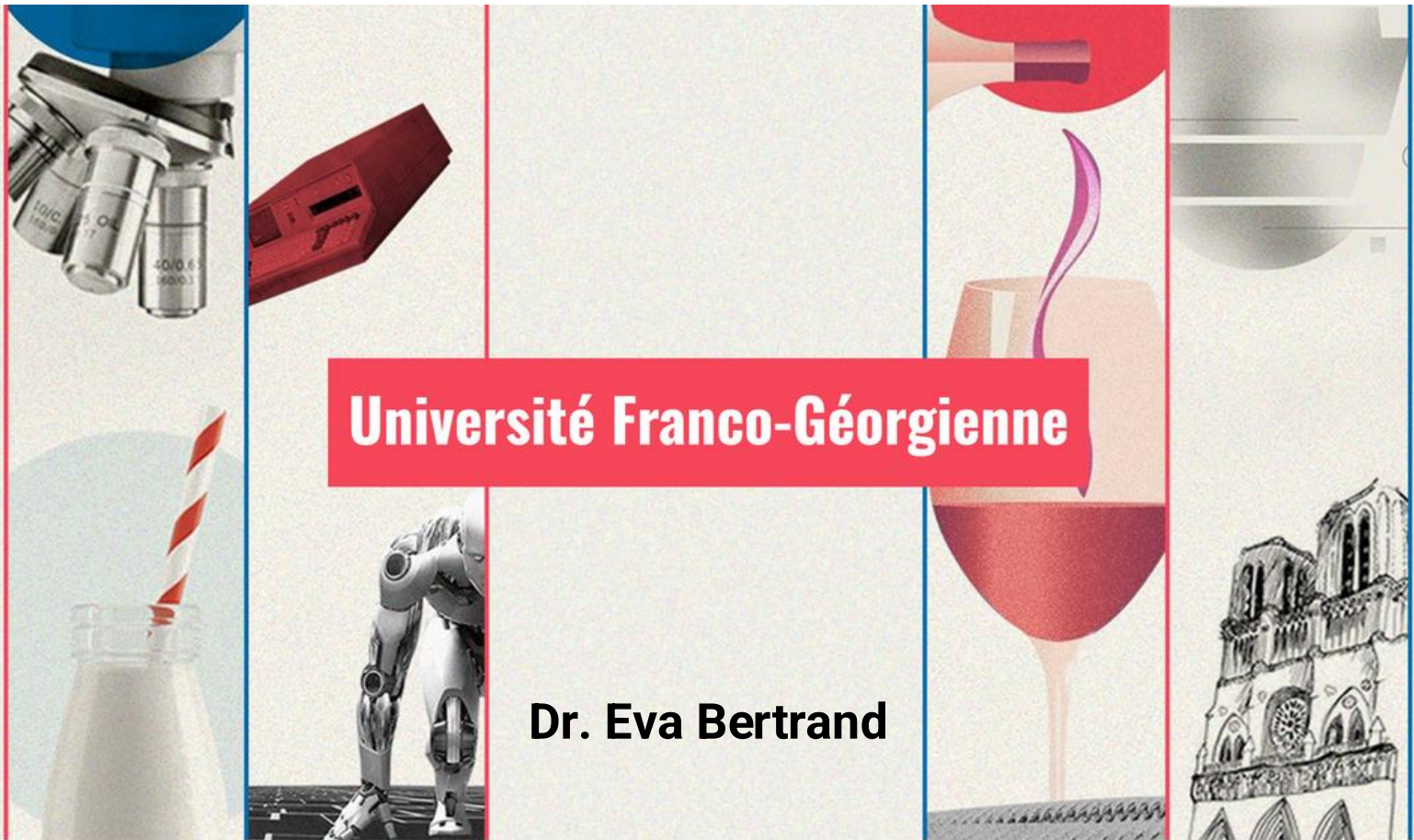


The French-Georgian University (FGU)

Annual Report



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Part 1:

The French-Georgian University



Project Overview:

The French-Georgian University is:

- a bilateral academic initiative between France and Georgia
- to promote academic excellence and international cooperation

FR France

French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs & Partner Universities

GE Georgia

Georgian Ministry of Education, Science and Youth & Partner Universities

✘ What the French Georgian University Is Not...

