



## TAURUS Newsletter (August 2019)

**Dear readers,**

We would like to inform you about the progress of our ERASMUS+ project "TAURUS". TAURUS enables master students from China, Russia and EU countries to visit leading universities to learn about sustainable development of megacities. TAURUS brings students together with industry and universities to enhance their employability.

### 1. Presentation of the TAURUS lead

The TAURUS project is led and coordinated by Prof. Paolo De Angelis, who is a full professor at the University of Tuscia and has contributed to several EU and international projects. Currently, he coordinates the ERASMUS programmes in the sector of Forestry and Environmental Sciences.



### 2. Results of the Employer Survey

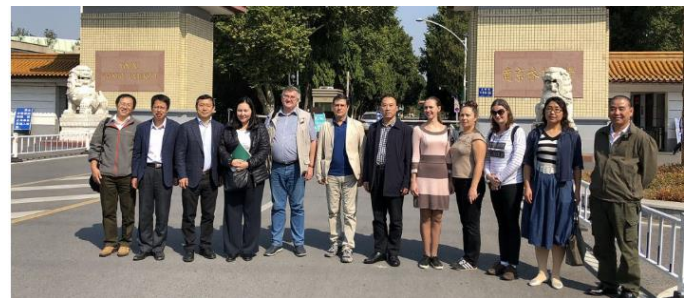
The team of the Peoples Friendship University Moscow (RUDN) conducted a survey among employers to evaluate the needs to students in shaping their work profile. The team identified two main recommendations:

- Universities should pay more attention to the development of individual profiles of students by encouraging students to visit extra-curricular events.
- Universities should pay close attention to work out study programs that allow graduates to attain soft skills (teamwork, creativity, responsibility and organization) and more placements in different industries.

Please do check out the webpage if you are interested in more details.

### 3. Meeting at Nanjing Forestry and Fuzhou Universities

After the successful meetings in Moscow, Voronezh, the TAURUS consortium was very active with several work meetings, with the last held at Fuzhou Universities and Nanjing Forestry University in October 2018. The meeting was a very fruitful gathering of the entire project team. In a friendly environment and for three days, intensive work brought the project a lot forward. Many thanks to the main organizers of the meetings: Professors Yu Yuanchun and Xiangqing Ma.



### 4. Next meeting in Göttingen

The next meeting of the TAURUS consortium will be held in October 2019 at the University of Göttingen. The main topic will be a public workshop on "Educational facilities to face urbanization challenges". During the meeting we will discuss recent achievements and coordinate future actions. With a special focus on the first round of internships which will start this autumn we expect the meeting to be rich in discussions and to be decisive for the further directions of TAURUS.

*The next newsletter will be published in October 2019. Thank you for reading. Don't forget to also check out our website.*