# A. I. Rudskoy participated in the council meeting on open education at the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation.

The council meeting on open education was held on the 26th of November at the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation. It was chaired by the head of the Ministry D.V.Livanov. The rector of Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University A.I Rudskoy and rectors of other universities took part in the event.



 It is to be recalled that in September, 2015, the online learning platform for open education was launched. For this period, users have shown a substantial interest in the resource and have already watched more than 200 thousand hours of training videos. Currently there are 47 training courses from different universities (SPbPU, MISiS, HSE, DAFE,UFU, ITMO) working within the platform. ((Now Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University has developed the Internet portal for five educational courses:: "Production management", "Modern industrial electronics", "The design of buildings. BIM", "A General theory of communication" and "Mathematical logic".

Upon completion of the course students will receive a certificate. It is assumed that with this certificate students could have the transfer of credits in some subjects at their University on condition that the course would be in compliance with the educational results fixed in the curriculum.



Elaborating on the first results within the council meeting, Dmitry Livanov noted that it was necessary to concentrate on high demand courses which are widely spread in higher education establishments: "Our main goal is to ensure that Open education courses replace low-quality teaching".

Participants of the meeting marked that using the learning platform should be attractive for both universities which are the creators of courses and universities – consumers. The main incentive to use the open online course platform should be to improve the quality of teaching at University, to implement programs with the participation of Russian leading lecturers .

However, we do not mean to replace all the practical classes with online education. "Live" teaching can only be replaced partially (a particular course or module) if it does not meet the quality requirements, or if such a replacement allows releasing resources of the University in order to redistribute them in favor of more productive types of work with students.

In general, online education is developing in Russia. However, in the opinion of

SPbPU's rector A. I. Rudskoy, the development is quite slow, which can be explained by the fact that many Russian students prefer to study using similar foreign resources. One of the proposals put forward by A. I. Rudskoy, was strengthening the management of the Open Education project "". In order to implement this idea, according to the rector's opinion , it is essential to undertake an independent technical audit of the platform, and later make a decision based on the audit's outcome: whether to modify the current management or to change it completely. In addition, one of the crucial problems is the lack of up-to-date operational information about the project, therefore, it is obvious that we should increase the comprehensive information support of the project.

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