- It is not the French Institute of Georgia
- It is not a part of the French Embassy
- It is single physical campus
- It is not a standalone university



✓ What the French Georgian University Really Is

- **A bilateral cooperation framework** between France and Georgia
- **An academic platform** bringing together French and Georgian universities
- **A framework for joint academic programs**, particularly double-degree programs.
- **A facilitator** of student mobility, research cooperation and institutional dialogue

Institutional structure

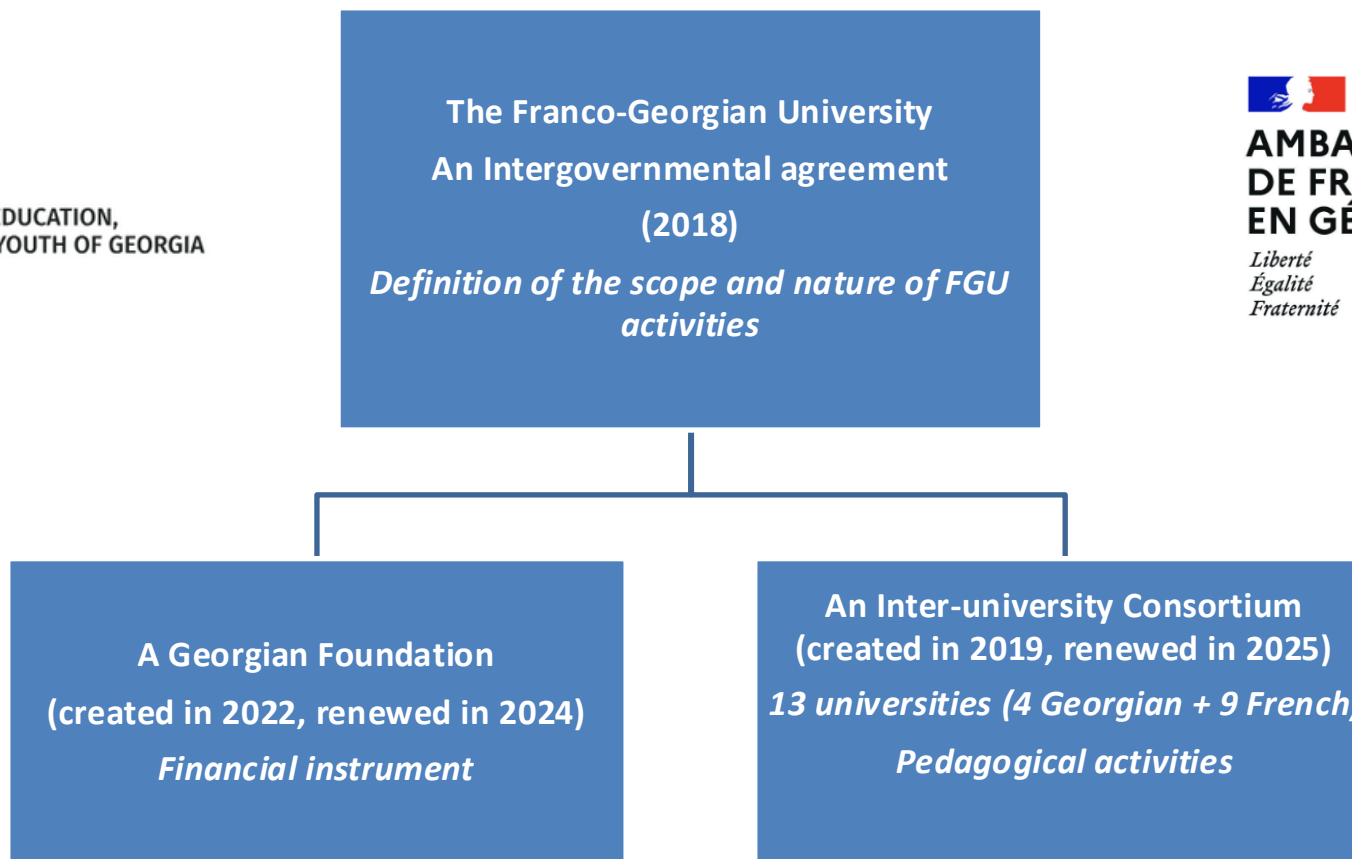


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Project overview

The FGU was established in 2018 through an intergovernmental agreement with three core objectives:

