





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 Learning Tools. The Importance of Online Learning during the Pandemic"

On 22-23 and 26th 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 Professors' professional development, Associate Professor Nino Kholuashvili (Faculty of Law and International Relations, Department of Civil Law) carried out the certified Online Teacher Training course "Online Learning Tools. The Importance of Online Learning during the Pandemic" promoting Online Teaching and Learning (OT&L), innovative teaching and learning.

Nino Kholuashvili attended the TOT course at first at FH JOANNEUM University of Applied Sciences in Graz, Austria in November 2018 within the PRINTeL project. The next time attended OTT course on February, 2021 which was held online by FH JOANNEUM University Professors.

The three-day training in innovative learning envisaged 9 hours presented in 3 hours per day for 3 days of classroom work and 20 hours of individual work (April 22, 23, 26, 2021). Attended by 15 lecturers from the different departments of 6 Faculties (Faculty of Law and International Relations; Faculty of Business Technology; Faculty of Engineering Economic, Media Technology and Social Sciences; Faculty of Informatics and Control Systems; Faculty of Civil Engineering; Faculty of Architecture, Urban Planning and Design) at Georgian Technical University.

Due to the situation of the Pandemic (COVID – 19), trainer Nino Kholuashvili was obliged to hold the training by using the online platform, concretely, via the Zoom platform. Her virtual meeting room ID was 628 634 2325 with password - gtu2020.



Pic 1-4. OTT participants

The trainees were introduced the online innovative methodology of T&L, the theoretical and practical sides. They were introduced the next key topics: What do students need to keep their motivation in learning?"; Theory and good practice examples on online teaching and learning; Teaching Practices in Project Based Learning; Roles of a Teacher in PBL; Technology and Tools for remote PBL. They discussed main learning principles and reflect their role as a teacher in supporting students improve their learning strategies as well as different learning strategies, and integrate them in their online learning activities.

Also, the trainees were introduced theories of blended learning that was followed by discussion about the strengths and potential risks of the approach and practical tasks. In other modules (E-Moderation, Project-based Learning, E-portfolio, Multimedia) attendees had a chance to work in different online platforms like Moodle, Trello, Google Sites and etc.



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During the course, they divided into groups and made presentations. The participants were actively involved in the training course. Finally, all the participants presented their syllabus, modified with the newly acquired knowledge by using online technology-based activities and new active learning methods and evaluated the course, giving their feedbacks as well.



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

The OTT training courses within project PRINTeL at GTU have been conducted in partnership with GTU Innovations Center.