

New challenges in the Engineering profession and education

Revision of the EUR-ACE Framework Standards and Guidelines

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XX Century Professional Training Paradox



European
Accreditation
of Engineering
Programmes
EUR-ACE®

XX Century NEEDS

Resources

INICIAL Training

Professional Experience
+
Updating

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Professional Periods

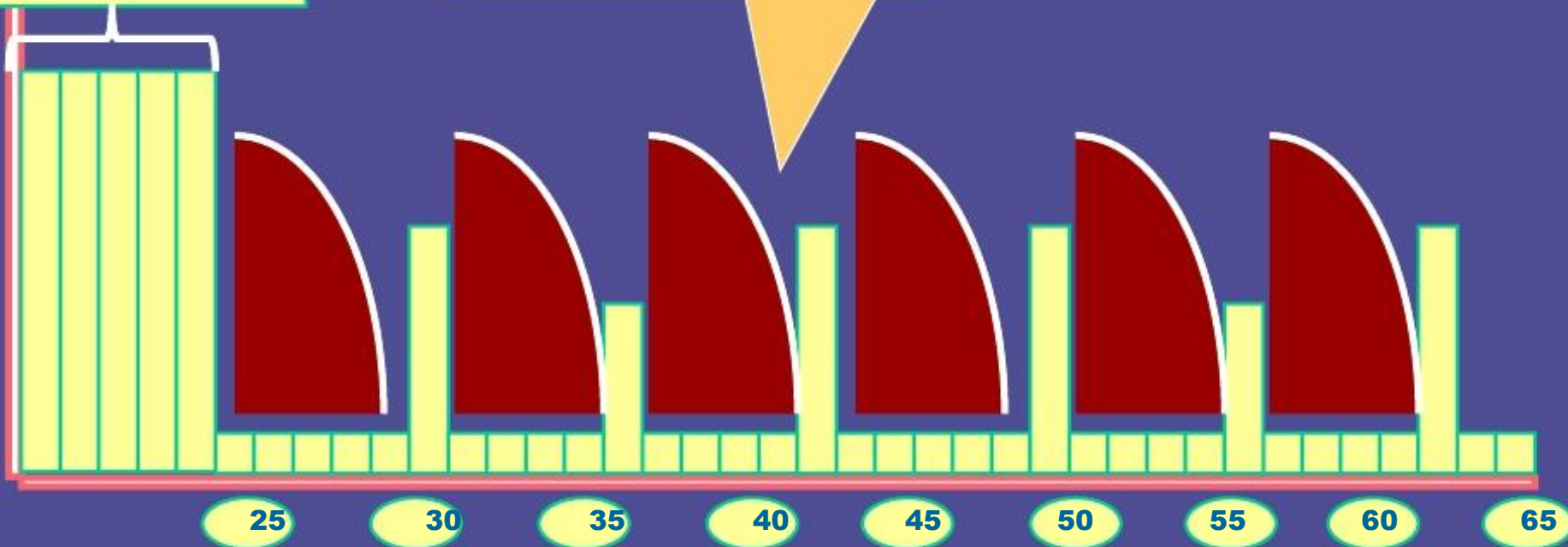
XXI Century Professional Training Paradox

Resources

INICIAL Training

TECNOLOGICAL Changes
NORMATIVE Changes
ORGANIZATION Changes
Crisis = Change = Innovation

XXI Century NEEDS



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Professional Periods

The discussion about the engineering profession !

We need more qualified engineers!

The requirements of the engineers' role have changed!



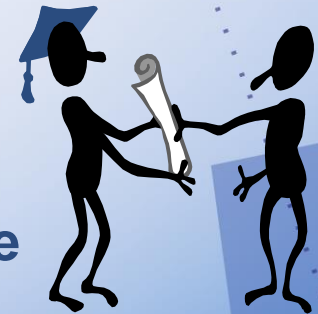
Engineering Education requirements



The engineering education needs to be more intensive and more attractive !



The engineering education needs to be more adapted to the new realities!



In reality...



This never happened...