- **Develop accredited Franco-Georgian double degrees**, implemented fully or partially in Georgia
- **Support the internationalization of Georgian higher education** through structured cooperation with French HEIs
- **Strengthen Georgia's human capital** in key economic sectors (agriculture, tourism, information sciences)

➔ A **long-term instrument** for academic excellence and bilateral cooperation

Academic programs

FGU offers double-degree programs jointly accredited by French and Georgian partner universities, preparing graduates for careers in both national and international contexts.



Agri-Food Technologies

Joint Bachelor's degree
GTU-University of Rennes



Computer Science

Joint Bachelor's degree
TSU-University of Évry-Paris Saclay



Viticulture & Oenology

Joint Master's degree
GTU-Institut Agro Montpellier



Tourism & Cultural Heritage

Joint Master's degree
Currently suspended

Key priorities 2025-2026

Maintaining accredited double-degree programs

Supporting student mobility

Developing scientific cooperation

Developing technical cooperation

Strategic challenges

Funding

Securing sustainable financing for cooperation activities and mobility

Consortium Adaptation

Responding to Georgia's higher education reform

Program Expansion

Integrating 6 new partners and launching new double-degree programs by 2026

Institutional Strengthening

Ensure the stability of the structure

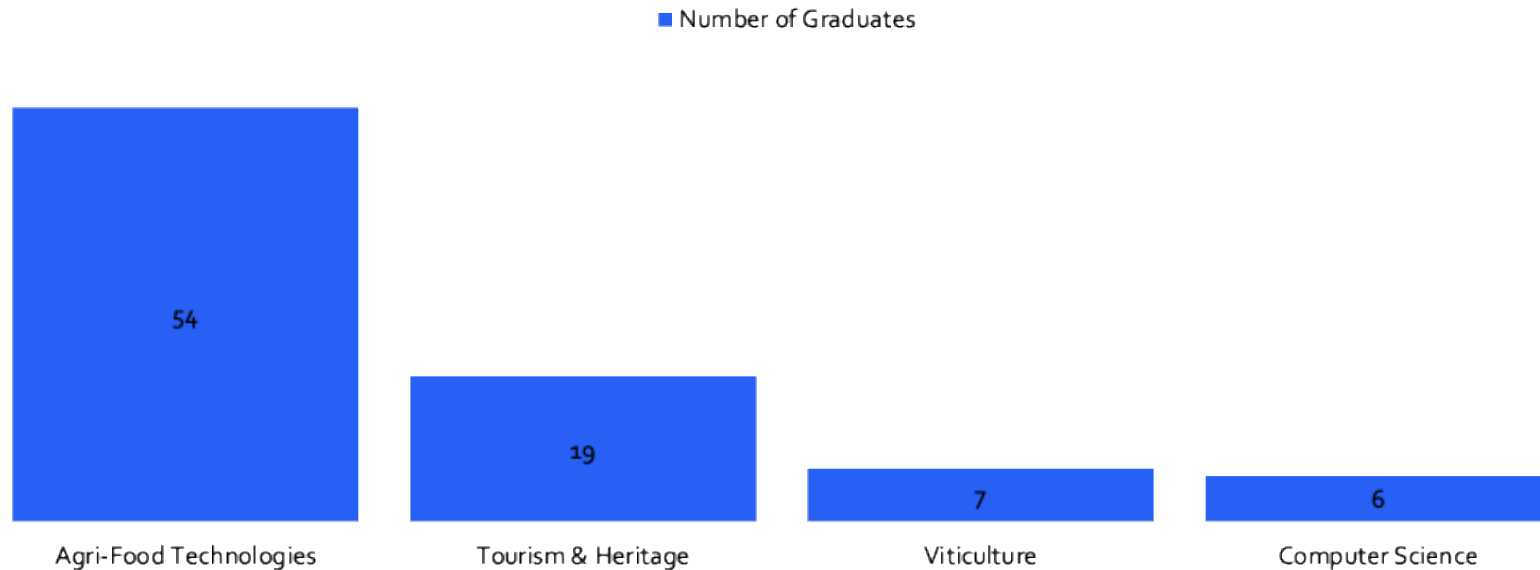
Part 2:

FGU Activities 2025–2026



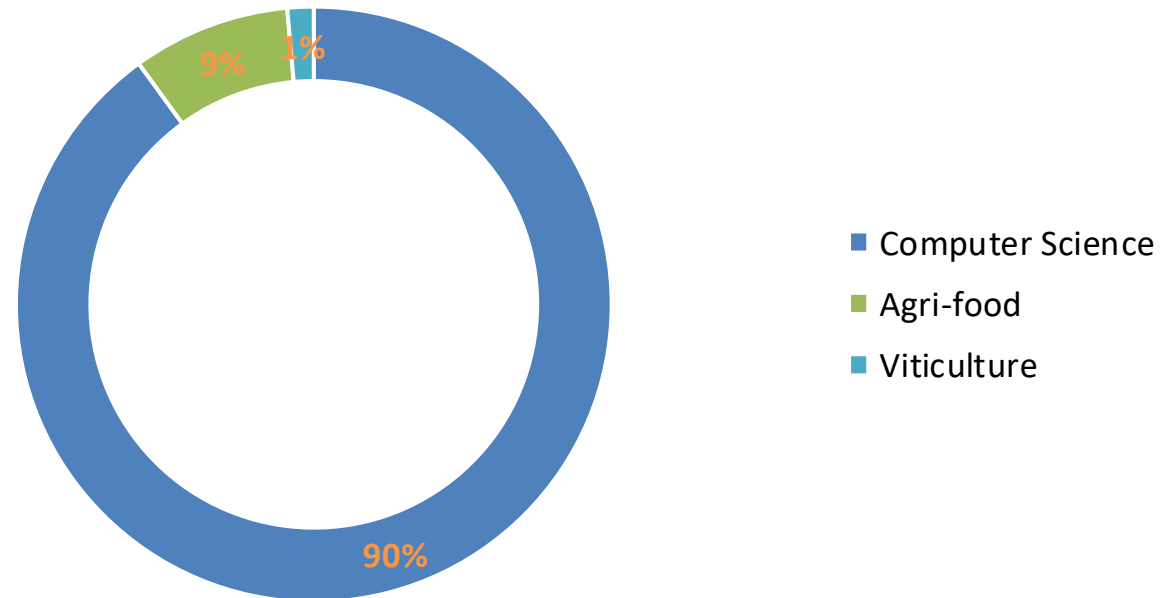
FGU Double-Degree Programs: Graduates

- Since its creation, the FGU has trained 86 graduates across 4 DD programs, contributing to the development of highly qualified professionals in priority sectors.



FGU Double-Degree Programs: Student Enrollment 2025-2026

- Computer Science accounts for 63 of 70 total students, representing the largest enrollment category
- With new partnerships, around 100 students per year represents a realistic development target for the FGU



Expanding FGU's consortium

- In May 2025, the FGU academic consortium expanded with the integration of 6 new higher education institutions – a stable platform for academic cooperation
- Caucasus University (Tbilisi) - University of Clermont Auvergne (Clermont-Ferrand) - CNAM (Paris) - Ilia State University (Tbilisi) - Sciences Po Rennes (Rennes) - EHESP – School of Public Health (Rennes)



