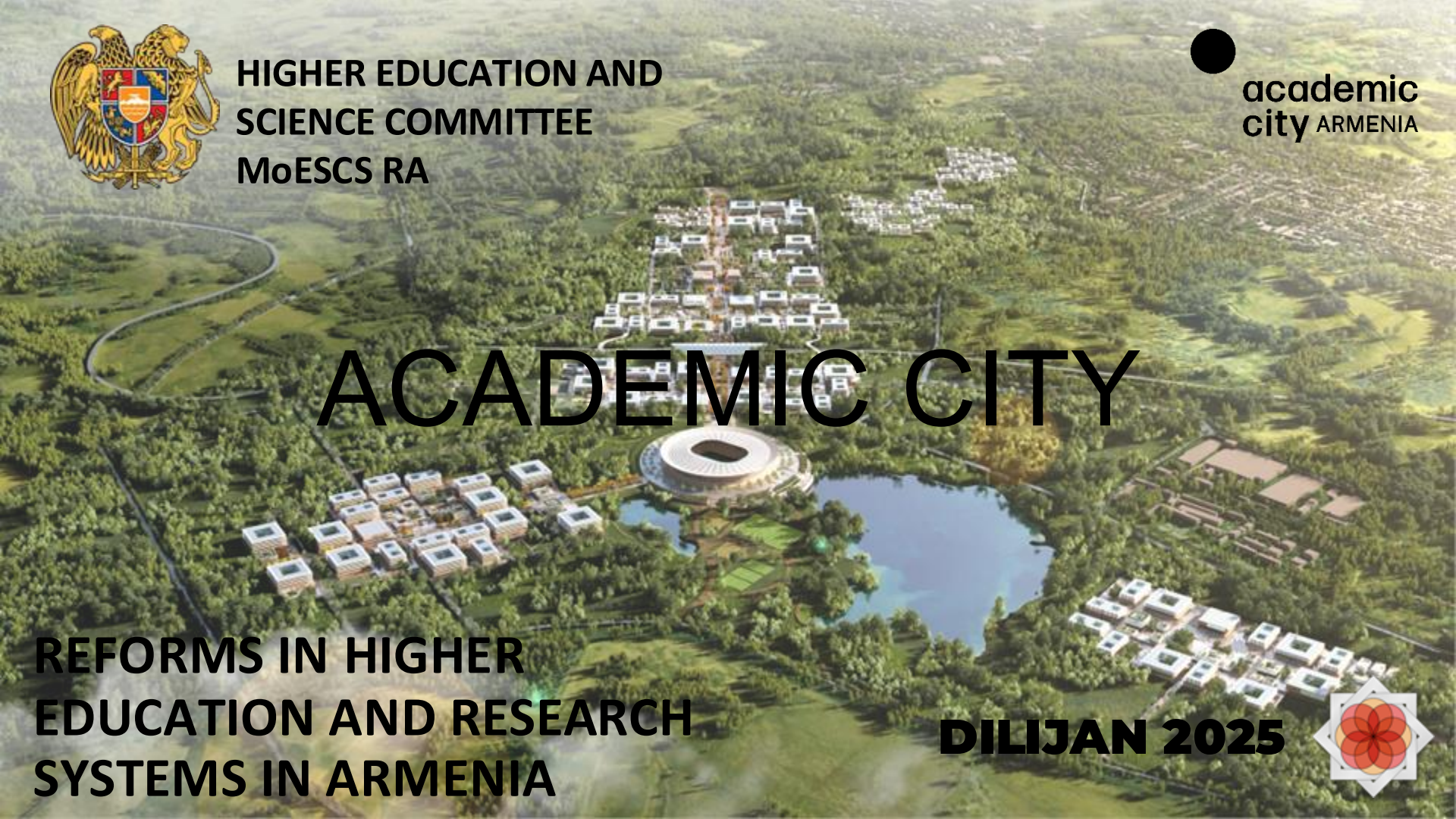
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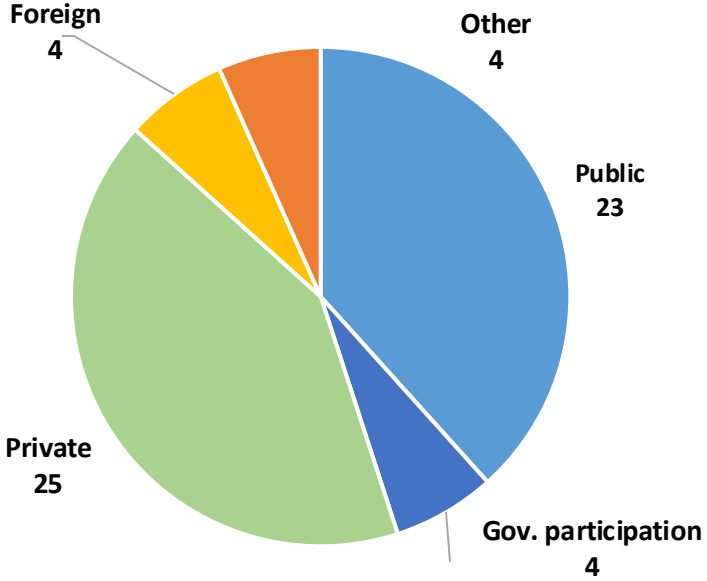
OVERVIEW of the HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH SYSTEM



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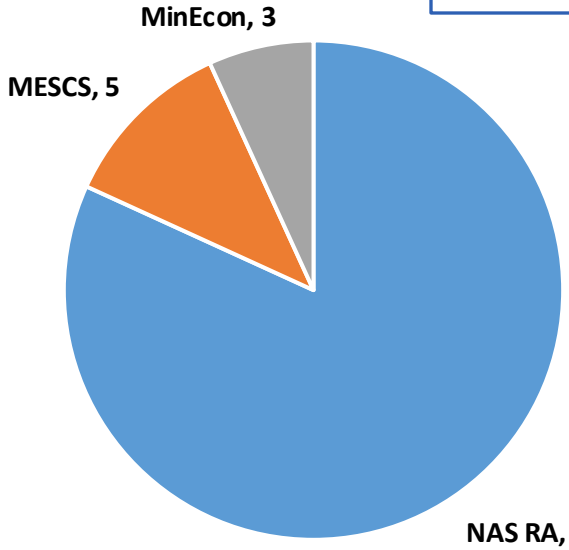

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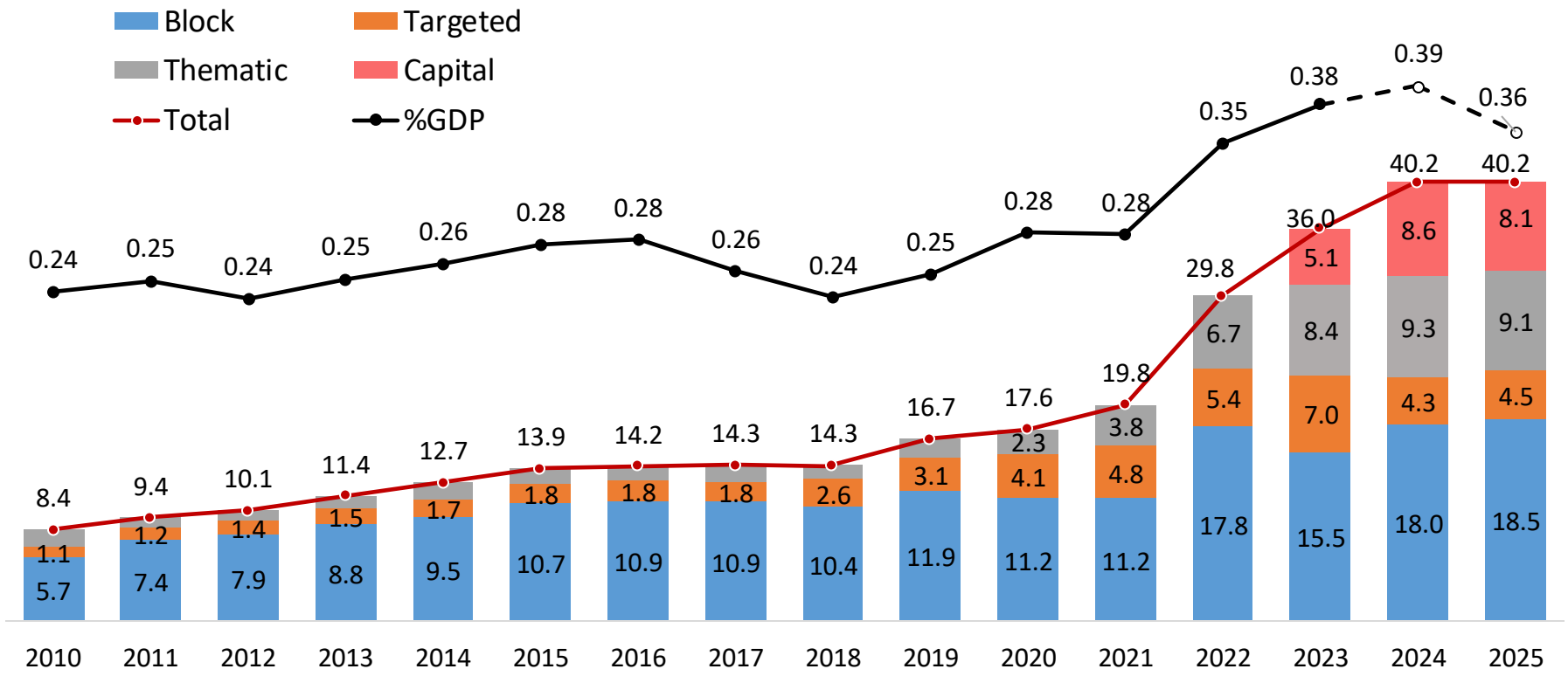
GOVERNMENT ALLOCATIONS FOR RnD