In the university

Engineers role

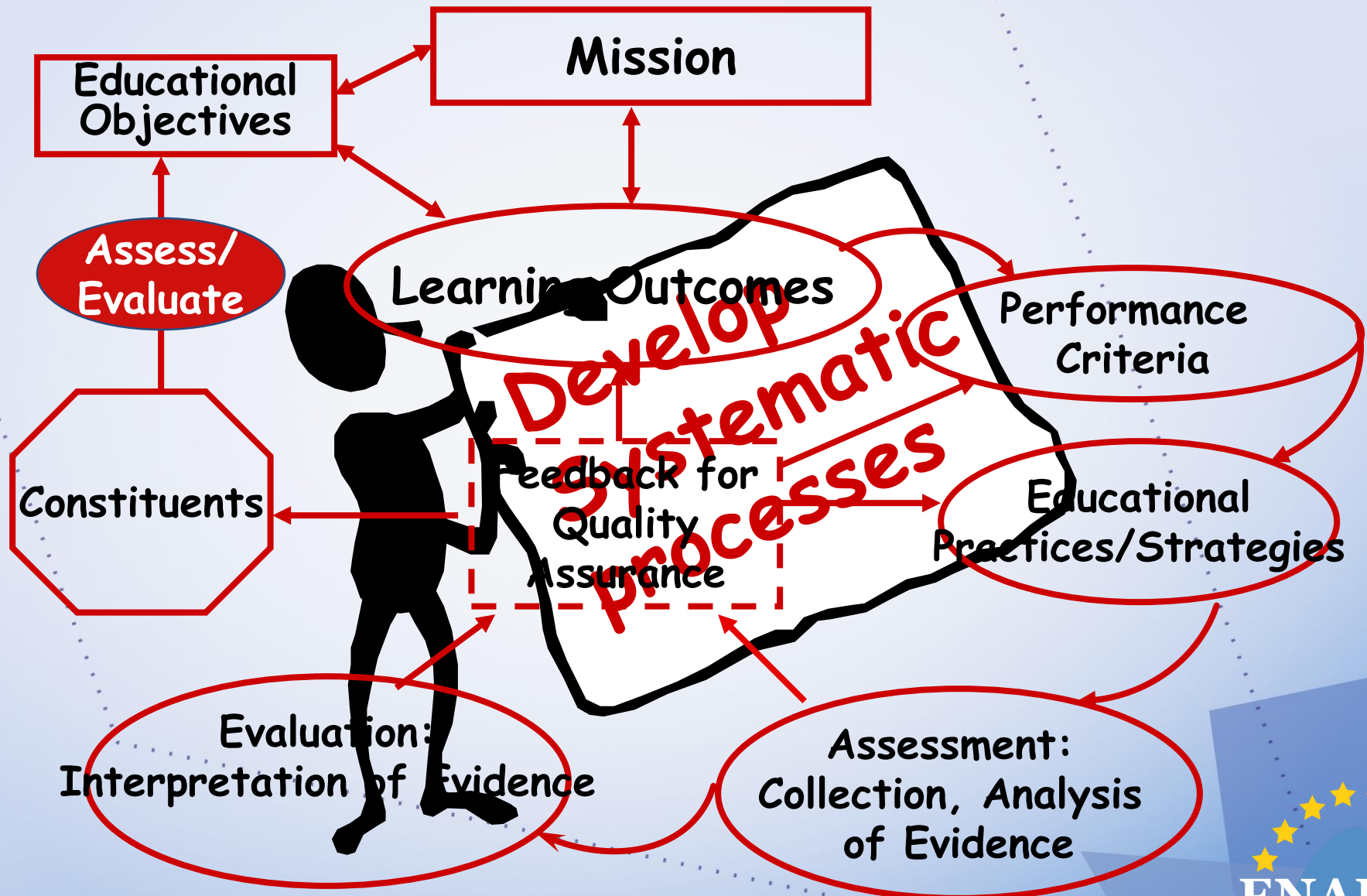
- Engineering activities have a **strong impact** on society and economy; they are highly responsible, like doctors, architects, ...
- There is a need to ensure that engineering education is a path that leads to the **profession of engineer** (pre-professional accreditation)


Quality assurance.

The world experience

- Validation and state accreditation of Higher Education Institutions and educational programs
- Professional accreditation of educational programs
- Certification of professional qualifications (Register of professional engineers and professional engineering educators)

Assessment for Quality Assurance





Accreditation is
the way to
ensure quality

A worldwide trend

- Requirements and goals for the educational system to provide engineering graduates with the expected outcomes,
 - ✓ Quality Assurance for the programme providers and for the accreditation agencies
- What an engineering graduate is supposed to know and be able to do,
 - ✓ Programme outcomes/graduate attributes



European Network for the Accreditation of Engineering Education (ENAE)

Awards the EUR-ACE[®] label

(2022-15 authorized agencies – over 4000 programs with label)

The 2 pillars of ENAEE « wisdom »

