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A final conference on "Support to the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan for Further Adherence of the Higher Education System to the European Higher Education Area" Twinning project was held on August 29.

The conference aimed to make public the results of the Twinning project, which is funded by the EU, and the Ministry of Education's plans to increase quality of higher education and research.

Addressing the conference, Deputy Minister of Education Jeyhun Bayramov said that launched in September 2015, the project had three partners: the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Finnish Education Evaluation Centre and the Estonian Higher Education Quality Agency.

Key results of the two-year project included the adoption of quality assurance standards in higher education in accordance with the European Higher Education Area standards and principles, development of Azerbaijan Qualification Framework, enhancement of the coordination and networking capacity of the Ministry of Education, review of legislative framework on the existing accreditation practice, and development of new accreditation and quality evaluation standards. Quality evaluations were conducted in three pilot universities: Azerbaijan State University of Economics, Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University and Azerbaijan Technical University.

Speakers highlighted works done under the project.

The issues related to the application of the recommendations and results of the project were discussed at the conference.

The Twinning project experts, representatives of pilot universities and evaluation groups made presentations at the event.