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Grenoble INP & Pagora visit the Caucasus

At the beginning of April, Isabelle Desloges, Head of International Relations, and Séverin Van Gastel, Head of International Development and Partnerships, travelled to the Caucasus to promote Grenoble INP and Pagora.

The *Choose France* fair organised by Campus France and the French Embassy in Georgia took place in Tbilissi on 6 April 2019. Its objective? To promote French university courses to young Georgians and to foster cooperation between the higher education establishments of the two countries. During the event Pascal Meunier, the French Ambassador, and Mikheil Chkhenkeli, advisor to the Georgian Prime Minister on education issues, officially inaugurated the new Franco-Georgian University, which will offer Georgian students access to dual French/Georgian diplomas.

Several major French universities took part in this inaugural francophone student fair in Georgia, which attracted between 250 and 300 visitors eager to learn more about studying in France and about the Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral programmes offered by French higher-education establishments. Students and academics were also able to find out about the training programmes available at Grenoble INP's engineering schools, Pagora in particular. This was also an excellent opportunity for their representatives to establish new contacts at the Georgian Technical University.

This promotional tour of the South Caucasus continued in Azerbaijan on 7 April at the *Baku Francophone University Fair*, which was held in the premises of the French-Azerbaijan University. The fair was jointly organised by the French Embassy and Campus France as part of the *Semaines de la Francophonie en Azerbaïdjan* event.

Grenoble INP-Pagora, the international school of paper, print media and biomaterials. The school is Quality, Safety & Environment certified and part of Grenoble INP, an engineering institute geared towards training "*engineers who are creative, responsible and committed to a sustainable world*". It trains engineers for the sectors of green chemistry, paper, printing, packaging, biomaterials and printed electronics. It also offers a vocational degree: *Interactive Print and Digital Media*. Its wide range of courses, pedagogical expertise and strong partnerships with industry allow it to continuously tailor its training to the needs of businesses and to the 60 graduates it produces each year, thus enabling them to embark upon stimulating careers in France and abroad. Grenoble INP-Pagora also develops international training in conjunction with several European universities, as well as offering a 2nd year engineering course, a Master *Biorefinery & Biomaterials* and a Post-Master *Biorefinery: bioenergy, bioproducts & biomaterials* dispensed in English. The innovative research performed by its LGP2 laboratory helps to improve processes and create products that meet all the latest requirements, notably those linked to the environment. The Cerig's role is to keep an active eye on technological developments in these industries. These various activities ensure that the training offered is up to date with the latest scientific and technological advances.

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Around ten universities from Azerbaijan, France, Hungary, Moldova, Poland and Romania took part in the second edition of the fair, which was geared towards promoting French-language higher-education programmes offered by establishments in member or observer countries of the International Organisation of the Francophonie.

The engineering training offered by the Grenoble Engineering Institute, and specifically by Pagora, was presented to the country's students. In addition, new contacts were made at Baku Engineering University and Lankaran State University.

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