Quality assurance

Assessment of the processes and procedures:

- Programme aims
- Teaching and learning procedures resources
- Students (from admission to graduation)
- Internal quality assurance

Compliant with the

- ESG -European standards and guidelines for Quality Assurance in the EHEA-
- « Best practice in engineering programme accreditation » (IEA/ENAEE)

Programme outcomes

What an engineering degree must enable a graduate to demonstrate

8 domains for the knowledge, understanding, skills and abilities

- Knowledge and Understanding;
- Engineering Analysis;
- Engineering Design;
- Investigations;
- Engineering Practice;
- Making Judgement Skills;
- Communication and Team-working Skills;
- Learning Skills

The equivalences of the EUR-ACE and IEA systems is still an issue.

European education frameworks for engineers

Quality assurance

Bergen Communiqué (2005)
« Guarantee of Quality in HE »



European Standards and
Guidelines (ESG, ENQA,...)



QA Register (EQAR)



EUR-ACE Framework Standards and
guidelines (EAFSG)

Learning outcomes

European Qualification
Framework



Dublin descriptors



Revision of the EAFSG (2021)

The EASFG document 2021 reflect the changes in the accreditation environment:

- The rapid change in technology
- Online delivery of programmes
- Online assessment of programmes
- The social and ethical aspects of engineering work



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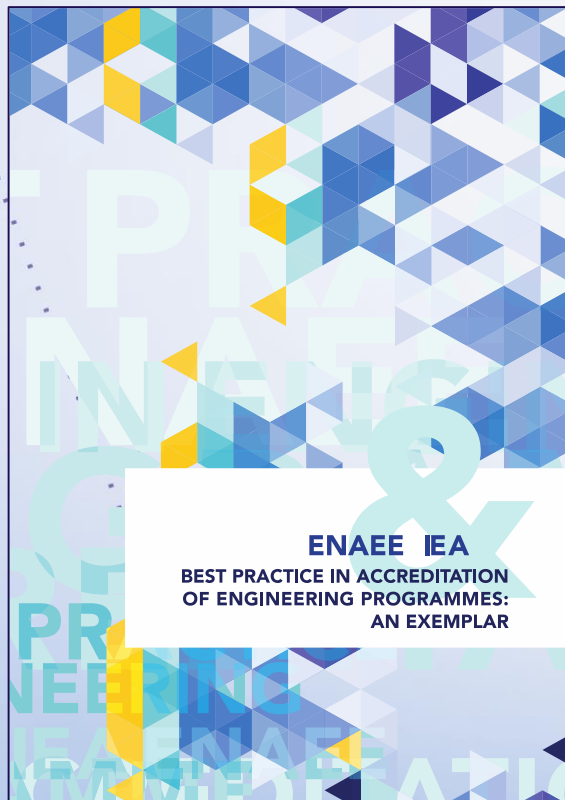
- Assessment of programmes delivered in multiple campuses, potentially in different countries.
- Multiple authorized agencies in once country
- The effort and training needed to deliver programme level accreditation and the need to balance with emerging institutional level approaches.



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- Increase the alignment with the International Engineering Alliance.



Formally launched at a ceremony in Brussels on November 17th 2015.



Agreed on October 2022 to be jointly revised

Cooperation between IEA and ENAEE



IPEA

stands for

**International Professional
Engineers Agreement**

Common bases for the accreditation bodies

- Involve **all stakeholders** (academia, employers, society, students)
- **Autonomy** in their processes and their decisions
- **Integrity and fairness** (staff and experts)
- **Accountability, public information.**

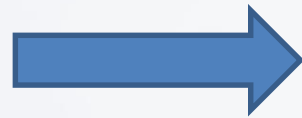


Common bases for the accreditation bodies

- Enforce the EUR-ACE framework standards and guidelines (**EA-FSG**, revised in 2021)
- Enforce the Quality Assurance standards for the HEI's and for itself (European standards and guidelines **ESG**)
- Implement the **EUR-ACE accord** (mutual recognition agreement)



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Engineering Education (ENAE)*



Agencies



**1st and 2nd cycle
Programs**



ENAE Authorised agencies (2022)

1. **France** - CTI
2. **Germany** – ASIIN
3. **Ireland** - Engineers Ireland
4. **Italy** - QUACING
5. **Portugal** – OE
6. **Russia** - AEER
7. **Romania** – ARACIS
8. **Turkey** - MUDEK
9. **United Kingdom** - EC UK
10. **Poland** – KAUT
11. **Switzerland** – OAQ
12. **Spain** - ANECA
13. **Finland** – FINEEC
14. **Slovakia** – ZSVTS
15. **Kazakhstan** – KazSEE

