France and Tec de Monterrey analyze future of joint projects



Consul of **France** Guillaume Pierre visited <u>Tec de Monterrey</u> to look for specific areas where value can be added so as to **generate collaboration**.

On October 27, the consul visited the **Monterrey campus** to assess common interests in various areas, highlighting the possibility of these being in **creative industries**, **health matters**, **and urban planning**.

"Specific areas were identified within the Tec for exploring the added value that France can offer, such as **cinema**, **journalism**, or **medicine**," explained **Nathán Wolf**, the institution's Director of Strategic International Relations.

"In order for collaboration to be significant, a **focus** on topics such as the teaching of the **French language** was also addressed, which would allow for **greater student mobility** to that country's institutions," added the director.



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France seeks to promote greater cooperation

The **consulate of France in Monterrey** opened on October 20, making this one of the diplomat's first visits in his new role.

After meeting with **Rodolfo Rubio**, Vice President of Communication and Relations, as well as other executives, **they agreed to work on a road map to find common interests between the Tec and French universities**, Wolf said.

"It was a very pragmatic and productive meeting, at which there was already talk of **drawing up a road map and identifying specific points** whereby a fruitful relationship between France and the Tec can begin," he said.

During the meeting, they also reached out to **Roberto Íñiguez**, Dean of the **School of Architecture**, **Art, and Design**, to discuss how to collaborate in **areas such as urban planning**.



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The consul emphasized the **opportunity of working** with Tec de Monterrey.

"What I've seen has been impressive," he said.

Also present on the visit was Adelino Braz, Cooperation and Cultural Action Officer at the French Embassy in Mexico and Director of the French Institute of Latin America, as well as other consulate officials.

As part of the visit, the delegation took a look at the **Emerging Technologies Laboratory** (Mostla), located in the **Rector's Building**, and the **Library**.

The Tec and France: student mobility

In the last 5 years, Tec de Monterrey has received more than 2,000 French students on its campuses. During that same period, more than 3,000 Tec students have studied in France.

Specifically, a total of **2,617** French students from **101 educational institutions** have studied at **Tec de Monterrey** between 2016 and 2021.

The undergraduate and graduate students come from schools such as: <u>ECE École d'Ingénieurs</u>, <u>École Supérieure de Commerce de Clermont</u>, and <u>IÉSEG School of Management</u>.

In the same period, **3,173 Tec students** have made study visits to France, in schools such as Rennes School of Business, École de Management Strasbourg, and Université de Technologie de Troyes.

This represents **temporary mobility**, which includes three types of programs:

- 1. Exchange program mobility
- 2. (Intensive) Short-term Study Abroad program mobility
- 3. Semester or Trimester Study Abroad program mobility

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