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Online Teacher Training (OTT) at Georgian Technical University

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“CHANGE IN CLASSROOM: PROMOTING INNOVATIVE TEACHING & LEARNING TO
ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES”,
PRINTeL

“Online Active Teaching and Learning: Experiences with Technology”

On the 5th, 9th and 13th of April, 2021, in the framework of EU funded ERASMUS+ Program PRINTeL Project (#585760-EPP-1-2017-1-AM-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP), offering additional opportunities for the professional development, the trainer Assoc. Prof. Nikoloz Abzianidze (Faculty of Power Engineering and Telecommunication, Department of Telecommunications), carried out the certified Online Teacher Training (OTT) course “Online Active Teaching and Learning: Experiences with Technology”.

The OTT Training Course within project PRINTeL at GTU was conducted in partnership with GTU Innovations Center.



Assoc. Prof. Nikoloz Abzianidze in framework of the PRINTeL Project attended the training course “Active learning and ICT-enhanced teaching: M-learning and gamification” in Spain at University of Barcelona (UB) in December 2018, and in February 2021 - online training course “Online active teaching & learning: experiences with technology” lead by trainer Prof. Joan Tomas Pujola Font (UB) via online video platform ZOOM.

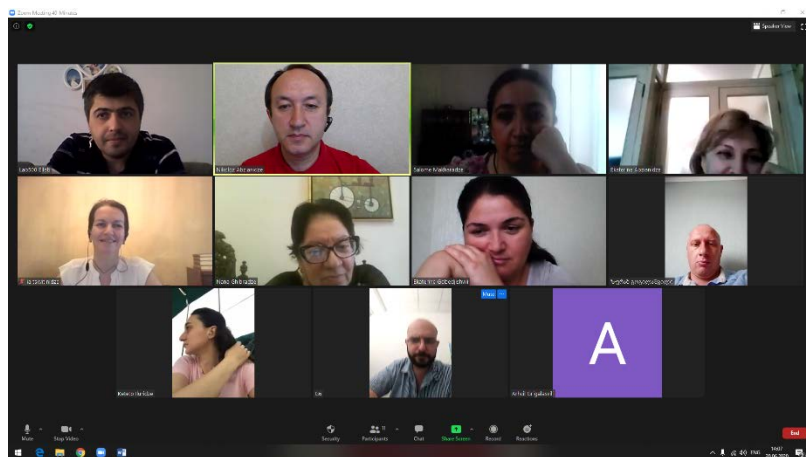
In order to promote greater awareness on the types and methods of innovative and technology-enhanced T&L and to disseminate best practices within Georgian Technical University staff, he led the three days online training course in innovative learning - “Online Active Teaching and Learning: Experiences with Technology” at GTU envisaged 9 hours presented in 3 hours per day with individual homework.

Due to the situation of the Pandemic (COVID – 19) the training was done via Zoom Online Video Communications platform.

3-day-training course, “Online Active Teaching and Learning: Experiences with Technology” has been attended by 15 trainers from different faculties of Georgian Technical University.

The first day began with an introduction and discussion of the concepts of "Interactivity" and "interactivity" in the teaching and learning process. During discussion was used online application **Padlet**.

Free online technologies such as Padlet, Genial.ly, ActivVideo were presented in the context of practical examples.

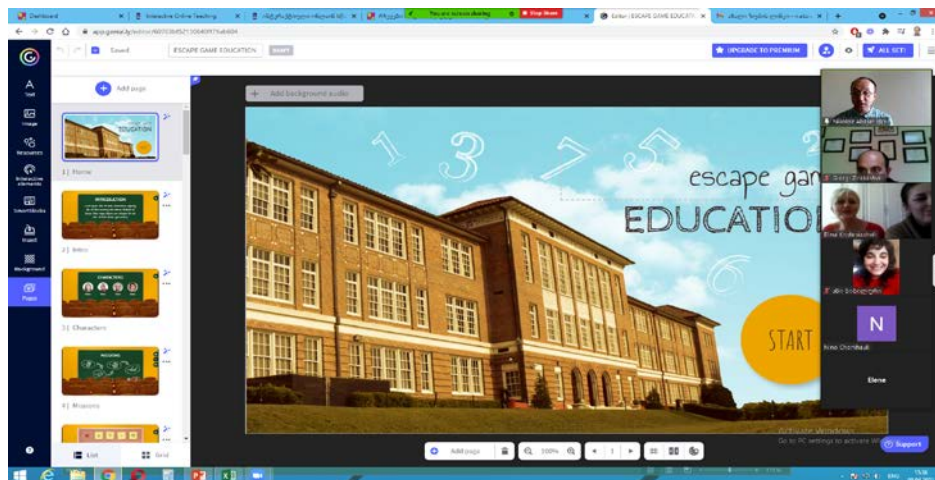


After the discussion, the trainees concluded that using free Internet technologies can have a significant impact on T&L process, on the role of a student engagement, challenging the traditional role of a lecturer and the format of presentation of the course content through a lecture. Also can have an impact on teacher’s levels of motivation

and self-confidence and at the same time, it can show case of excellent teachers and enhance their public academic profile too.

For the second day trainees were asked to prepare examples according to the courses they teach using Online Technologies.

The final part of the course was devoted to the presentations made by participants and giving feedbacks.



After successful completion of the course, participants were awarded with Certificates.