EUROPE AND THE EUR-ACE® SYSTEM

Countries with authorised agencies



ENAAEE Full Members



ENAAEE Associate Members



A major achievement

EUR-ACE® Database

A single database of accredited Engineering Degree programmes which have been awarded the EUR-ACE® label

The infographic is titled "Database of Accredited Engineering Degree Programmes which have been awarded the EUR-ACE® Label". It features the ENAEE logo and the EUR-ACE® logo at the top. The text explains that ENAEE (European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Accreditation) grants authorisation to award the EUR-ACE® label to quality assurance and accreditation agencies which satisfy the EUR-ACE® Framework Standards and Guidelines (EAFSG). It also states that the EAFSG provide a set of standards which assure the quality of engineering degree programmes in both Europe and internationally, through the EUR-ACE® labelling system. The EUR-ACE® label is a certificate awarded by an authorised accreditation agency to a Higher Education Institution (HEI) in respect of each engineering degree programme which it has accredited. The EUR-ACE® label thus gives international value and recognition to that engineering qualification. Below this, it describes the "Process of uploading information to the database" with four steps: 1. The authorised agency in a particular country uploads to the database the information on its accredited degree programmes. 2. When the secretariat and Administrative Council of ENAEE have validated this information, the full details of the degree programme are entered on the database. 3. EUR-ACE® Label certificates awarded by authorised agencies are valid only if the degree programmes which are listed on them are listed also on this database. 4. The infographic ends with the ENAEE logo and the EUR-ACE® logo.

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A major achievement

On 19th November 2014, the 13 (15, in 2022) authorised agencies signed a **Mutual Recognition Agreement** whereby they accept each other's accreditation decisions in respect of Bachelor and Master of Engineering degree programmes which they accredit.

EUR-ACE® Accord



The EUR-ACE shapes the future ...

What is coming ahead ?



Roles of accreditation

- Assure quality in education

Recognized in most countries

- Allow access to external funds

Still incipient

- Ease transfer of courses and programs

Needs improvement

- Employer confidence

Not relevant in some countries



Challenge / Opportunity

- Heads of states and governments called in the European Council Conclusions of 14 December 2017 on the Member States, the Council and the European Commission to take work forward in **‘encouraging the emergence by 2024 of some ‘European Universities’**
- consisting in bottom-up networks of universities across the EU which will **“enable students to obtain a degree by combining studies in several EU countries and contribute to the international competitiveness of European universities”**.

Challenge / Opportunity

- The Education Council Conclusions of 22 May 2018 highlighted that the **European Universities** could **play a flagship role in the creation of a European Education Area as a whole**".

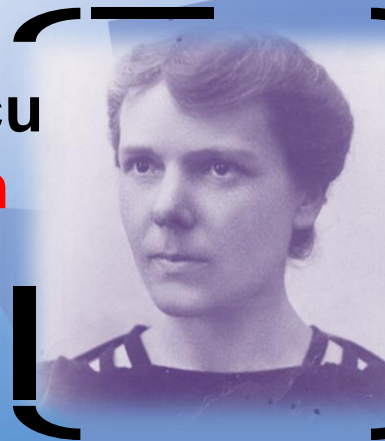
To achieve this objective, the European Commission proposes an **unparalleled initiative which requires a quantum leap in cooperation** between all types of higher education institutions from all regions in Europe and at all levels of the organization, across all areas of activity, from teaching and learning to research and innovation.

The European
Universities Alliance that
will transform engineering
education and society