(Bn, AMD | 1 Bn AMD = 2.5M USD)



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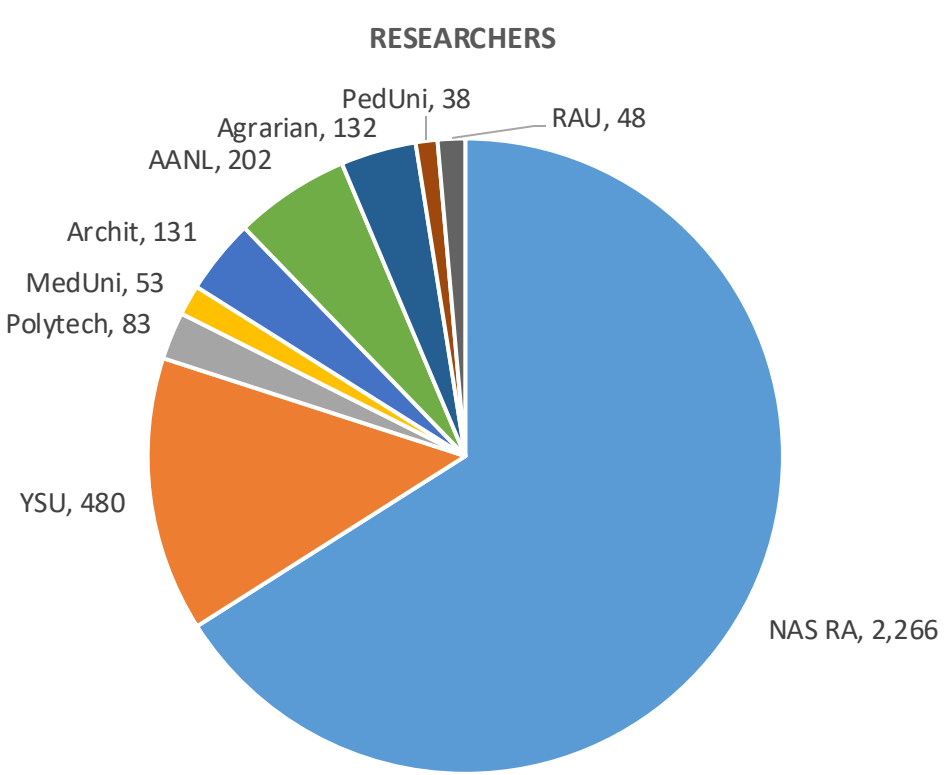

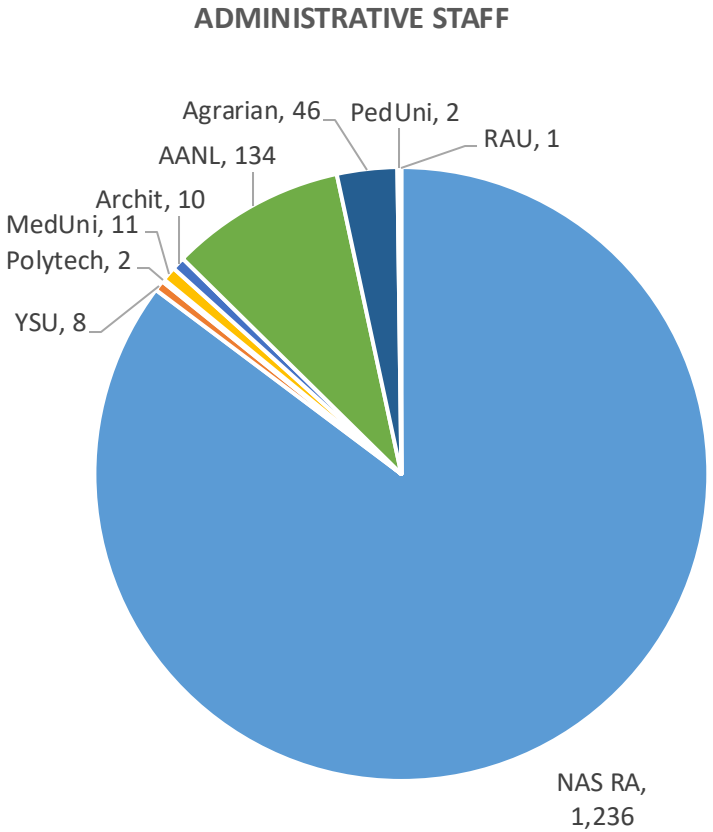

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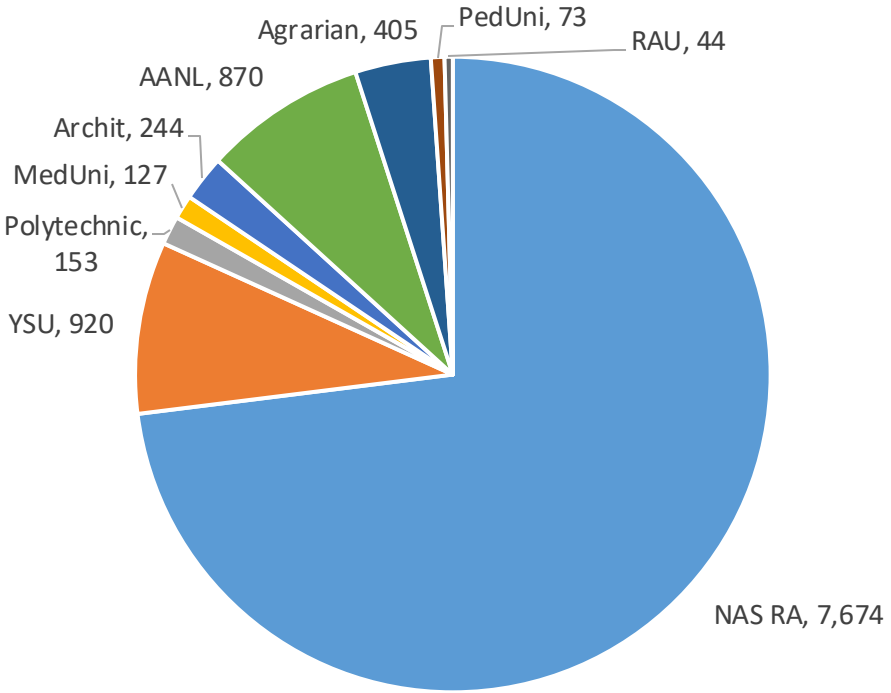