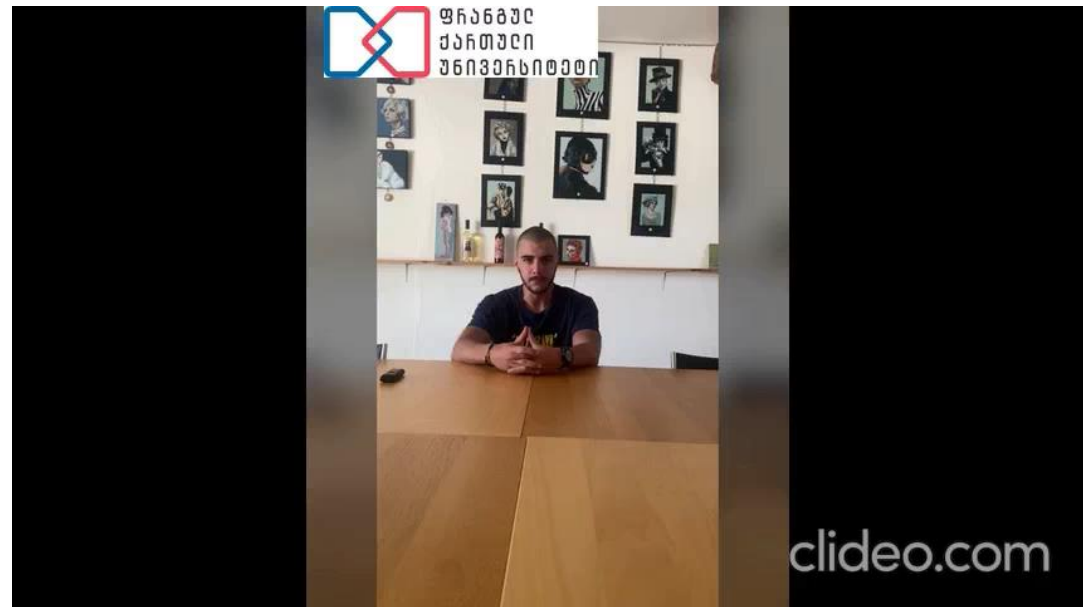
Future FGU Double-Degree Programs

- Several new double-degree programs are currently under preparation:
 - **Double-degree in Economics**
 - **Double-degree in Atmospheric Science**
 - **Double-degree in Social Sciences**
 - **Master's level**
 - **Master's level**
 - **Graduate level - PhD Preparation Year**
 - **TSU – ISET – University of Clermont Auvergne**
 - **Ilia State University – University of Clermont Auvergne**
 - **Ilia State University – CNAM**

- **Tourism: A New Double-Degree Opportunity**

Student Mobility

- The FGU Foundation supports international mobility for Georgian students.
- Scholarships awarded in 2025:
 - 2 PhD research mobilities
 - 2 mobility grants for viticulture students
- These programs allow Georgian students to gain international academic and professional experience.



Promoting DD programs through French Language Learning (July 2025)

TSU-FGU Project:
French Language Contest

To promote French language
among Georgian Students in
STEM fields

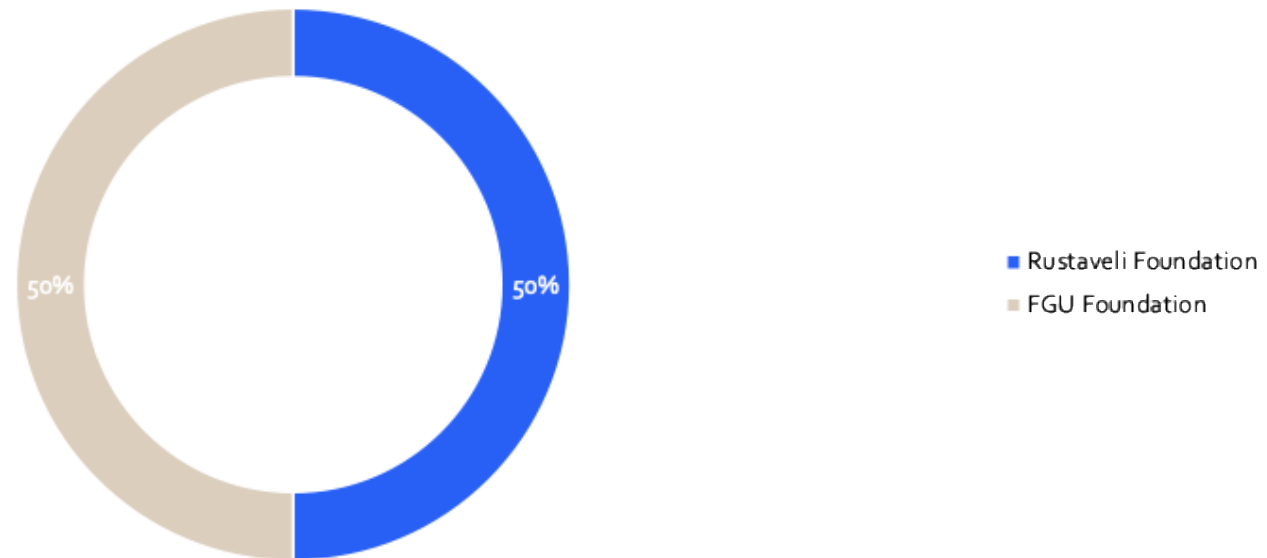
- Intensive language courses
- French language competition