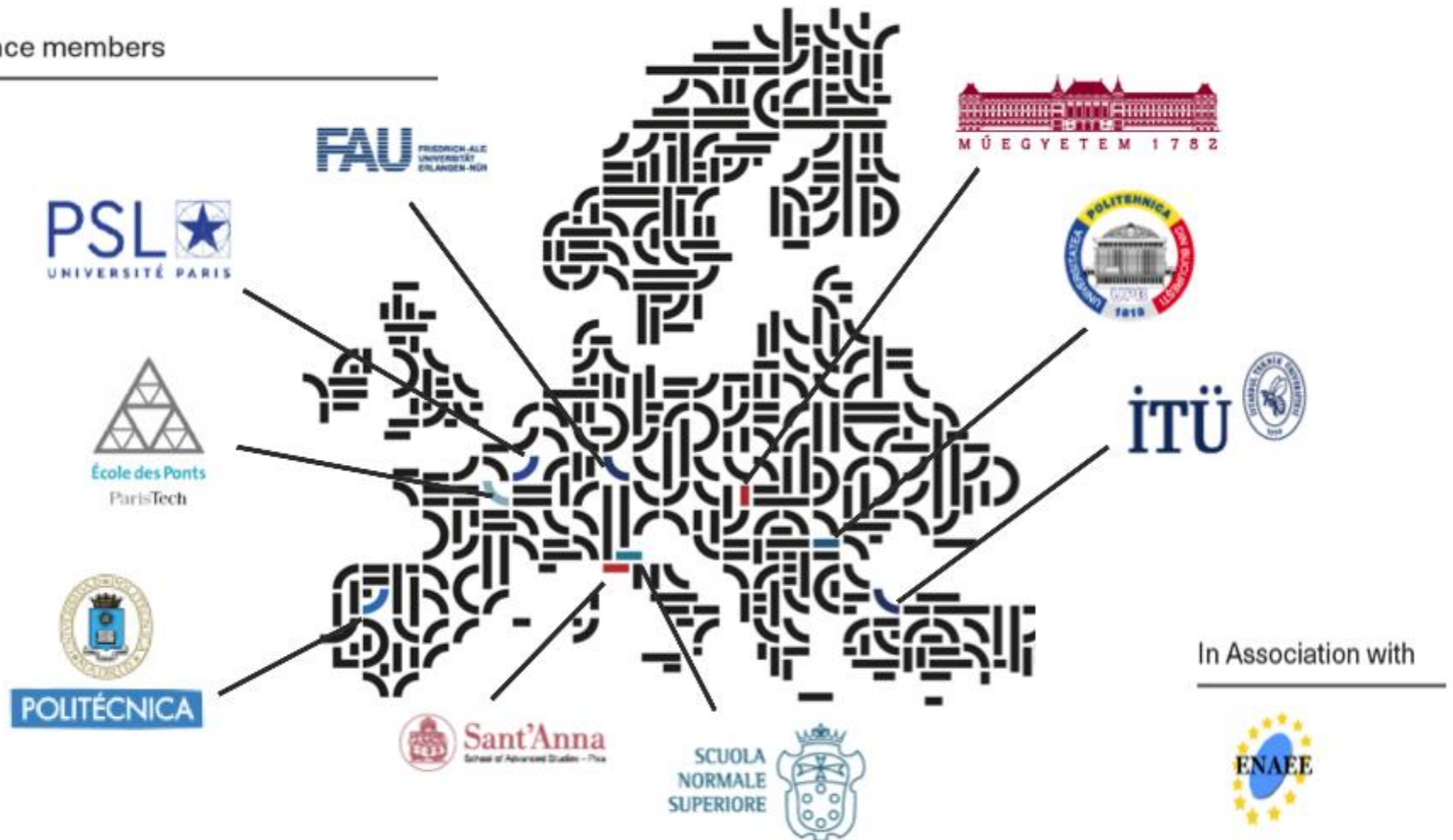
what is EELISA ?

- EELISA (**European Engineering Learning Innovation and Science Alliance**) is the first alliance of Higher Education Institutions from different countries in Europe meant to define and implement a **common model of European engineer** rooted in society.

EELISA's acronym also pays tribute to women engineers through the memory of **Elisa Leonida Zambirescu** (1887-1973), **one of the very first women to obtain an engineering degree in the world.**



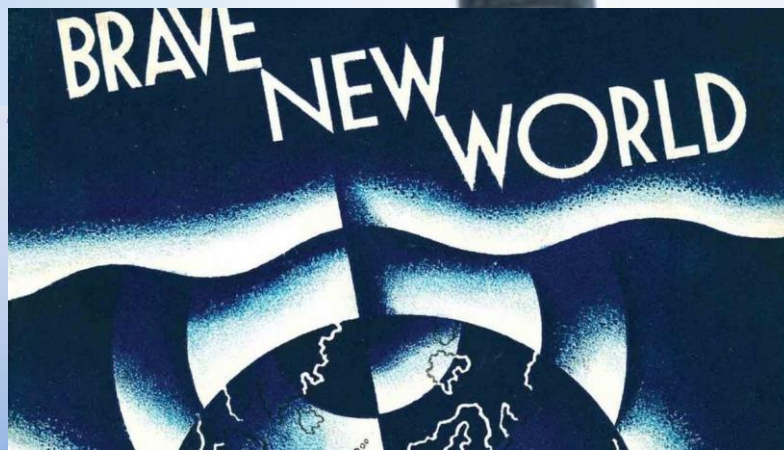
Alliance members



European Engineer model
based on a single cross-
border accreditation.