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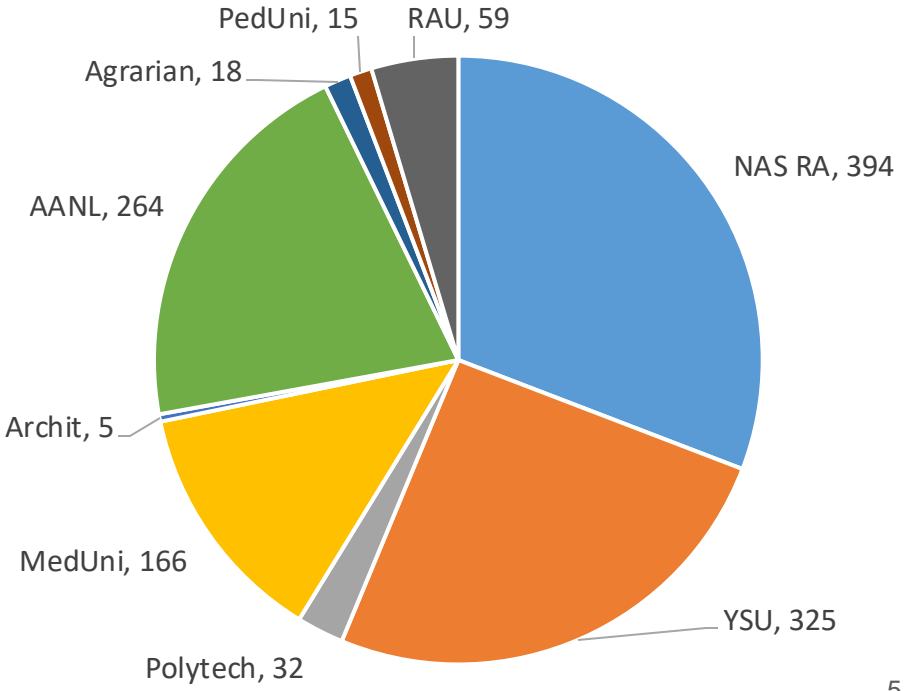

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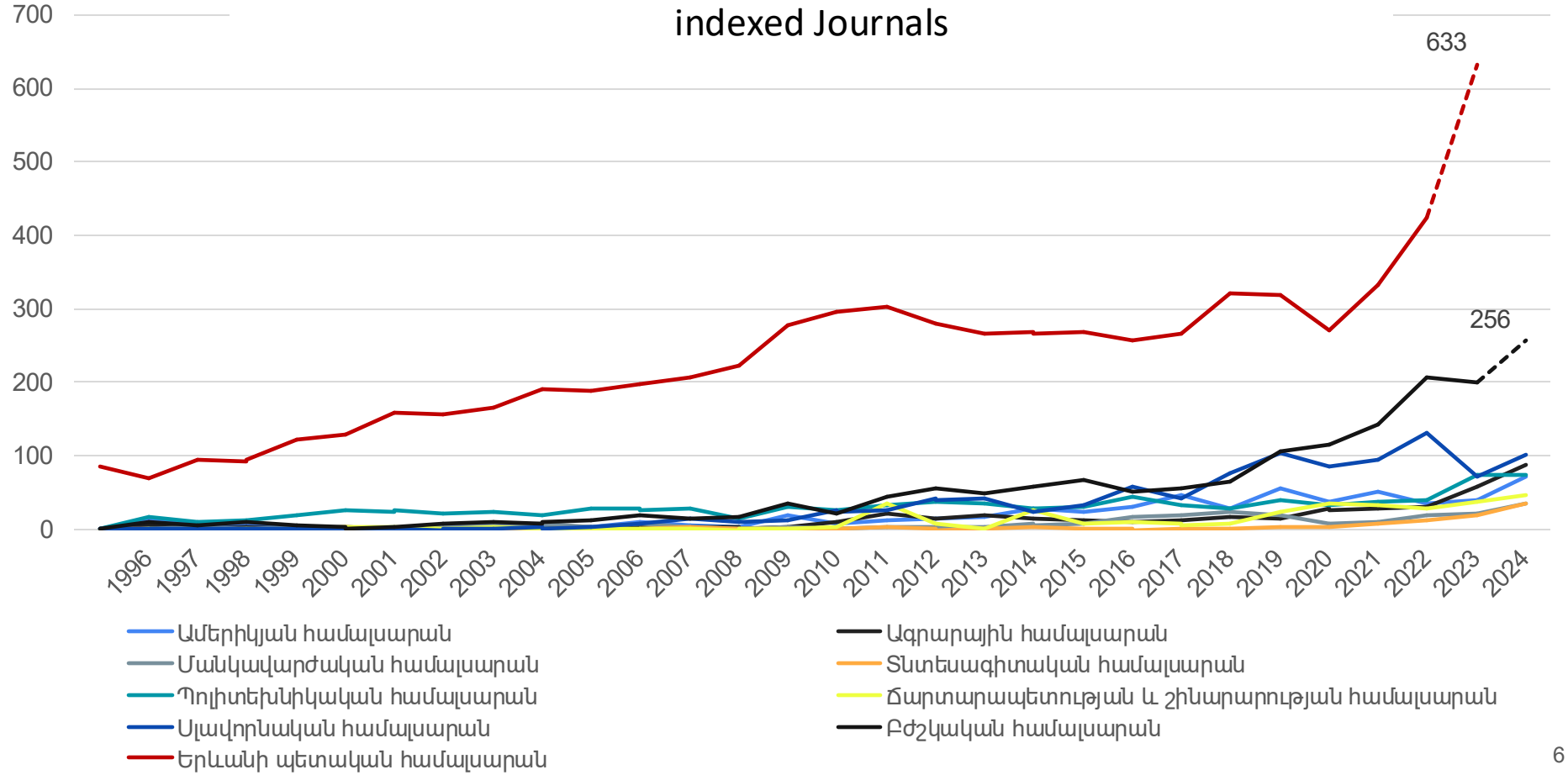
Dynamics of publications of Armenian universities in Scopus indexed Journals



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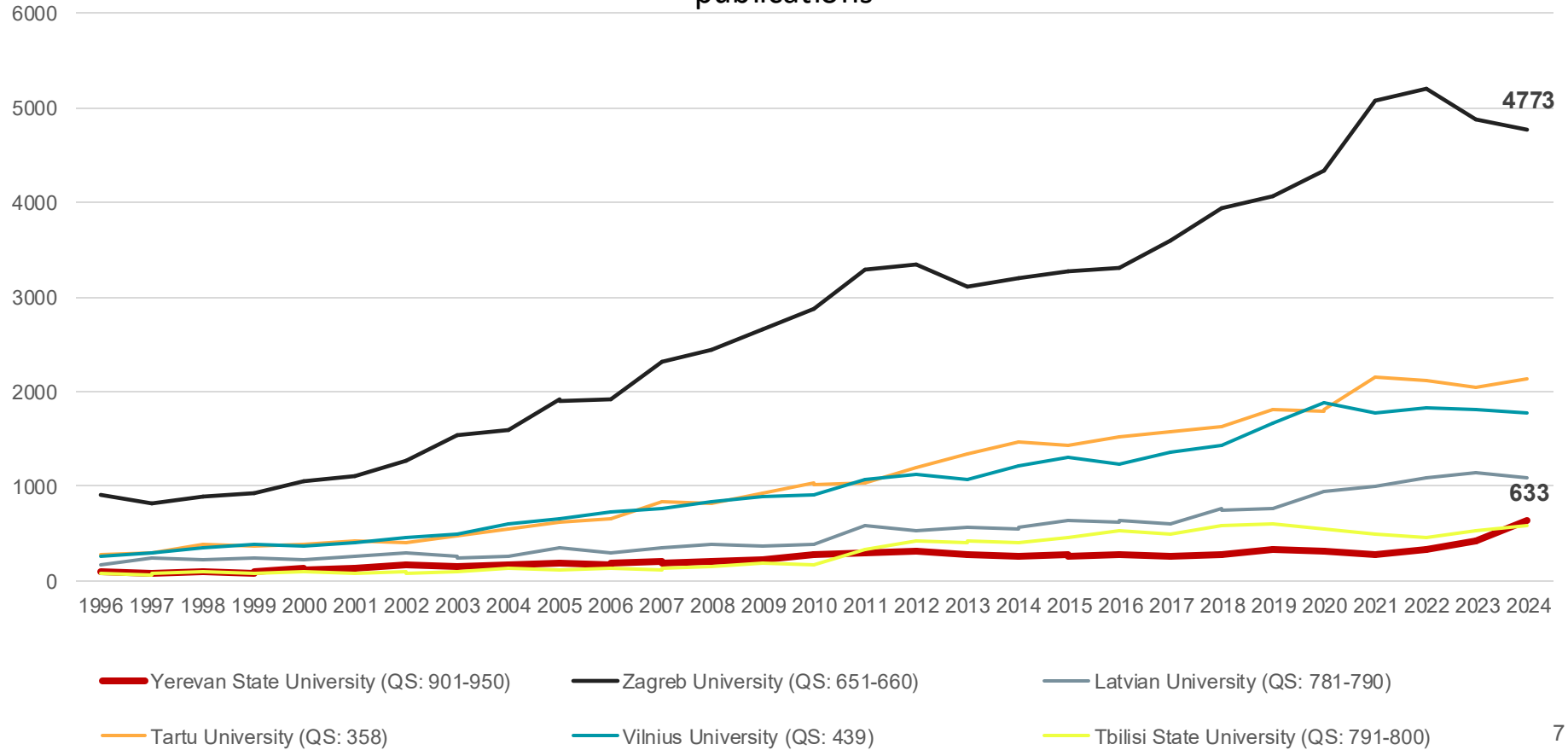