Award: 3-week language course
in Évry (France) for 2 students in
Computer Sciences



New Franco-Georgian Scholarship Partnership (2025-2026)

- New partnership with the Rustaveli Foundation to launch a co-funded Franco-Georgian scholarship program (starting in 2025)
- Each year: up to three two-month research mobilities in France for Georgian PhD students



Developing Scientific Cooperation

- The FGU actively promotes scientific cooperation between France and Georgia.
- Several complementary instruments:
 - Academic conferences and events
 - Summer and Autumn schools
 - Research mobility programs
- Example:
Economics Lecture Series (ongoing) in partnership with **Caucasus University**



FGU Summer Schools

- FGU Summer Schools have become a **key academic tradition** since 2023.
- They bring together:
 - Georgian, French and International students
 - International researchers
 - Early-career scholars
- Objective:
Supporting research development and academic cooperation (mobility, joint programs)



Key Academic Activities in 2025

Economics Lecture Series (*Ongoing*)

- In partnership with Caucasus University

Summer school “Armenia in Regional and Global Context” (*May 2025 in Yerevan, Armenia*)

- In partnership with Sciences-Po Paris

Summer School in Viticulture (*October 2025 in Telavi*)

- In partnership with Telavi University, Institut Agro Montpellier

Autumn School on Migrations (*November 2025 in Batumi*)

- In partnership with ISU and PSL



Technical Cooperation

- The FGU also supports **technical and professional training**, especially in the veterinary sector.
- **Key initiatives:**
 - **Specialized training sessions** delivered by French experts
 - **Formalize long-term academic cooperation** (MoU GTU Toulouse National Veterinary School)
 - **Strengthen local teaching capacity** (pedagogical and equipment support)



Institutional Strengthening



New Website Launch

www.fgu.ge

The FGU has launched a modern, bilingual website to enhance communication and visibility.



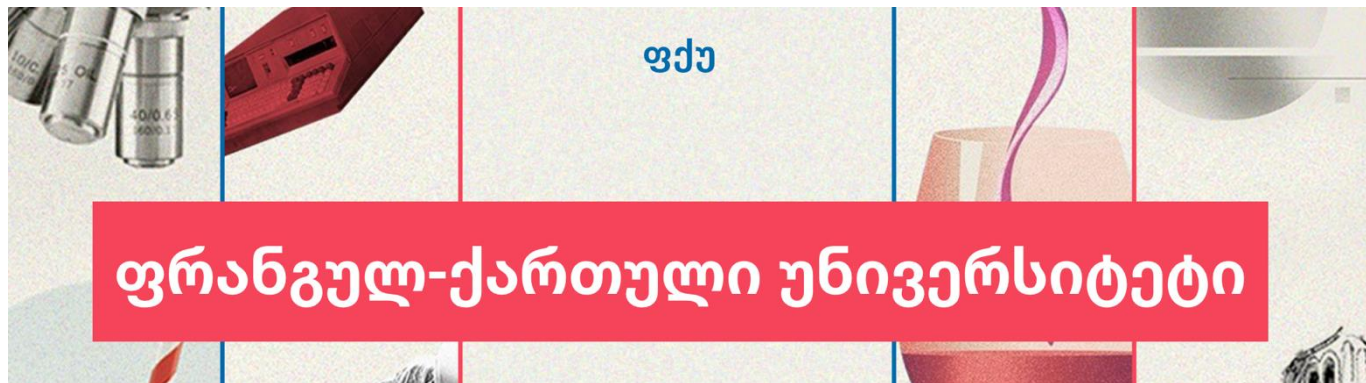
Relocation to Ministry

FGU's administrative office has been relocated to the Ministry of Education, to enhance cooperation and strengthen bilateral ties.



