



American University of Armenia

College of Engineering

CROSS-BORDER NETWORKING: Armenian and Turkish Young Professionals Focus on Energy and Buildings

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A group of 24 young architects, urban planners, and engineers—half from Armenia and half from Turkey—joined together for a weeklong training on energy efficiency and clean energy in construction and urban design. The primary aim of the workshop was to create a cross-border network of students, young professionals and faculty members interested in environmentally sustainable building and city design. The presentation will talk about the training and the inter-cultural exchange that this workshop facilitated. The speakers will also discuss future plans.

The workshop was held in Istanbul from Dec. 12-18, 2011. It was organized by Civic Forum, an Armenian NGO in cooperation with Yildiz Technical University in Istanbul and Izocam, a manufacturer and distributor of insulation materials headquartered in Turkey. Funding and support was provided by the Eurasia Partnership Foundation, which administers the U.S. Agency for International Development's Support to Armenia-Turkey Rapprochement Project.

Although AUA was not a project sponsor, two College of Engineering (CoE) alumni, Mariam Petrossyan and Tatevik K. Margaryan (both IESM '11), participated as young professionals. Also, Alen Amirkhanian, Lecturer at CoE, led and was a co-organizer of the initiative.

Speakers:

Speakers will include some combination of the Armenian participants and faculty advisors. The Armenian faculty advisors were Alen Amirkhanian (AUA) and Sarhat Petrosyan (YSUAC).

Date: Tuesday, February 21, 2012
Time: 16:30
Place: 308-E PAB, AUA

The seminar is open to the public