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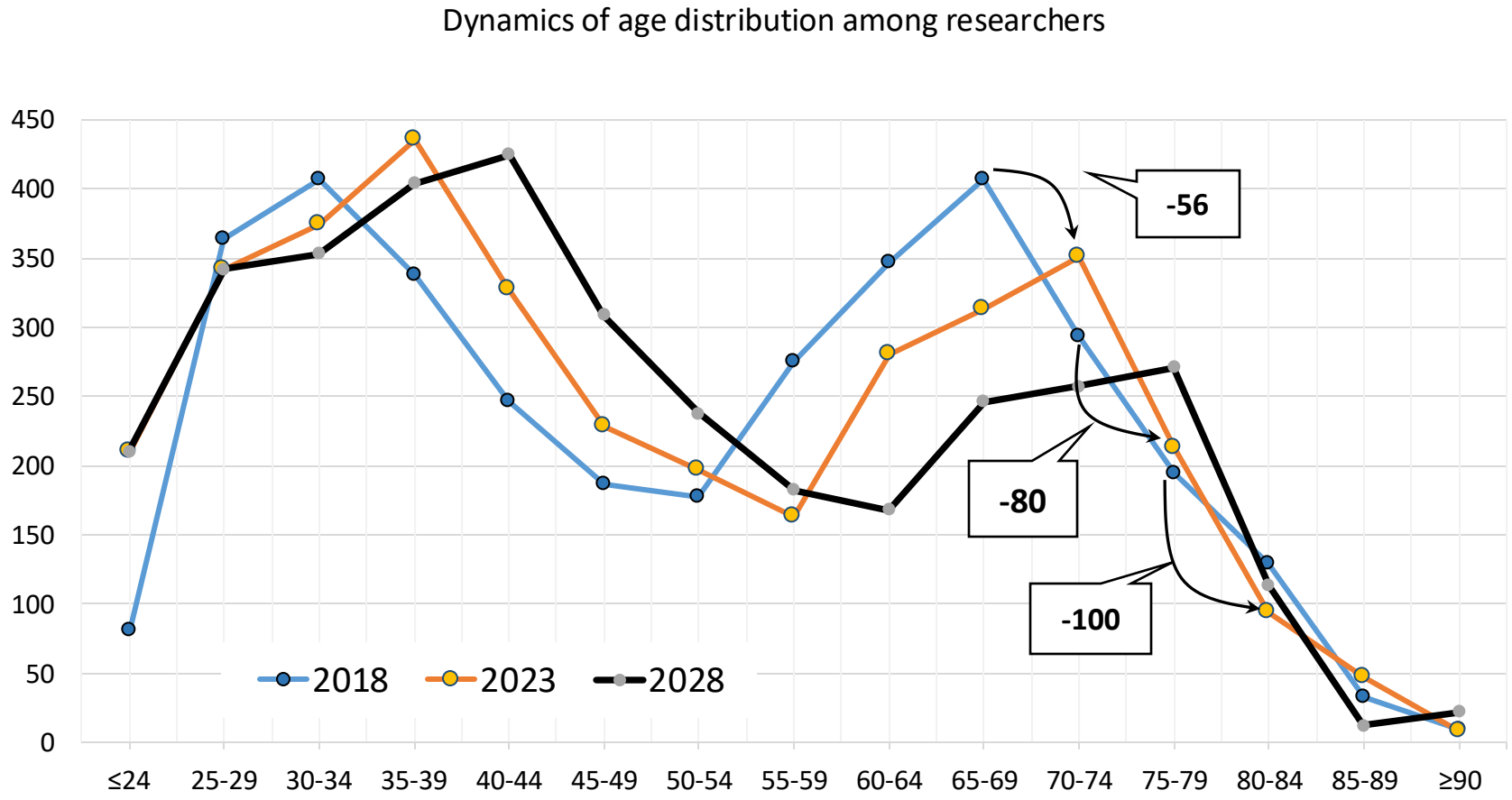
Dynamics of age distribution among researchers
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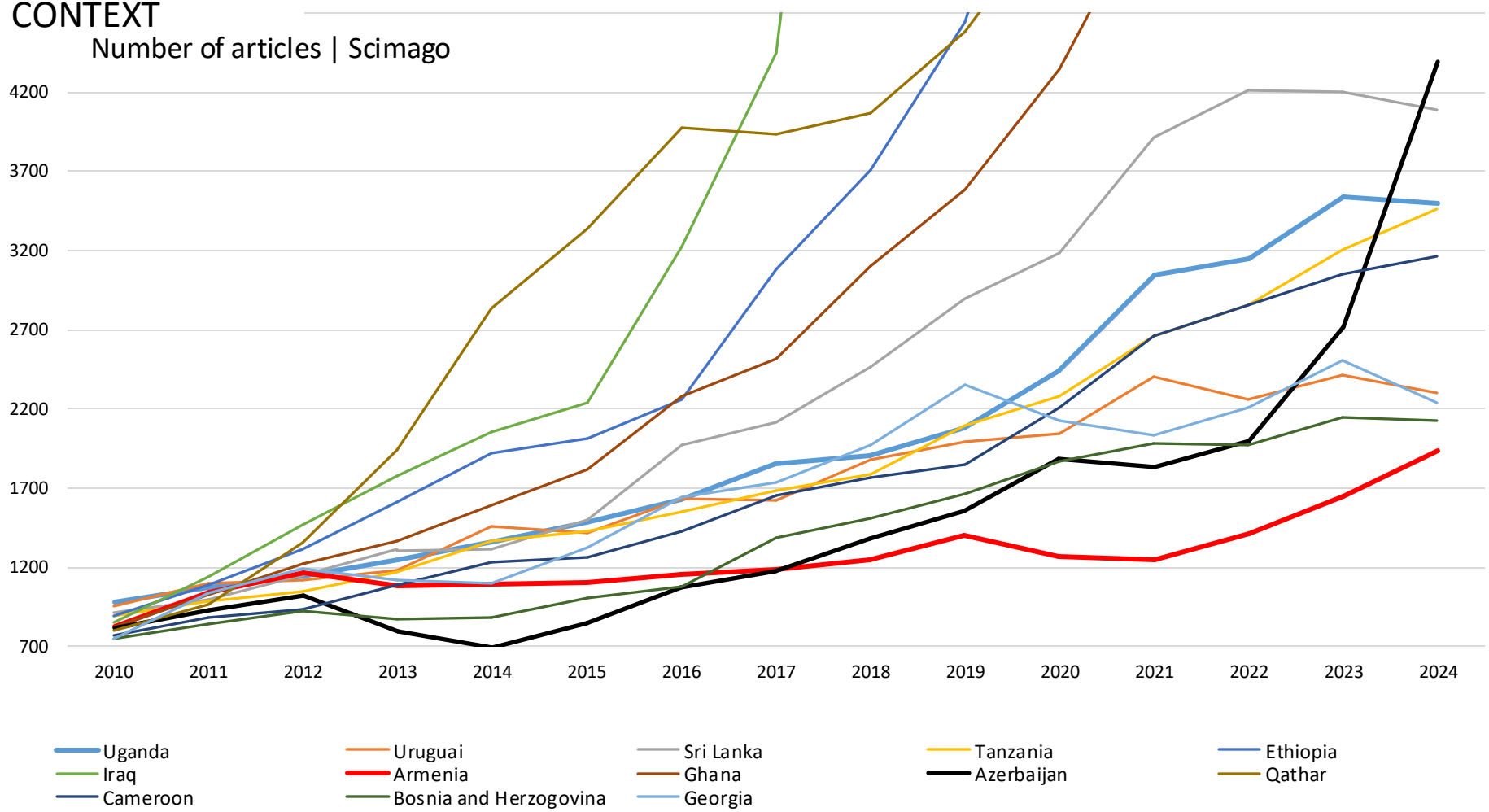
Number of articles | Scimago



