



Varna Scientific and Technical Unions (VSTU)

Varna Scientific and Technical Unions is a non-governmental, non-political organization. It is a member organization of the Federation of the Scientific and Technical Unions in Bulgaria (FSTU) which unites 19 scientific and technical unions (STU) and 34 local societies in the major cities of the country.

The main goals of the organization are to unite and support the efforts of its members to:

- professional progress; protection of the intellectual, professional and social rights of the specialists and promotion of their prestige in the society;
- involvement of experts in science and technology in projects supporting the regional development, as well as formulation and implementation of the scientific and technological policy of the region and the country;
- restructuring and protection of the Bulgarian production.

The basic activities of VSTU are:

- ◆ **training and qualification:** vocational training courses for students, high school and university graduates, unemployed, etc. (computers, foreign languages, specific professional training, under specific orders of companies, inclusively).
- ◆ **scientific activities:** organization and coordination of scientific and practical conferences, workshops, discussions, exchange of experience, etc. on topical problems of science, technology and world economy; scientific trips in the country and abroad; presentations of companies and technological achievements and innovations; development of regional programs and projects;
- ◆ **information and publishing activity:** keeps the society informed about scientific and technological achievements and promotes the dissemination of scientific and technical knowledge, high technologies and innovations. Publishes information bulletins and thematic series of "HTC" magazine (ISSN 1310-8573), as well as other printed publications.

Expert`s consultations:

Consultations, expert`s appraisals and predictions in the field of science, technology, economy, intellectual and industrial property, finance and taxation, performed by highly qualified scientists and experts, duly licensed and certified.

Engineering activities:

Based on his long term experience and traditions, the VSTU is able to form teams from scientists, engineers, technicians and economists and to perform projects in different fields of the industry and economy: Economical analyses and strategies, Ship design, Introducing of up to date information technologies and CAD/CAM systems, Standardization, Civil engineering, Environment protection and reliability