

Italian Architects at GTU within Erasmus+ ICM Project

On 25 April – 01 May the representatives of Politecnico di Milano – POLIMI (Italy), Associate Professor Nora Lombardini and PhD Elena Fioretto have been visiting Georgian Technical University within Erasmus+ mobility project, coordinated by POLIMI. Mrs. Lombardini and Mrs. Elena Fioretto are from POLIMI Department of Architecture, Built Environment and Construction Engineering and they have been visiting GTU within Erasmus+ mobility project for teaching activities.



At GTU Faculty of Architecture, Urban Planning and Design Italian guests became acquainted with the teaching methods related to the reconstruction, rehabilitation, restoration and urban reconstruction.

On April 26 Italian scientists met Prof. Giuli Geglia, Prof. Besarion Tatishvili and Dr. Bela Tinikashvili at the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning. At the meeting were discussed appropriate curricula and students projects as well.

Italian architects attended the classes in Architectural Design led by Academician Vakhtang Davitaia together with young architects Ana Babilashvili and Mamuka Baratashvili.



After the classes was held the meeting with Academician Davitaia discussing actual problems of modern architecture. Georgian Academician made a present of his well-known publications to Italian guests and to POLIMI library as well.





On April 27, Associate Professor Nora Lombardini and PhD Elena Fioretto attended workshop and students presentations: “Prospective development and reconstruction of Tbilisi historic sites” led by architect Irakli Murghulia.





At the workshop Mrs. Lombardini delivered masterclass and a lecture on "Method and Practice for restoration in the present times: potentiality for an intercultural dialogue".



Italian guests visited the exhibition and art studio of the Faculty and were impressed with students works and projects.

The guests also visited old Tbilisi and became familiar with popular historic sites and brand new constructions as well, including the buildings built by Italian architect Massimiliano Fuksas.





During the mobility activities, on April 28, Italian guests visited GTU International Design School and conducted masterclass on “The BBPR’s Colonia Elioterapica of Legnano: a case study for a possible enhancement of Modern Heritage and its environment”.

On April 29, they traveled to Georgia's oldest town Mtskheta, former capital of Georgia together with Georgian architects Giuli Geglia and Besarion Tatishvili, the authors of Mtskheta reconstruction. Italian and Georgian architects discussed the possibilities related to further cooperation between the universities and two architectural schools as well.

Intensive mobility programme included working meetings at GTU International Relations and Standards Office as well. Assoc. Prof. Lombardini and PhD Fioretto met Prof. Otar Zumburidze, Institutional Coordinator and Head of International relations and Standards office. At the meetings with Institutional Coordinator and other IRO representatives were discussed the details of ongoing mobility project and the possibilities to launch new mobility projects and its perspectives. Herewith were considered the details of submitted new Erasmus+ CBHE project NET'sUS. The coordinator of this joint project is POLIMI as well.