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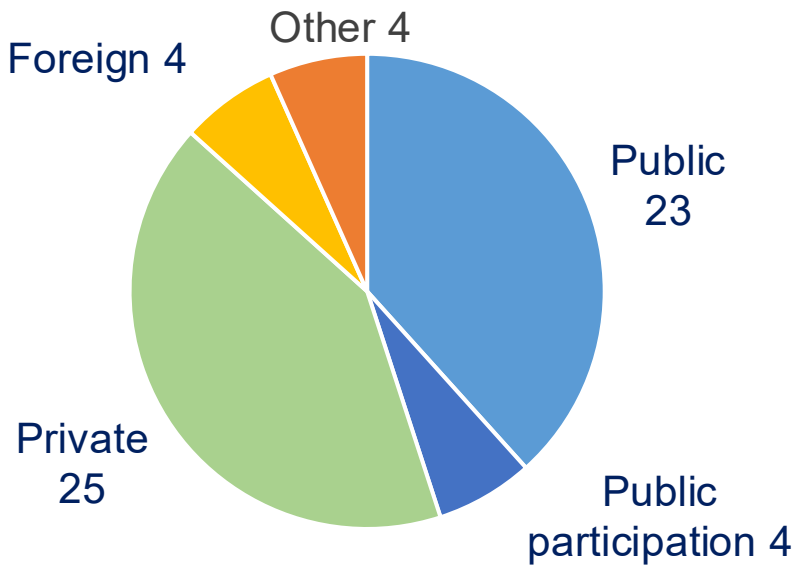

Undergraduate programs – **351**
Graduate programs – **467**

Number of academic programs provided by all universities including duplicate programs

1627

Priorities set by the National Strategy for the Education Development 2030

Consolidation of State Higher education institutions and Research Institutes

- To have at least 4 HEI-s in top 500-s of the international rankings,
- AT least to double the quantity of the international students by increasing the international reputation of the higher education system.

	RANKING SYSTEM	YSU	NUACA	AUA	SLAVONIC
1	THE - TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION*	1501+ (1501+ by 2023)	-	-	-
2	QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS***	901-950 (1001-1200 by 2023) QS Global World Ranking	-	-	801-1000 (as of 2023) QS Global World Ranking
		601-620 (601-620 by 2023) QS WUR Ranking By Subject	-	-	-
		=412 (415 by 2023) Europe University Rankings	-	511-520 (531-540 by 2023) Europe University Rankings	=466 (=445 by 2023) Europe University Rankings
		=22 (=173 by 2023) Europe University Rankings - Western Asia**	-- (251-300 by 2023) EECA University Rankings	=39 (2023-ի՝ 301-350) Europe University Rankings - Western Asia**	=27 (=128 by 2023) Europe University Rankings - Western Asia**
3	SHANGHAIRANKING	-	-	-	-

Consolidation of HEIs and Research institutions into clusters

- **“Classical”** – which will include mainly the studies and research in fundamental sciences
- **Medical** – that will include medical and life sciences
- **Technological** – where mainly applied sciences and engineering will be studied and researched
- **Educational** – with educational and related studies will be held
- **Arts** – where the different branches of arts as well as culturology disciplines will be studied and researched
- **Service/military** – Study and training in internal and external security disciplines

Consolidation of HEIs and Research institutions into clusters

International expertise and experience from leading universities

- **Classical** – in process (negotiations to be initiated with the Tartu University)
- **Medical** – in process
- **Technological** – Technical university of Munich (MoU, then agreement negotiated and government decree in place)
- **Educational** – University College London Institute of Education (MoU, contract negotiation in process)
- **Arts** – University of the Arts London + Royal Conservatorie of Scotland (MoU, contract negotiation in progress)
- **Service/military** – in process

ACADEMIC CITY

Academic City

- The environment that will facilitate and secure the modern Research and Innovation activities, where the Higher education is linked to the research and practice
- Facilitation of the application and commercialization of the acquired knowledge and results
- Environment for the Intellectual, cultural and sports entertainment
- Environment securing the scientific and innovation connectivity
- Infrastructures supporting innovation and experimentation

The management of the project

- **Academic City Fund –** is established by the RA government as an organization to prepare, realize and further manage the Academic City

- **Law regulations –** are being developed to regulate and secure the integrity, special status and relations of the academic city

VISION and PURPOSE

4 Universities in top 500 of international rankings

Double the amount of international students

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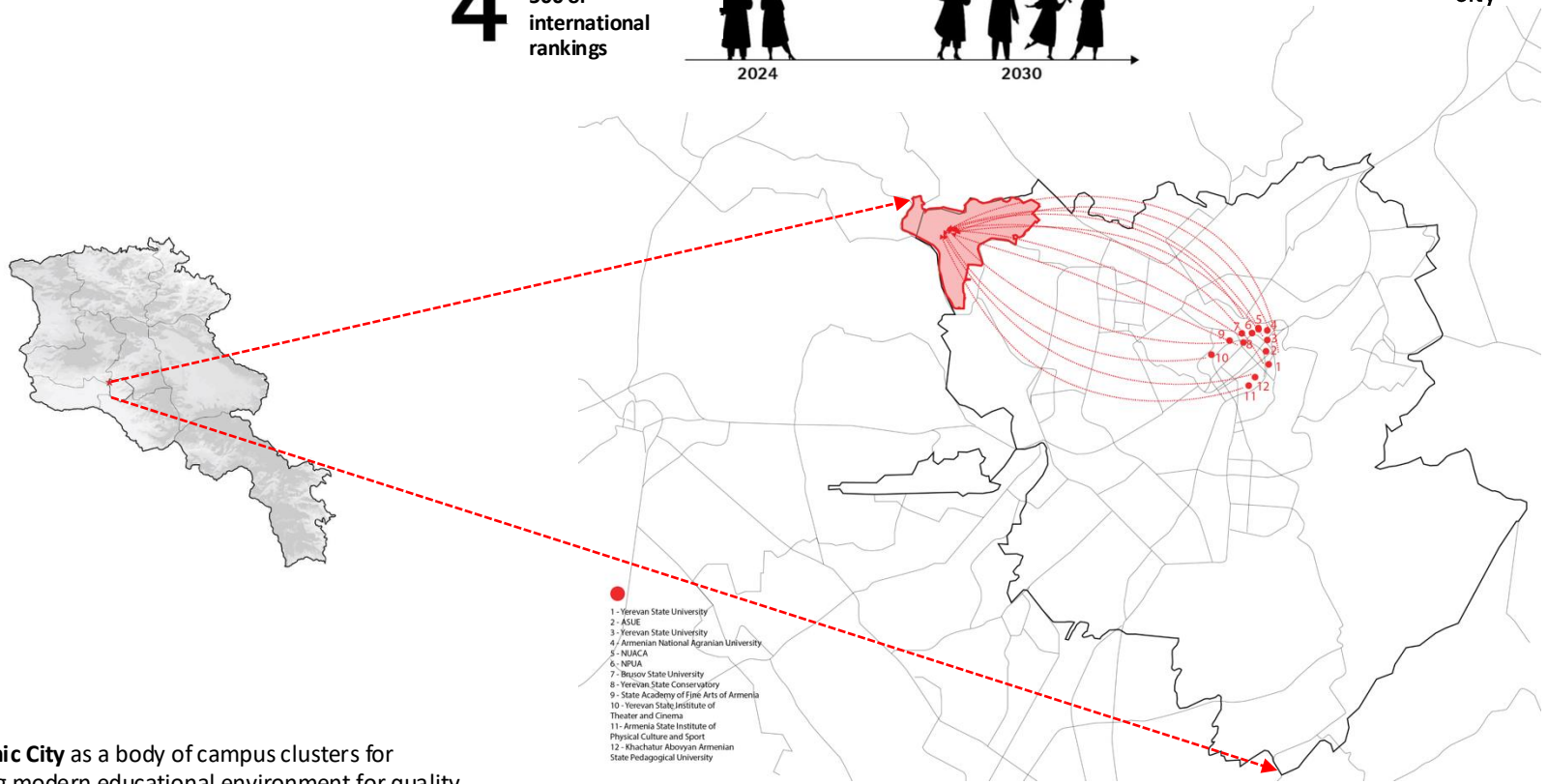

Academic City as a body of campus clusters for ensuring modern educational environment for quality higher education and research.