ACCREDITATION

Without Borders



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Professional engineering educators



The **only** Professional Regulating Body in the world recognized to regulate the Profession 2311 (Engineering Educator) under the ISCO (International Standard Classification of Occupations)



International
Labour
Organization

International Credentialing of Engineering Educators (ENTER REGISTER)

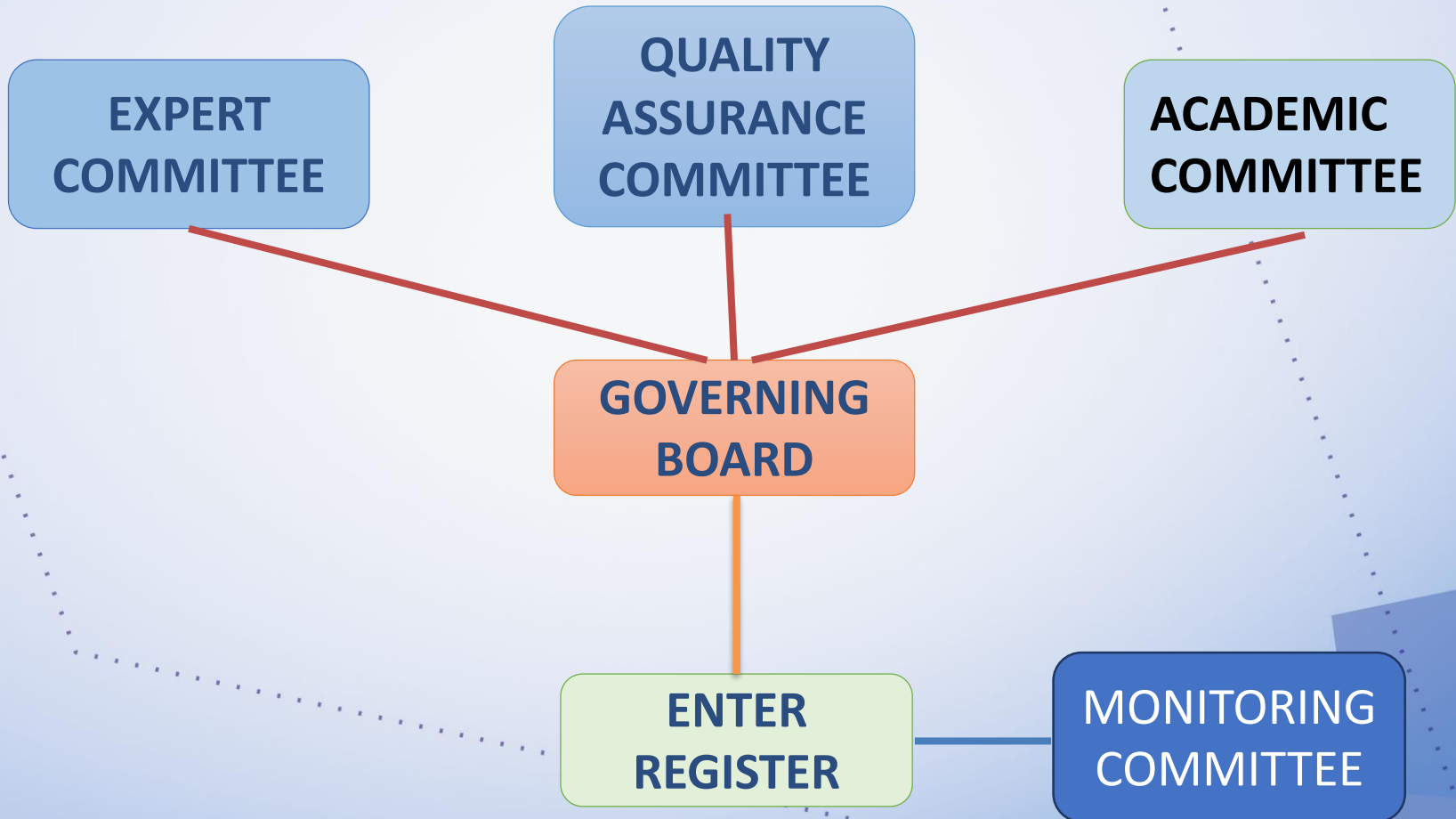
Resulting from a EU Grant of approx. 0.8M EUR



