

## Participants of the international Erasmus+ project met at SPbPU

In 2015, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University became a member of eight ERASMUS+ projects (Key Action 1 – Mobility for learners and staff) supported by the European Union. As part of these projects, SPbPU students and postgraduates had the opportunity to spend a semester studying or doing research in a partner university, while the teaching staff could apply to a short-term scholarship.



The cooperation has already produced results: On November 26-27, the SPbPU Supply Center for International Activity hosted the first coordination meeting for the participants of the international Erasmus+ project "Development and Implementation of the Master's Degree Program 'Green Logistics Management': Promotion of Trans Eurasian Accessibility Through Sustainable Logistics Management and IT Competence."

The meeting was attended by delegates from nine universities of Russia, Kazakhstan, Sweden, Germany, and Estonia, all of which take part in the project.

Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University was represented by V. A. Leventsov, Director of the Institute of Industrial Economics and Management (IIEM); D. A. Garanin, Head of the Department of Entrepreneurship and Commerce; and N. S. Lukashevich, Ass. Prof. at the Department of Entrepreneurship and Commerce, moderator of the meeting. O. G. Yemelyanova, Deputy Director of the International Educational Projects Office, represented the university's international department.



The main purpose of the coordination meeting was to present the participants of the project, discuss its management, and assign responsibilities.

Director of the IIEM V. A. Leventsov stated in his opening speech: "Our university has become the host of the first coordination meeting for a reason. St. Petersburg and the Leningrad Region are major centers for transport and logistics, which is demonstrated by the substantial increase in the traffic volume in the recent years. However, Russian companies don't concern themselves with the principles of 'green' logistics, which are being promoted by the European Logistics Association."

Head of the project Anatoli BEIFERT, representative of Hochschule Wismar, University of Applied Sciences, Technology, Business and Design (Germany), focused on major objectives and results of the project in his speech: "According to the research project on the East-West-2 transport corridor, the European transport

sector, particularly in the Eastern Europe and near the Baltic Sea Region, highly depends on the degree of logistics competence in Russia and Kazakhstan. The project aspires to develop education programs in the field of 'green' logistics management in these countries, so as to improve the quality of specialist training and implement logistics competences and skills on the basis of the best practices of European universities."

Anna Muravyova, Deputy Director of the Russian Office of Erasmus+, discussed the problems that arise during the implementation of Erasmus+ projects and the ways to solve them. She also talked about the measures to increase the effectiveness of work and cooperation between the participants.

On the second day of the meeting, panel discussions were held, where the participants shared their experience in the implementation of international education programs, assigned responsibilities, and unanimously agreed that the meeting was effective.

### **Partner universities on ERASMUS+ Projects are as follows:**

#### **Партнерскими вузами по Проектам ERASMUS+ стали**

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- Ghent University, Belgium (QS 124)
- Alliance of 4 Universities, Spain (Autonomous University of Madrid (QS 186), Autonomous University of Barcelona (QS 190), Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona (QS 295), Charles III University of Madrid (QS 314))
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway (QS 254)
- University of Regensburg, Germany (QS 461-470)
- University of Granada Spain (QS 461-470)
- Brandenburg University of Technology, Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany
- Varna Free University „Chernorizets Hrabar“, Bulgaria

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