

PRESS RELEASE



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Learn and Grow: mageba provides hands-on training for Delft University Students

It is a sunny morning in Belgrade and Omar Mousa is waiting for a bus full of students from Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands). 45 prospective engineers and their professor are up to spend one day in Serbia, looking behind the scenes of a selection of famous civil engineering projects in South and Eastern Europe.

The study trip comprises projects in Italy, Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia with focus on support by local universities and companies directly involved in the projects' construction. As mageba was part of numerous projects, we were glad to offer assistance in one of the scheduled destinations.

In close collaboration with Mr Jorg Grolle, Project Commissioner of the European Travel Committee, the breakpoint in Serbia had been set up as an attractive and hands-on highlight. To ensure that the visit in Serbia provides valuable experience and in-depth background, the trip was accompanied by key persons for bridge building in Serbia. Kick-off took place in Belgrade's historic University.

Mr. Bratislav Stipanic, Professor for Steel Structures & Bridges, briefly granted background information of the country's infrastructure projects such as the 'Sava Bridge' and the construction's scope. Next to this theoretical section, Mr. Marko Pavlovic and Mr. Slobodan Mitrovic, both project managers of a well-known constructor, provided hands-on insight in two further important projects: 'Zezelj Bridge' and 'Beska Bridge', both located in Serbia's second largest city Novi Sad.

"A focus of the projects' presentation was given to brief the graduates about the complete planning and executing process for civil engineering projects. Moreover, we demonstrated the challenges of choosing the right components such as structural bearings and expansions joints." explained Omar Mousa, International Sales Manager of mageba. "We also aimed to sensitise the graduates with preventative points of view in terms of addressing issues such as "Structural Health

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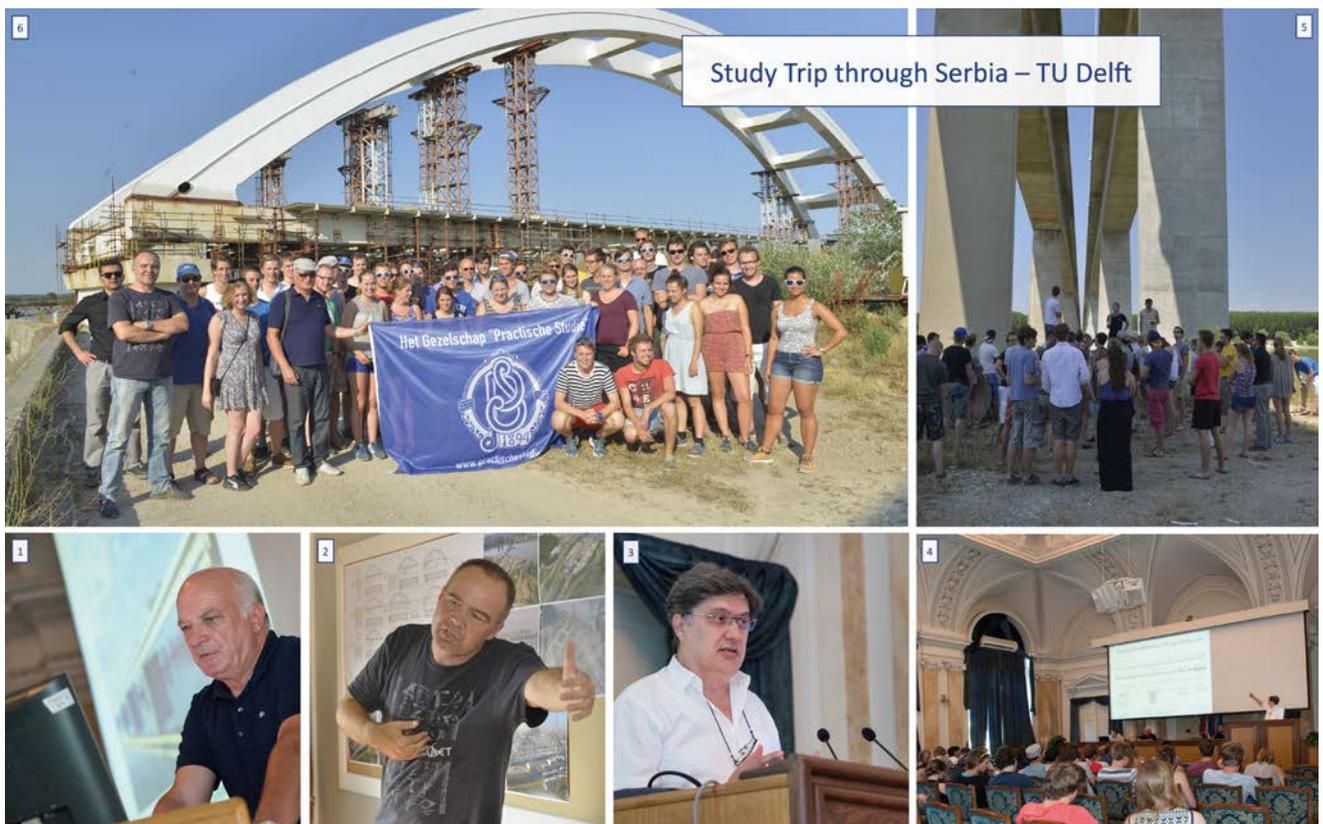
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Monitoring” and “Life-cycle costs”. All these aspects are essentials for the work of future engineers. During lunch, everybody had the opportunity to recap the gained knowledge and to benefit from networking. We hope to have hence contributed to an interesting diary for the study trip.”

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Attached pictures:

- 1) Prof. Stipanic welcoming the prospective engineers from TU Delft (NL)
- 2) Explaining details of the Zezelj Bridge’s construction process
- 3) Explaining details of the Beska Bridge’s construction process
- 4) Theoretical session in the University of Belgrade
- 5) Stopping at Beska Bridge
- 6) Final recap at Zezelj Bridge, still under construction but hence granting hands-on background information for civil engineering



About mageba sa:

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The company was established in 1963 and today has over 700 employees worldwide, of which more than 100 are engineers. Some 120 people work at the head office in Switzerland.

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