

Gruppo ASTM and Politecnico di Torino: collaboration renewed to train tomorrow's engineers

Successfully completed two-day training workshop for 60 students from the University of Turin with a visit to some of the main modernization sites active along the A32 Turin - Bardonecchia

Bardonecchia (TO), 14th June 2024. Introducing young undergraduates to the motorway concessions work of world and visiting some of the most significant modernization sites along the A32 Turin-Bardonecchia. This is the initiative of the training workshop that ended yesterday, the result of the collaboration between the **ASTM Group** and the **Politecnico di Torino**, one of Europe's top universities, which involved 60 undergraduates of the master's degree course in Civil Engineering.

A collaboration that was renewed for the second year in a row, after the success of the previous edition that had seen the participation of 40 undergraduates and had included the visit to the most important modernization sites along the A6 Turin-Savona motorway, in order to identify and enhance young talents. It confirmed the role of ASTM as an entrepreneurial hub for of highly skilled professionals and of the Politecnico di Torino as an agent of growth for the Country.

The 2024 project saw the 60 students involved, on the first day, in many didactic sessions held by technicians from Sitaf and SINA, the highway concessionaire for the A32 Turin-Bardonecchia and the ASTM Group engineering company, respectively. On the second day, students were able to gain direct experience of design and engineering work with a visit to the Mompantero Tunnel construction site on the A32 motorway in Susa and the Bussoleno Viaduct construction site, both of which are undergoing significant modernization and upgrading work in compliance with new and more stringent safety regulations.

The educational visit represented an important moment of training "in the field" at the conclusion of the course of study, with the involvement of both Italian and foreign students of the master's degree course in Civil Engineering at the Turin Polytechnic, accompanied for the occasion by professors Orazio Baglieri, Paolo Castaldo and Luca Giordano.

"This initiative is part of a larger project to stimulate the interest of younger people in a complex sector that requires highly qualified skills. Infrastructure and motorways, in fact, are key elements for the development of the National Economic System and their technological and regulatory evolution requires professionals capable of facing the challenges of future mobility," commented Giovanni Frante, Head of Communication and Institutional Affairs at ASTM. "We want to bring new talents closer to the ASTM Group, enhancing the different professional skills that can grow within an international player, active in several interconnected sectors ranging from design, construction, to management including technological infrastructure."

"For several years now, the Boarding of Civil Engineering has been investing many resources in experiential teaching activities, allowing our students to see the real-life application of theoretical knowledge learned in the classroom. In this particular time, characterized by a decline in vocations to the disciplines of civil engineering, the opportunity that our course of study offers during the training to visit the construction sites of important infrastructure works can certainly be an important element of attraction for many girls and boys to a sector that today, more than ever, guarantees extraordinary and unprecedented employment opportunities," commented the Politecnico di Torino.

ASTM Group is an international infrastructure player. Operating in more than 15 countries, with about 16,500 employees and associates, it's active in the management of motorway concessions, the design and construction of major works and applied mobility technology. The Group adopts a "one-company" business model incorporating integrated skills that cover the entire value chain of the infrastructure sector. ASTM Group is the second largest operator in the world in the management of motorway infrastructure with a network of approximately 6,200 km, with more than 1,400 km of this in Italy, 4,700 km in Brazil – through the company EcoRodovias – and 84 km in the United Kingdom, through its subsidiary Road Link.

Politecnico di Torino (www.polito.it) was founded in 1906 and has its origins from the School of Application for Engineers that arose in 1859. It is accredited by international rankings as one of the leading technical universities in Europe, with more than 38,000 students, 19 percent of them international, from 120 countries. The Politecnico aims to be a center of excellence for education and research in Engineering, Architecture, Design and Planning with close relations and collaborations with the socio-economic system

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