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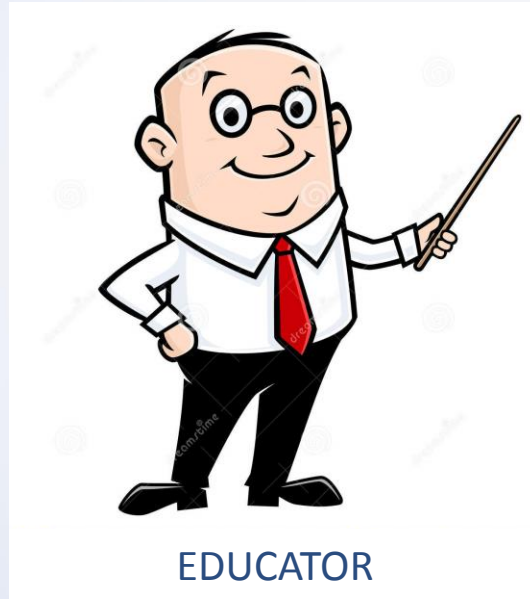
Certification induces educators to improve !

ENTER NETWORK STRUCTURE



How does it work?

ENGINEERING EDUCATOR REGISTRY



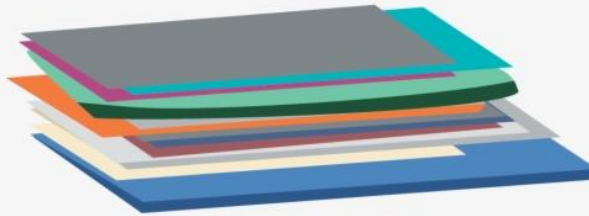
The EDUCADOR requests to be evaluated as a possibility to be included into the ENTER Register as a professional engineering educator.

How does it work?

THE EDUCATOR SENDS HIS/HERS PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO



EDUCATOR



The EDUCATOR uploads the PORTFOLIO online.

How does it work?

THE MONITORING COMMITTEE REVIEWS THE PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO



Three different reviewers
from other continents



How does it work?

**THE EDUCATOR IS INCLUDED IN THE PROFESSIONAL
REGISTER**



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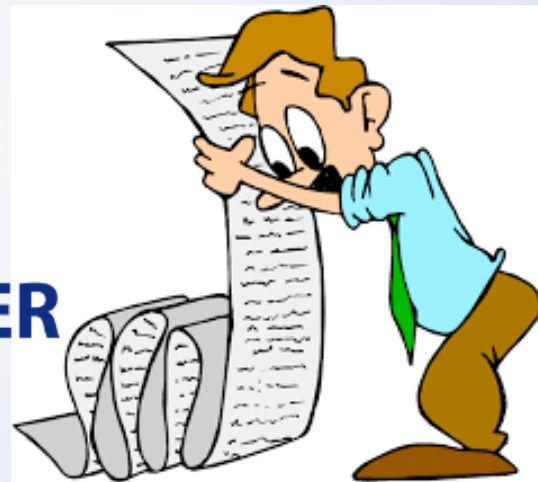


