Solidarity Programme for the Eastern Partnership," PIN has launched a call for proposals to disburse grants to CSOs that address the COVID-19-related health and socioeconomic needs of vulnerable groups, as well as enable them to continue supporting their usual constituents. [READ MORE](#)



## PIN Armenia - 17 years in the field

PIN Armenia has been implementing numerous programmes to develop and support the educational, tourism, textile, and CSO sectors in Armenia for the last 17 years. In 2020, in addition to the management of seven, long-term development programmes in different regions of Armenia, the PIN teams joined efforts to implement humanitarian projects. In total, the Armenian mission worked with approximately 20,000 beneficiaries in 2020.



## Big thanks to our donors & partners

