



## **Azerbaijani State Pedagogical University**

### **Reflection on the visit to Sweden (KTH)**

#### **Royal Institute of Technology, October 14-19, 2019, Stockholm, Sweden**

Representatives of the Azerbaijan State Pedagogical University took part in the international training "Development of Higher Education" held on October 14-19 at the Royal University of Technology (KTH) in the Kingdom of Sweden. The training was attended by representatives of 11 universities of Azerbaijan. ASPU Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Associate Professor Eldar Aslanov and Head of the Department of Continuing Education and Innovation Rashad Sadigov represented the university.

The project coordinator is Baku Business University. The visit, organized within the framework of the Erasmus + project "Establishment and Development of Quality Assurance Centers in Azerbaijani Universities" (EQAC) funded by the European Commission, was very important. Representatives of 6 countries, including Japan, China, Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Colombia, took part in the Royal University of Technology, one of the most prestigious universities in Sweden.

The training lasted 5 days. The trainings included presentations by leading experts from the Royal University of Technology on new strategies for the development of higher education, sustainable development and its integration into higher education, the application of new teaching methods and models, the role of CDIO standards in quality assurance and its basic principles. The main idea of the lectures is about the urgent need for transformations towards a sustainable society will require changes of the higher educations.

During the trainig the presentations clearly explained the examples of the teaching process at the KTH Royal Institute of Technology, the involvement of students in the learning process, the opportunities for the integration of sustainable development goals into teaching and subject programs.

In addition, the importance of active learning, the development of research skills in students, the principles of the teacher's work with the group and teams within the group, assessment criteria, types, etc. talked about. During the discussions, there was an opportunity to compare the experience of our university with the relevant experience by studying the experience of a modern European university.

It was a pleasure to take part in an internal excursion to get acquainted with the conditions and infrastructure of KTH within the training. There was an exchange of views on each topic and useful discussions. At the end of the training, all participants were awarded international certificates.

In general, the content of the program, the topics are interesting and relevant. All the trainers tried to pass on to us the knowledge and skills they had acquired. everything about the organization was in order, there were no problems

