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A Month of Progress

In September, UNIDO, within the EU-funded “Support to Quality Infrastructure in Armenia” project, continued to help the National Body for Standards and Metrology (NBSM) strengthening its technical capacity, advancing legislative reforms, and expanding international cooperation — all aimed at aligning Armenia’s metrology system with EU and international best practices.

Armenia’s quality system took several important steps forward: from equipping laboratories with cutting-edge tools and training specialists on EU legal metrology directives to conducting factory mock audits and exchanging expertise with European peers.

Draft “Law on Making Amendments and Additions to the Law on Ensuring the Uniformity of Measurements” Endorsed by Economic Issues Standing Committee of the National Assembly



On 24 September 2025, Draft “Law on Making Amendments and Additions to the Law on Ensuring the Uniformity of Measurements” was endorsed by the Standing Committee on Economic Issues of the National Assembly.

While introducing the draft law, Deputy Minister of Economy Narek Hovakimyan stressed that the scope of the law has been expanded; requirements are set for units of measurement, standards, measuring instruments and methods; several definitions have been revised and clarified, and new terms introduced.

These changes aim to increase state oversight efficiency, ensure trust in measurement accuracy in key economic sectors, and avoid legislative duplication.





Specialized Training on Pre-Packaged Products Directive (September 1-5)

UNIDO organized an intensive five-day training on the Pre-packaged Products (PPP) Directive 76/211/EEC for nine staff members of the National Body for Standards and Metrology (NBSM) and two from the Market Surveillance Inspection Body (MSIB). Representatives from the Ministry of Economy's Quality Infrastructure Department also attended selected sessions.

Delivered by international experts from the Czech Metrology Institute (CMI), the program combined theory with hands-on practice and focused on legal, technical, and procedural requirements of the PPP Directive. Participants learned about marking and labeling, tolerable negative errors (TNE), sampling and statistical control methods, integration of measuring instruments into packaging control, and procedures for factory audits and compliance checks.



As a highlight of the training, NBSM and MSIB staff visited a local coffee and tea manufacturer to conduct a factory mock audit. The participants applied the knowledge gained during the theoretical sessions and demonstrated their ability to assess compliance with the directive's requirements. The exercise strengthened the capacity of both regulators and producers to implement the PPP Directive, advancing Armenia's alignment with EU legal metrology practices.



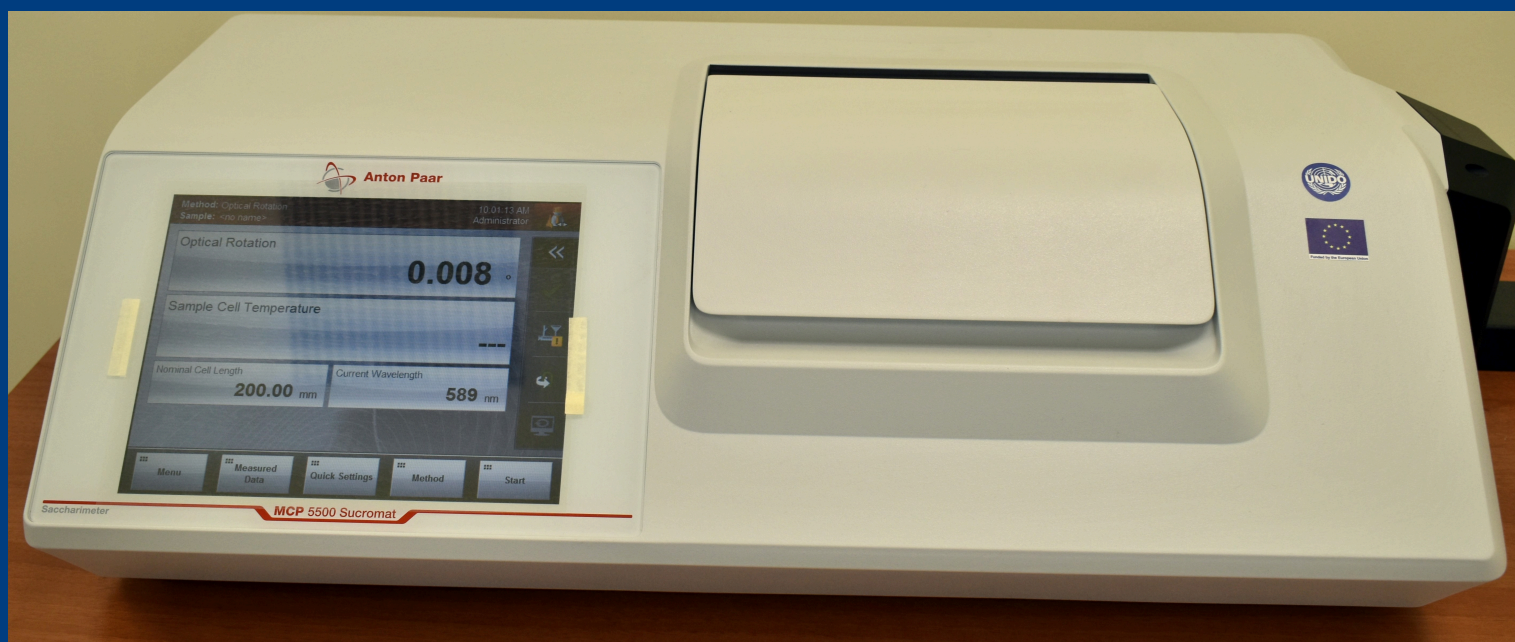
Study Visit to Czech Republic for Armenian Metrology Experts (September 22-29)

UNIDO organized a study visit to the Czech Metrology Institute (CMI) for NBSM specialists - Quality Manager and Heads of two calibration laboratories. The Armenian experts were introduced to CMI's best practices in laboratory management, calibration and verification procedures, and quality management systems aligned with EU and international standards. The study tour placed particular emphasis on theoretical and practical training in technical procedures for fuel dispensers, carried out in line with MID Module B and the normative document OIML R117.



Armenia Took Part in Regional Metrology Dialogue in Uzbekistan (September 24-26)

With UNIDO's support, Acting Head of NBSM Armen Voskanyan participated in the regional round table on "Challenges and Opportunities of the CIPM MRA" organized under the auspices of COOMET in cooperation with the BIPM. Armenian representative had bilateral meetings with the representatives of the Uzbek National Institute of Metrology (UzNIM) to discuss technical collaboration, including bilateral comparisons, specialist exchanges, and development of calibration laboratories.



Cutting-Edge Tools Arrive to Power Up NBSM Laboratories

In September, NBSM's Chemical and Force Laboratories received new state-of-the-art equipment, which will enhance NBSM's ability to provide high-quality calibration services aligned with internationally recognized metrology standards.



About the Project

The "Support to Quality Infrastructure in Armenia" project, funded by the European Union and implemented by UNIDO, is dedicated to strengthening NBSM's role in providing sustainable and internationally recognized metrology services. By reinforcing Armenia's legal, institutional, and technical frameworks for metrology, the initiative contributes to the country's efforts in advancing economic diversification and trade competitiveness, aligning with the objective of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with the EU.

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Project statistics for September



14 NBSM and MSIB staff trained through capacity building initiatives



7,285 views and 1,476 reach through the project social media posts



749 followers to the project social media accounts

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