

Municipality, University of Genoa, AMGA Foundation: the start-up of the Netwater project

Today the presentation of the Netwater project

The project, carried out in the framework of the Tempus programme by the Department of Chemistry and Industrial Chemistry of the University of Genoa, in partnership with AMGA Foundation and Provincia di Genova, will promote the training of experts in the field of water treatment in Russian Universities.

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It was presented today in Genoa at the AMGA theatre in via Serra 3a, the “Netwater” programme, realized by the University of Genoa in cooperation with AMGA Foundation and Provincia.

Also Confindustria and Camera di Commercio (Chamber of Commerce), which have collaborated on the realization of the project, participated in the presentation conference.

“The project – explained prof. Gustavo Capannelli, lecturer of Industrial Chemistry at the University of Genoa and coordinator of the project – has been carried out within the framework of the TEMPUS programme (Trans European Mobility Scheme for University Studies), founded by the European Commission in 1990, which aims at promoting the development of the university systems in Partner Countries belonging to the ex-URSS and Mediterranean areas, by boosting the institutions of the UE State Members and the Partner Countries to commit (themselves) to a cooperation, whose goal is the curricular reform and the modernization of the governance and the management”.

More precisely, the Netwater project envisages the realization of a network between Russian Universities for the training on environmental issues, particularly on water resources, the curricular reform of Russian Universities regarding the technologies linked to environmental issues and the diffusion of the UE environmental policies.

“The financing of the project by the European Commission – as declared by prof. Michele Marsonet, pro-rector for the International Relations of the Genoese Athenaeum – has first of all a great relevance within the national frame of the Community Funding to the university system. It has also a value linked to the potentialities of the University to “export” training projects of quality which can be introduced in other university systems, such as the Russian one, which is in a phase of transition towards the approaching to the EU Countries systems. The result achieved, besides, represents a recognition of the synergic actions of the main actors of the social and economic territory framework”.

The first concrete action of the project is the participation of Russian students in the Master in “Membrane Technologies for Water Treatment”, organized by the University of Genoa in cooperation with AMGA Foundation and Provincia di Genova; the latter, as remarked by its vice-president Osvaldo Conio, has always been pro-active in promoting and implementing research, training and information projects related to water sector and in supporting water programmes, at both national and international level, which could favour the interaction between public utilities, universities, research centres, public authorities and final users.