

## Press Release

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### **Commencement of the academic term for the first Professional Master's Degree Program in “Infrastructure and Construction Project Management”, offered by the National Technical University of Athens and GEK TERNA Group**

Since the beginning of the month, the 35 students who have successfully been admitted to the first Professional Master's Degree Program in “Infrastructure and Construction Project Management”, a program entirely financed by GEK TERNA Group for an initial 5-year period with a total amount of half a million euros, have taken their seat in the lecture halls of the School of Civil Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens. In addition, as part of the general contribution to the Program, TERNA S.A., the construction arm of the Group, proceeded pro bono, before the start of the semester, with intensive renovation works of the Lecture Halls and the professors’ office areas, as well as upgrades to the audio-visual equipment devices, lighting and air conditioning.

The Master's Program, is carried out by the School of Civil Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens, in partnership with the School of Mechanical Engineering-NTUA and the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering-NTUA, for the interdisciplinary coverage of the subjects it includes. In this context, the Master's Program facilitates the fully aligned specialization of young engineers in the administration and management of infrastructure and construction projects, via the application of new technologies, the familiarization with modern scientific concepts and the utilization of techniques related to all stages of a construction project’s life cycle. In addition, the Program aims to cover all aspects of the infrastructure and construction sector and highlight not only the technical, but also the economic, environmental, legal and social dimension of infrastructure and construction projects, starting from initial planning, and up to their implementation and operation.

The recently launched Fall Semester includes courses such as Integrated Project and Risk Management, Construction Techniques and Methods, Costing and Bidding, Technical Law, Technical Finance, as well as guest lectures and technical on site visits. The Master's Program includes two semesters of courses, lectures, technical visits and one semester of preparing the postgraduate thesis. Upon successful completion of their studies, graduates are awarded a Postgraduate Diploma (MPD), equivalent to a Master of Science (MSc) degree.

The final selection of the students was made following an official call for expressions of interest and an evaluation process by the National Technical University of Athens. In particular, the nomination files were evaluated considering the criteria and conditions of the applicable legislation and a ranking list of candidates was drawn up.

The selection among the candidates was made in three stages. In the first stage, the selection was based on the data of the participation application, those who did not meet the above admission criteria and prerequisites were excluded. In the second stage, those who successfully passed the first stage were evaluated based on only three criteria (general diploma grade, years of study, postgraduate studies) and the best candidates were selected. In the third and final stage, the above-mentioned top candidates were invited to an interview and their overall profile was evaluated. In conjunction with the criteria of the second stage, other criteria were accordingly taken into account such as: university honors, research and professional experience, scientific publications, other related activities and abilities of the candidates (such as leadership, organizational, communication), letters of recommendation, goals, motivations and their development prospects.

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