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OBJECTIVES

The PSF Specific Support to Armenia aims to provide external advice and operational recommendations to the country's authorities on reforms for the development of a model for evaluating the performance of the public research institutions, the implementation of performance-based funding of research and bridging education and research.

SCOPE

Due to the core role of Armenia in the R&D system of the USSR, independent Armenia inherited a quite ramified and developed network of research and education institutions distributed among the National Academy of Science, the universities and the enterprise sector.

While the consolidation of the public R&D sector is a process that will take time, addressing three challenges, namely the evaluation of the performance of the public research organisations, the distribution of funding based on their performance and closing the gap between research and education, is seen by the Armenian authorities as critical steps to be undertaken in the short-term to support this process and help to tackle some of the most negative impacts of the fragmentation.

To address the above challenges, the PSF Specific Support is requested to provide recommendations and good practice examples on the following:

- *Development of a model for evaluation and assessment of the public research institutions performance*
- *Assessment and improvement of the performance-based funding system and advice on its implementation*
- *Measures aimed at bridging the gap between higher education and research*

SCHEDULE

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| April 2019 | Kick-off meeting |
| May 2019 | 1st Country visit to Armenia |
| August 2019 | Working Meeting of experts in Brussels |
| October 2019 | 2nd Country visit to Armenia |
| Early 2020 | Dissemination Workshop |