

Russian-French Research and Education Center will be created at the Polytechnic University

Peter the Great Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic University and the city administration of Nice, France, are beginning to cooperate in order to establish the International Research and Education Center for Landscape Architecture and Municipal Improvement "Polytechnic". On September 21st M.P. Fyodorov, the President of SPbPU, and Christian Tordeau, Deputy Mayor for the Economic Development of the city of Nice, discussed the issues concerning the given IREC.

The international research and education project is implemented by the Polytechnic University together with the French Federation of Landscape Architects. The city administration of Nice is a partner of the Federation, that was why the French delegation headed by Mister Tordeau expressed a wish to support the project and to identify the necessary resources and needs in the sphere of sustainable development of the city, from the point of view of the Polytechnic University representatives.



During the meeting there was demonstrated a short presentation of Peter the Great Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic University and its educational programs

connected with sustainable development of cities, municipal improvement, eco-building, energy-saving, etc. M.P. Fyodorov, the President of SPbPU, remarked, “I specialize in ecology and energetics, that is why now I am speaking not as an official, but as a scientist. In my opinion, the idea of developing the Polytechnic University lies in combining engineering and ecological education. This means that the engineers we teach in any case must think about the influence of their projects on the environment”.

A.N. Chyusov, PhD in Engineering Science, head of the Department of Civil Engineering and Applied Ecology at the Institute of Civil Engineering of SPbPU, told the participants of the discussion about the aims and goals of establishing the International Research and Education Center for Landscape Architecture and Municipal Improvement “Polytechnic”, as well as the first steps towards creating applied Bachelor’s and Master’s programs recognized in both countries.



Audrey Donadey-Pascal, project manager of the Department of Economics, Innovation, Employment and International Relations of the Metropolis Nice Côte d'Azur presented a Project of national significance (in the Russian language), namely “Eco-valleys of the river Var”, which is a unique project in Europe combining on its territory all cutting-edge technologies in the field of sustainable development of cities. During the next part of the meeting the participants defined the spheres of interests and competences of the tutors that can take part in the future activities of the Center for Landscape Architecture and Municipal

Improvement “Polytechnic” on behalf of the city of Nice.

The issues concerning internships for students and postgraduate students were also discussed during the meeting. As a result, it was decided to organize seminars for Russian specialists in this sphere in Saint-Petersburg inviting French experts.

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