
MIREES Promotional Meeting

On May 31, 2016 an informative meeting with representatives of the University of Bologna was held at St. Petersburg State University; on this occasion, the joint Master's programme MIREES, implemented by Bologna University, Saint Petersburg State University, Corvinus University of Budapest and Vytautas Magnus University in Kaunas was presented to undergraduate and graduate students.

“This programme is designed for in-depth study of the economic, political and cultural processes in Central and Eastern Europe, the new member States of the European Union, and Russia”- briefly presented the program Professor S. Tkachenko of St. Petersburg State University.

«MIREES programme is recognized as one of the best in the University of Bologna and in Italy; moreover, some of its professors act with lecture courses at St. Petersburg State University: for example, in April 2016 with lectures delivered by Professor Stefano Bianchini” – pointed out Professor K. Panzerev, coordinator of International Connections in the fields of International Relations, Political Science, Sociology and Economics.

In 2010, St. Petersburg State University was one of the parties to the agreement on joint organization and implementation of the MIREES programme. The programme is designed for bachelor's degree graduates in Law, Political Science, International Relations, Economics, History, Linguistics and Cultural Studies. Training takes place during the first year of study at the campus of the University of Bologna in Forlì; during the second year students study at one of the partner Universities, and also have the opportunity to follow courses at the University of Zagreb and the University of Ljubljana.

St. Petersburg State University Professors S. Tkachenko and A. Izotov lead courses in the framework of MIREES, and prepare undergraduates to defend theses. "The programme is interdisciplinary in nature, as the curriculum includes courses in Economics, Sociology, Political Science, History, Geopolitics. For example, I lead courses on relations between Russia and the

European Union, the policy of Russia, the OSCE " - explained Assistant Professor of St. Petersburg State University A. Izotov.

More details concerning the programme were provided by MIREES alumna Valentina Gilardoni: "The uniqueness of this Master lies in the fact that you are constantly in a multicultural environment, as the programme receives students from Russia, Italy, China, Australia, the USA, Serbia, Hungary; teaching staff is multinational as well. The main teaching language is English, but the training includes compulsory foreign language courses: graduates may choose to study Bulgarian, Russian, Croatian, Slovak, Serbian, Bosnian. Through such opportunities, alumni become not only experts in their area of specialization, but also able to work in the region and to communicate in one of its languages."