

We congratulate Francisco Tienda on completing his master's degree!

Francisco (26 years) came to us in the beginning of February to write his master's thesis at NTI. With the good help from his supervisor, Treteknisk researcher Roja Modaresi, he has successfully delivered and defended his thesis.

The master's thesis is entitled "Potential for CO₂ Removal from Harvested Wood Products through Alternative Decay Functions and Cascading Scenarios in Norway" and is part of a contribution to the SirkTRE/CircWood project.

From Mexico to Estonia

Francisco is originally from Mexico, and has studied the master's program Environmental Engineering and Management at Tallinn University of Technology (Taltech).

To defend his master's thesis, Francisco had to return to Tallinn after almost four months in Norway, which he was looking forward to.

– I like having to defend my thesis, being able to conclude something I have been working on for a long time, says Francisco.

Simultaneously as he studied in the big Estonian city, Francisco worked on the side throughout his stay, but when he now traveled back, he finally had free time to see a little more of the country. With a large network of friends, he was especially looking forward to hiking and seeing more of what nature has to offer.

Freedom in Europe

During the year and a half he has spent in Estonia, the feeling of freedom, learning and developing, as well as the good experiences he has had, were some of the things he takes with him.

The stay in Europe has given Francisco a lot of insight, both personally and professionally. He says that in order to thrive in a new country you have to continuously work to adapt, and that has motivated him to work even harder.

– Even though I had freedom in Mexico too, I still depended on other people, such as my family, and the surroundings were familiar and established.

Norway in two rounds

Francisco first came to Norway for a three-month internship last year, where he worked together with Erik Larnøy in NIBIO.

Coming back this year, there are several things he has appreciated.

– I can be myself, I have been given the opportunity to explore my skills, and I have contributed to results at work. I have felt like part of a team, and those I have worked with have included me in their team in a good way.

Francisco thinks it has been easy to get to know the people here, and he has found good friends in the young and newly employed advisers in the environmental department at NTI.

He has found that he likes working with people and the environment, and it will be exciting to follow Francisco on his way forward, whether it will be somewhere in Europe or in Mexico.