

Who can award the EUR-ACE® Label?

The EUR-ACE® label and its associated Framework Standards are open to quality assurance and accreditation agencies that accredit engineering programmes within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

Quality assurance and accreditation agencies which wish to award the EUR-ACE® Label can apply to ENAEE for authorisation, by filling in the application form available at www.enaee.eu

As of today the following are authorised to award the EUR-ACE® label to their accredited programmes:

1. ASIIN (DE) www.asiin.de
2. CTI (FR) www.cti-commission.fr
3. Engineering Council (UK) www.engc.org.uk
4. Engineers Ireland (IE) www.engineersireland.ie
5. Ordem dos Engenheiros (PT) www.ordemengenheiros.pt
6. AEER (RU) www.aeer.ru
7. MÜDEK (TR) www.mudek.org
8. ARACIS (RO) www.aracis.ro
9. QUACING (IT) www.quacing.it
10. KAUT (PL) www.kaut.agh.edu.pl
11. OAQ (CH) www.oaq.ch
12. ANECA (ES) www.aneqa.es
(in conjunction with IIE, www.iies.es)
13. FINEEC (FI) www.finheec.fi

An agency being reviewed for authorisation to grant EUR-ACE® labels may be given Candidate Status provided that the submitted application appears to comply with ENAEE requirements.

For an updated list of authorised agencies, please see www.enaee.eu



ENAEE grants authorisation to quality assurance and accreditation agencies which wish to award the EUR-ACE® label.

ENAEE is a not-for-profit organisation whose objectives are to:

- Promote the EUR-ACE® label and its associated framework standards
- Promote and co-ordinate national accreditation agencies, provide support and facilitate their reviews.

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EUR-ACE: EUROpean ACcredited Engineer

EUR-ACE®

The European quality label for engineering degree programmes at Bachelor and Master level.

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What is EUR-ACE®?

The EUR-ACE® system provides a set of standards to identify high quality engineering degree programmes in Europe and internationally, through the EUR-ACE® labelling system.

The EUR-ACE® label is a *certificate* awarded by an authorised accreditation agency to a HEI (Higher Education Institution) in respect of each engineering degree programme which it has accredited.

Engineering programmes that have been accredited by a EUR-ACE® authorised agency can be awarded the EUR-ACE® label, which gives international value and recognition to that engineering qualification.

To be authorised to award the EUR-ACE® label, an accreditation agency must satisfy quality requirements and accredit in accordance with the EUR-ACE® Framework Standards of ENAEE.

Why Programme Accreditation?

Professions such as engineering, medicine, architecture and others carry out work which directly affects the lives of the public.

In order to assure the public that these actions and decisions are carried out safely and ethically, graduates must possess specific competences.

To ensure that engineering education programmes produce graduates who can demonstrate satisfactory achievement of these competences, they are subject to accreditation by their professional body or another accreditation agency which carries out programme-based accreditation.

What are the benefits of the EUR-ACE® label?

- It is an additional verification of high quality engineering education – it meets the quality standards set by the engineering profession.
- It facilitates graduate application to EUR-ACE® Master and doctoral programmes in other higher education institutions.
- FEANI automatically includes EUR-ACE® labelled programmes in its INDEX, which lists the engineering degree programmes which satisfy the educational requirements for the EUR ING (European Engineer) title.
- The EUR-ACE® system facilitates both academic and professional mobility for engineering graduates.
- The EUR-ACE® label provides employers with a quality label when evaluating engineering degree qualifications.
- It is a means of promotion – students are more likely to choose a EUR-ACE® labelled engineering degree programme.

EUR-ACE® labels, used since 2006, are widely accepted and promoted by academic and professional engineering organisations, including FEANI.

To date, over 1600 EUR-ACE® labels have been awarded to 300 different HEIs, in 21 countries.

EUR-ACE® Framework Standards Flexible yet Rigorous

The EUR-ACE® Framework Standards and Guidelines (EAFSG) (revised March 2015) specify engineering programme outcomes i.e. the knowledge, skills and attitudes required of engineering graduates. They also specify the standards required of accreditation and quality assurance agencies authorised to award the EUR-ACE® Label to engineering degree programmes which they accredit.

They incorporate the views and perspectives of the main stakeholders and take into account the diversity of engineering programmes that are necessary for entry into the engineering profession in Europe.

In addition the EAFSG respect the many traditions and methods of engineering education in Europe, can accommodate innovation in teaching methods and practices, encourage the sharing of best practice, and can accommodate the development of new branches of engineering.

The EUR-ACE® Framework Standards and Guidelines encompass all engineering disciplines and profiles, and distinguish only between Bachelor and Master degrees. This means that graduates from EUR-ACE® labelled programmes can call themselves respectively EUR-ACE® Bachelor or EUR-ACE® Master.

On 19th November 2014, the 13 authorised agencies signed a Mutual Recognition Agreement, known as the “EUR-ACE® Accord”, whereby they accept each other’s accreditation decisions in respect of Bachelor and Master of Engineering degree programmes which they accredit.