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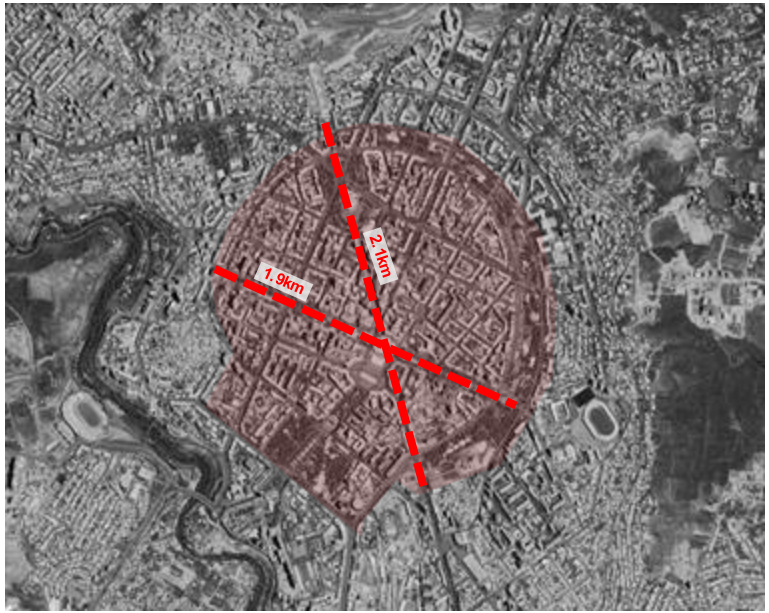
How big is Academic City?



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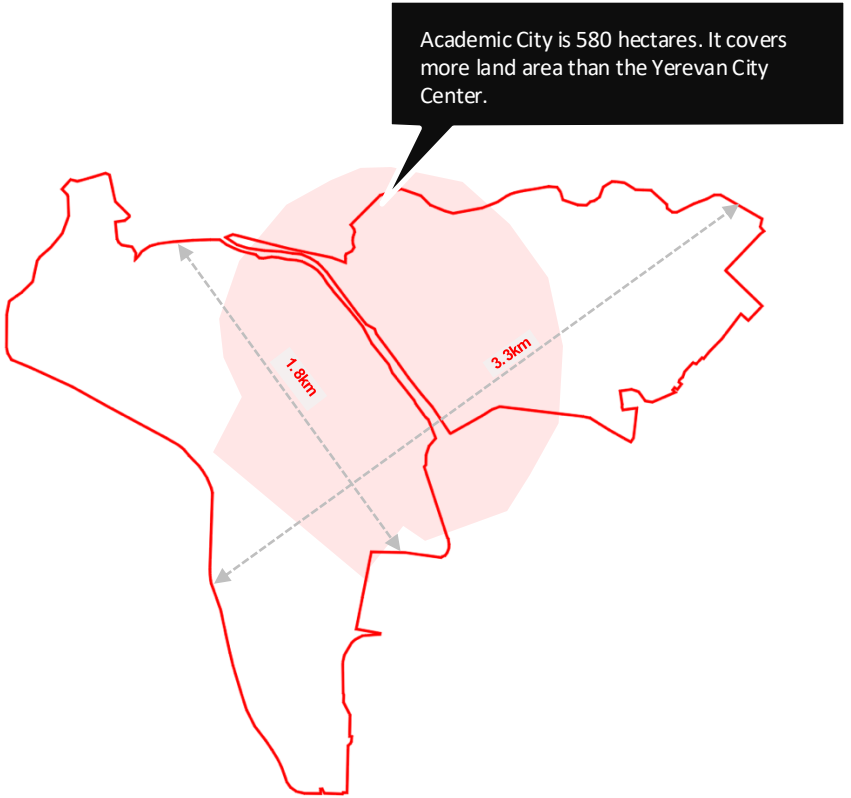

Academic City

Strategic Urban Planning

Development of the online database that will incorporate all research about the Academic City - regarding

- Pre-feasibility study,
- Database of Risks and vulnerabilities,
- Stakeholder groups analyses,
- Interviews:

RSUP

Digitization

Feasibility of the railways

Connectivity with the capital

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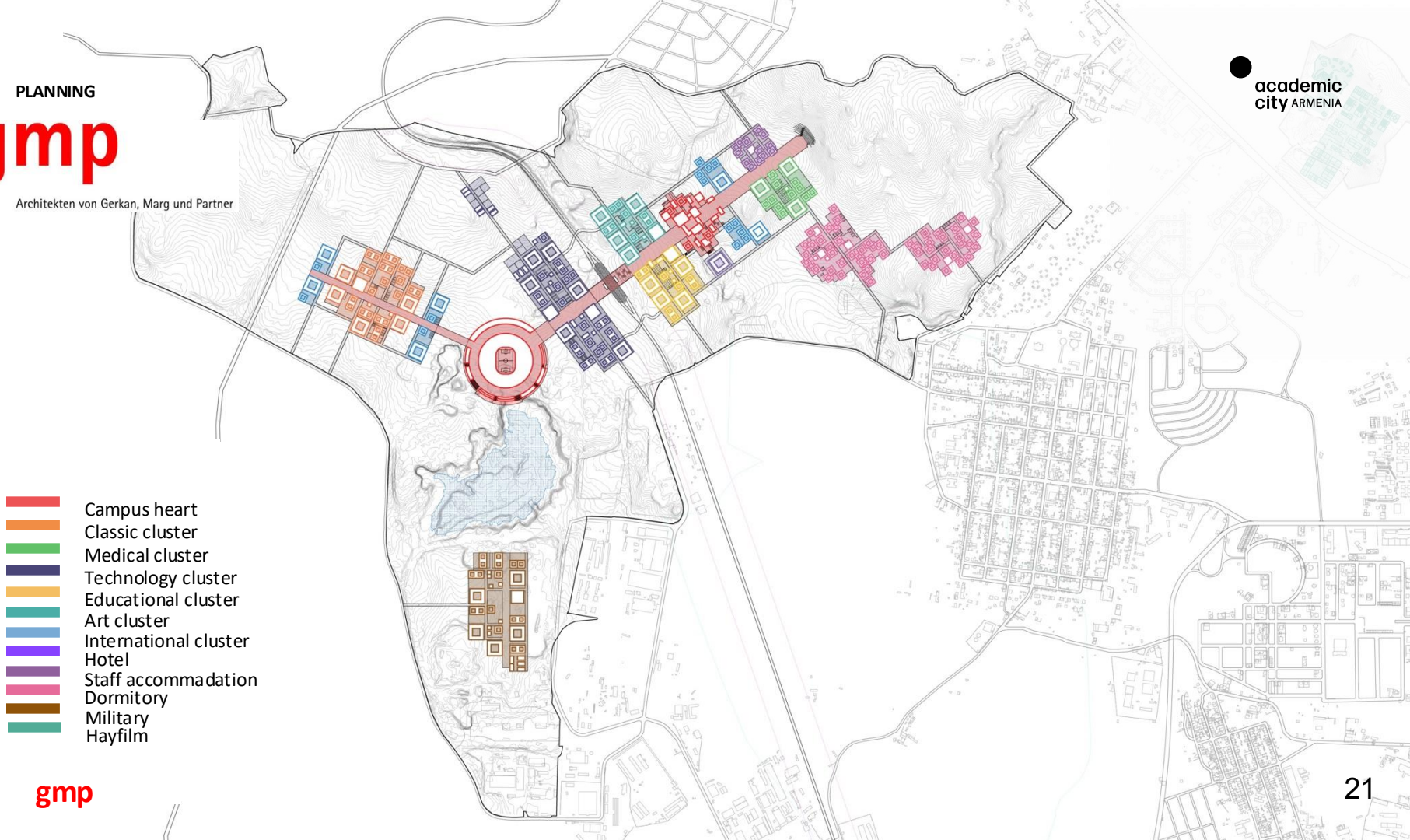