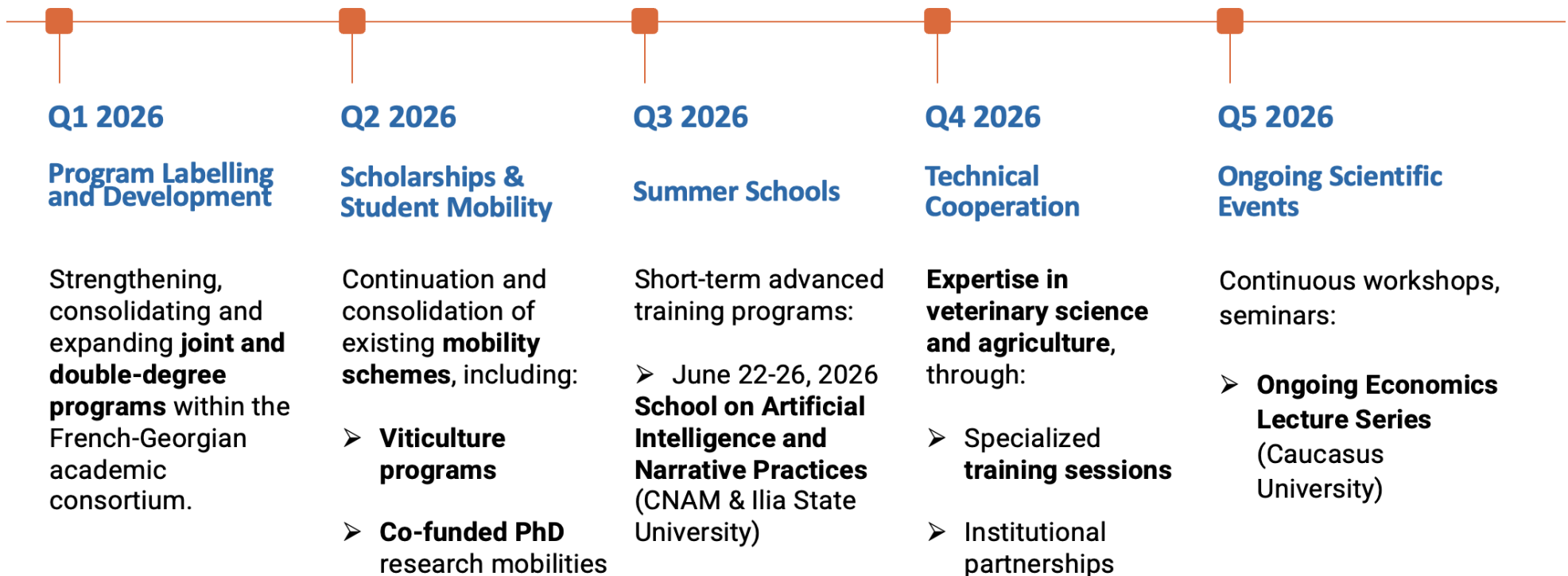
Foundation Statutes Revision

The foundation's statutes have been revised to align with updated governance standards and reinforce institutional stability.






Planned Activities for 2026

Key priorities for 2026



Strategic Challenges

-  • Funding Constraints
 - Securing consistent and adequate funding remains a challenge, requiring diversified sources to support ongoing and new initiatives, in particular scientific and technical cooperation
-  • Program expansion
 - Supporting the development of new academic programs in a rapidly changing environment
-  • Consortium Adaptation
 - Adapting consortium structures to an evolving higher education landscape to accommodate new partners and regulatory changes



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Merci !