

## REBUS INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

Training workshop and coordination meeting of participants of international project REBUS – Ready for BUSiness was held at the Duisburg- Essen University on November 13-18. The full name of project, which is funded by the European Union in the framework of the Erasmus+ European programme: "REady for BUSiness Integrating and validating practical entrepreneurship skills in engineering and ICT studies – REBUS.

Head of Volga Tech Department of International Cooperation Eldar Kurbanov, Associate Professor of the Department of Forestry and Forest Management Oleg Vorobev, Research Associate Sergei Lezhnin, Head of International Project Office Alexey Fominykh represented Volga Tech.

The REBUS project aimed at developing entrepreneurial competencies among students of engineering and technical specialties. Many graduates of technical universities in Russia and in the European Union can't find a job in their specialty and they don't have skills to generate innovative solutions or ideas for starting their own business. Teachers of REBUS project are experienced experts in the field of innovative consulting from Austria (company de Berater) and Duisburg-Essen University will help students. New developments in the field of validation (integrated assessment entrepreneurship competencies, including completion creative portfolio, the recognition of academic qualifications (diplomas and degrees), certification of professional skills on the European EUROPASS system are an important part of the project.

Apart from two Russian Universities – Volga State University of Technology and Siberian State University of Telecommunications and Informatics project involves also Universities of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Kosovo. Attraction Balkan countries are due to the fact that EU invests heavily in their development, because they count on EU membership.

The target audience of the REBUS project comprised students of the master program "International cooperation in the forestry complex and nature management" (Head – Professor Eldar Kurbanov). In 2018 project provided short-term training course at Duisburg-Essen University where theme of innovation and entrepreneurship in forestry and nature management will be discussed.