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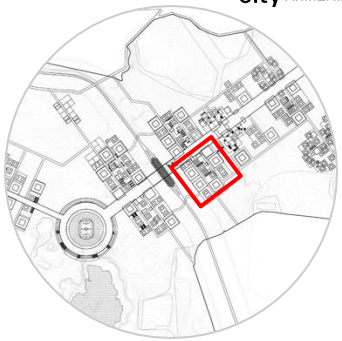
Cluster axonometrics



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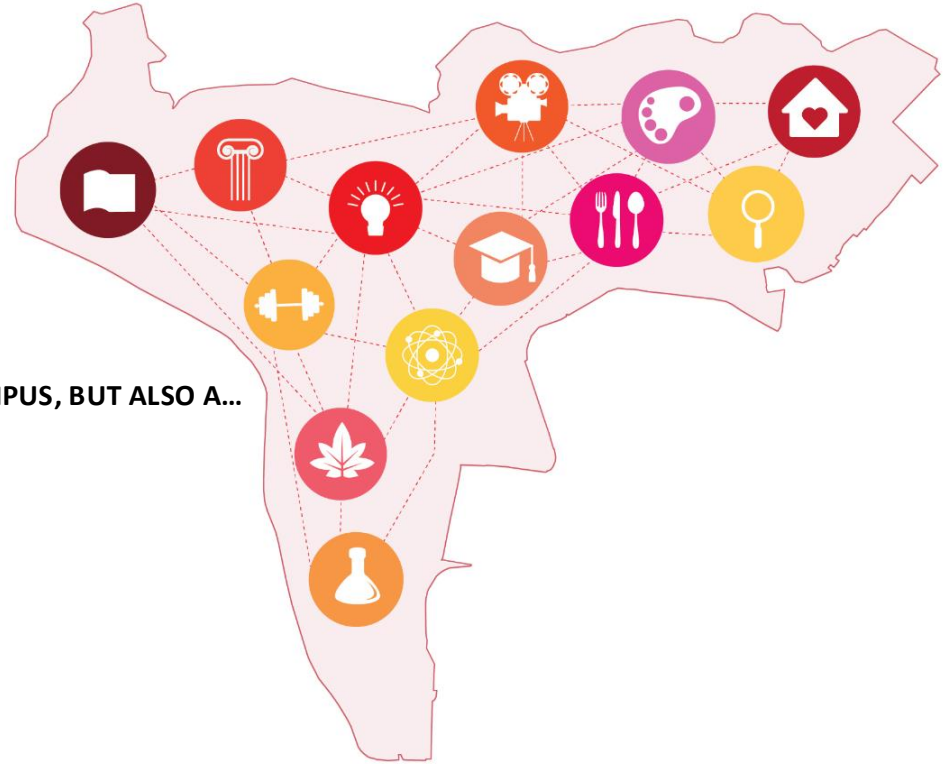

ACADEMIC CITY IS NOT ONLY A UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, BUT ALSO A…

- Human-friendly living neighborhood
- Scientific research lab
- Cultural hub
- Exhibition space
- Sports center
- Start-up zone
- Entertainment district
- Nature park

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LIFE IN THE ACADEMIC CITY
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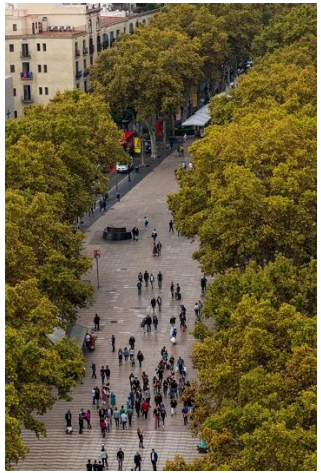

Green

Slow mobility

Public plaza

Meeting point

Intellectual entertainment

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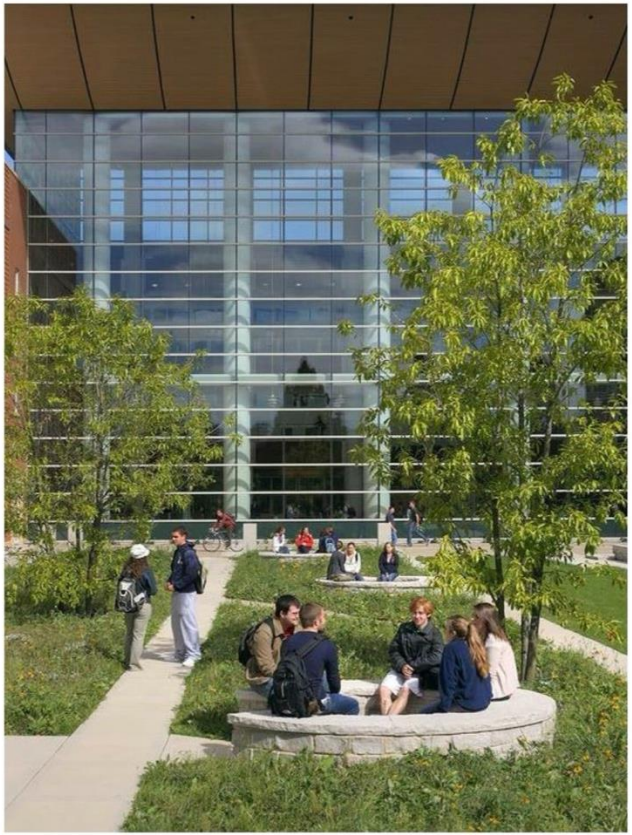

