

**Application for AESOP full membership by Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Urban Planning (Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg)**

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The Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Urban Planning, Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg (Germany) submitted the required information on staff and education programmes. The submitted information was assessed in relation to the criteria for AESOP full membership (autonomous planning programme), and against the criteria defined in the core curriculum of AESOP.

**Assessment against AESOP's criteria**

1) offers an autonomous planning programme: YES

The Faculty offers first and second cycle programmes in the field of planning. Also third cycle (PhD) education is offered, with a list of several completed PhDs provided for the years 2015 and 2016. This is organized for the joint programme of Heritage Studies as an International Graduate School. It is not clear from the submitted documentation which courses (e.g. on research methodology) PhD candidates in the other disciplines have to follow and how their PhD education is organized. A general regulation on admission of PhD students and the arrangements for their examination has been submitted, however, as well as a special regulation for the PhD programme in Heritage Studies.

Three BA (1<sup>st</sup> cycle) programmes are offered (architecture, civil engineering, urban and regional planning), of which in any case the 3 year / 180 ECs BA in urban and regional planning (215 students enrolled in 2016) can be regarded as autonomous planning programme.

Altogether seven MSc (2<sup>nd</sup> cycle) programmes are offered, three in the same disciplines as the BA degrees (architecture, civil engineering, urban and regional planning), and thus including an autonomous MSc planning programme (2 years, 120 ECs, with 97 Masters students enrolled for urban and regional planning in 2016). In addition, and related to the field of planning, 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle programmes are offered as follows: MSc in Building and Conservation, MA in Heritage Conservation and Site Management, (joint programme with Cairo), MSc Urban Design / Revitalisation of Historic City Districts, and MA in World Heritage Studies.

2) meets the criteria defined in the core curriculum of AESOP: YES

In order to assess this criterion of membership, the focus was on reviewing the content of the BA and MSc programmes on urban and regional planning as set out on the Faculty's website.

The AESOP core curriculum requires planning education to involve:

- Theoretical and practical knowledge on the desirability of legitimacy of and conditions for purposeful planning intervention (at various territorial scales);
- Theoretical and practical knowledge on the preparation and advancement of such interventions and on judging the effects thus generated (at various territorial scales);

- Technological knowledge and skills to actually engage in planning activities in real life situations (at various territorial scales, link to planning practice).

The Faculty's BA and MSc on urban and regional planning meet these criteria for the content of planning education.

=> On the basis of this assessment, the recommendation is to accept the Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Urban Planning, Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg (Germany) as a full member of AESOP

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From **Dominic Stead** – BK   
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Date **Today 17:53**



Dear Paulo

After considering the documentation supplied by the applicant I am pleased to recommend full AESOP membership to the Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Urban Planning (Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg).

I had a slight concern about the fact that the Faculty does not offer specific PhD programme in Planning but I understand that this is not a precondition for full membership of AESOP.

As such, I can agree with the comments and recommendation of the other external evaluator, Stefanie Dühr.

Best wishes

Dominic

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