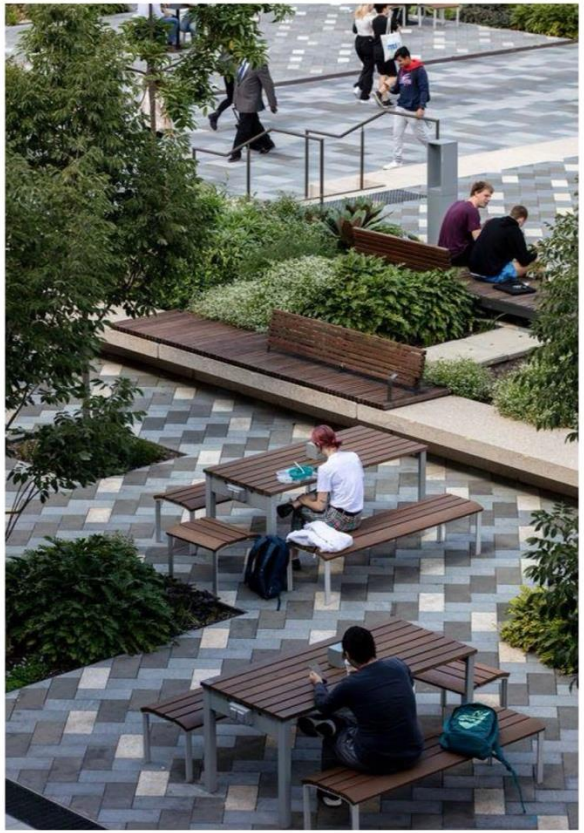

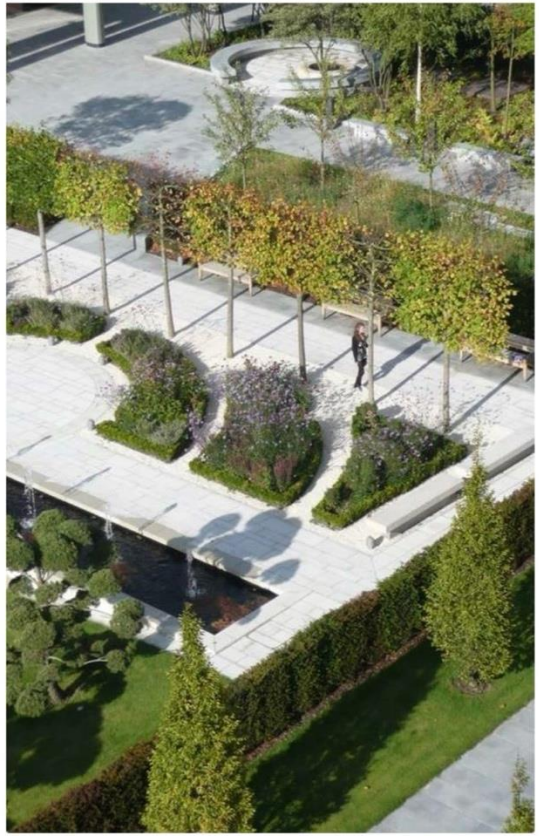

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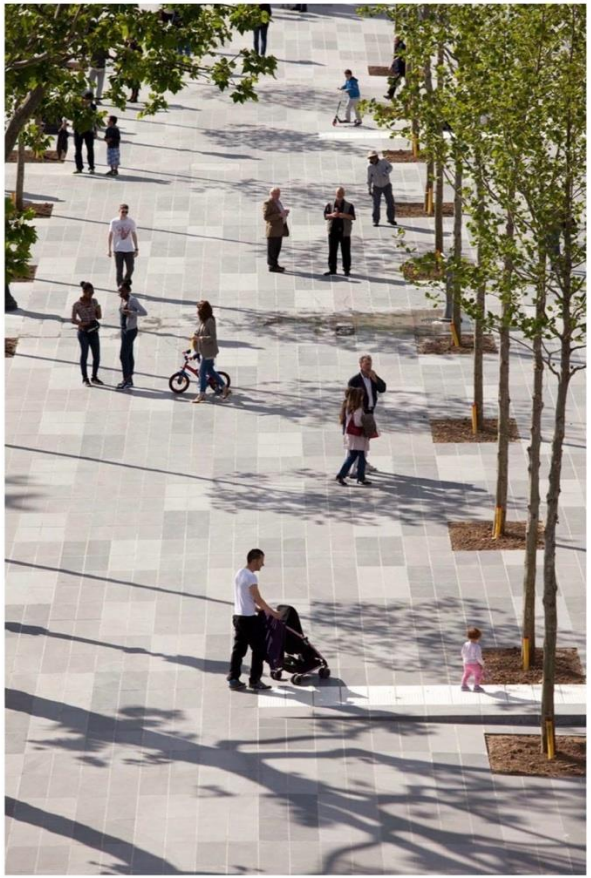

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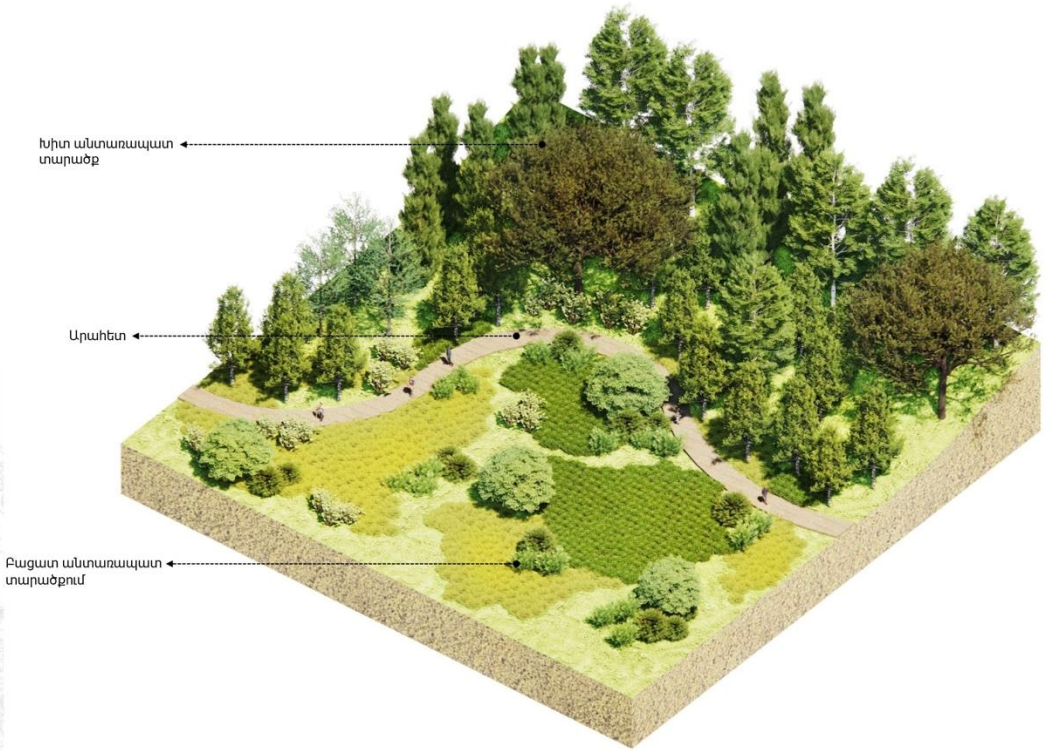

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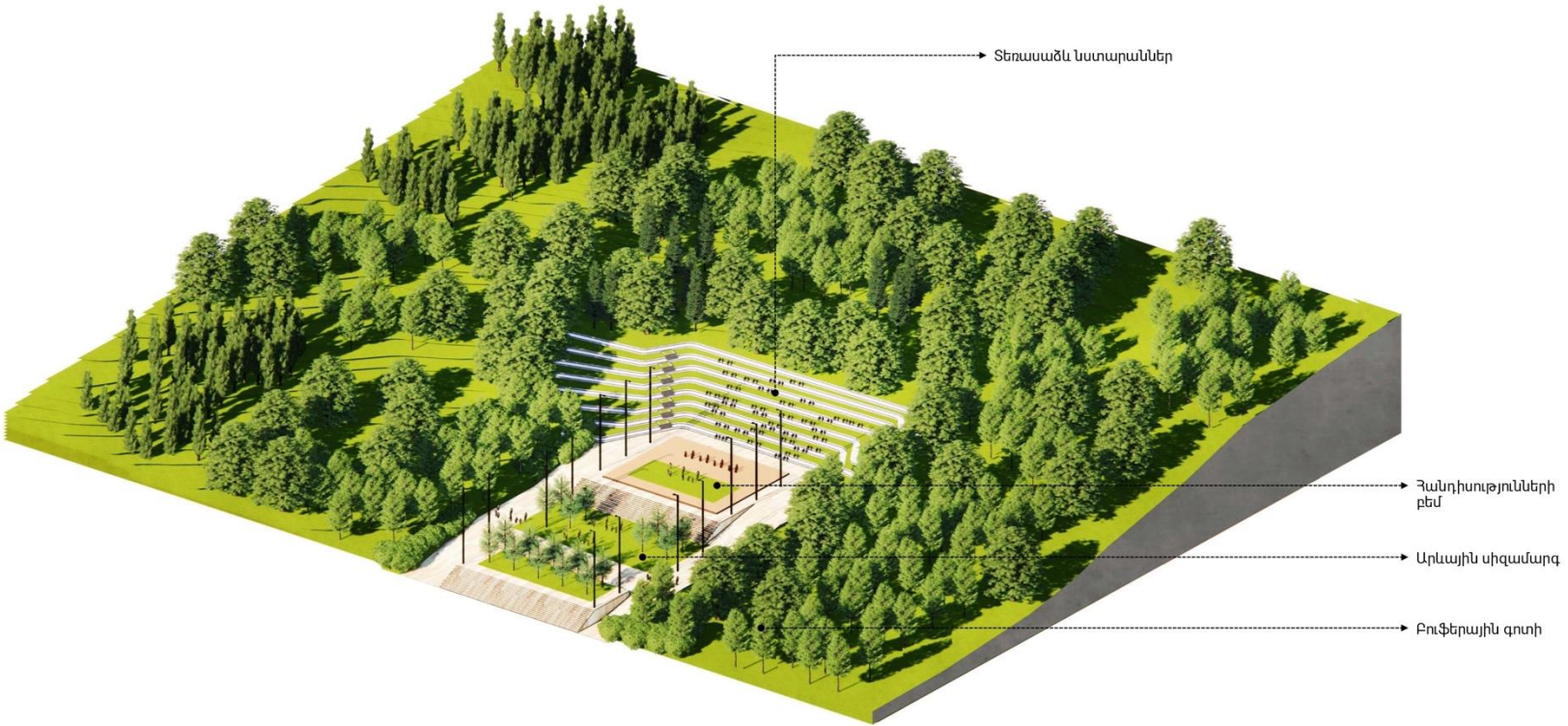

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