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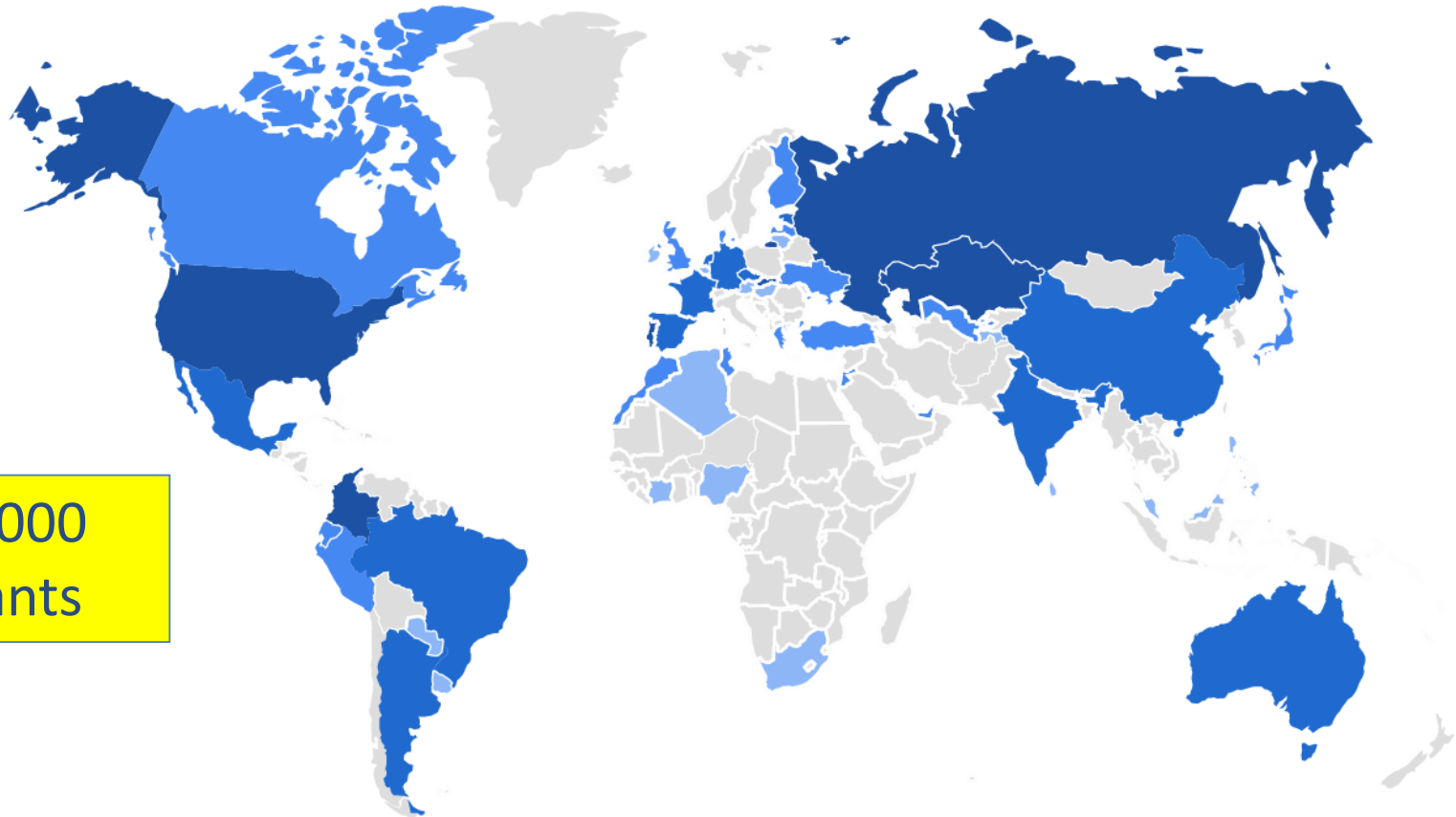
EDUCADOR



The EDUCATOR is included in the professional list of international engineering educators – **FOREVER** -



Results



Over 4000
applicants

Geographical distribution of the applicants to the registry

Results

Countries with educators that already completed the register:

Argentina **Belgium** Brazil **Bulgaria** Cabo Verde
Canada China **Croatia** Colombia **Czechia** Estonia
France Georgia **Germany** India **Ireland** Italy
Kazakhstan Lebanon **Mexico** Mozambique **Panama**
Peru **Portugal** Russian Federation **South Africa**
Spain **Sweden** Switzerland **Tajikistan** Turkey **United**
Kingdom United States of America **Uzbekistan**

Evidencies

Some of the Engineering Educators



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Importance for the Engineering Education Programs



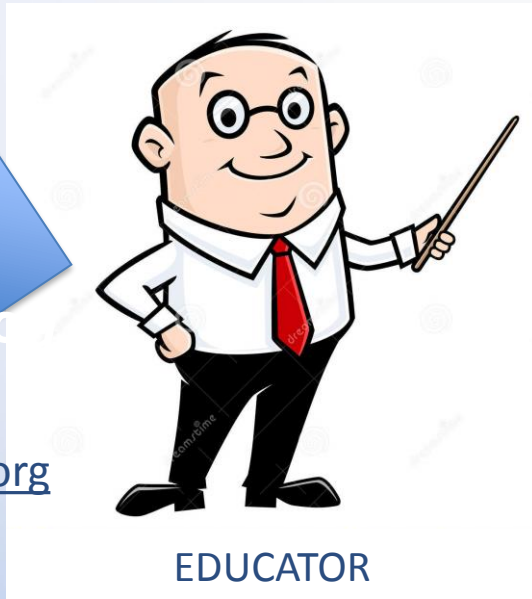
The fulfillment of the required standards on quality of the professors for the international accreditation by the engineering programs can be done by presenting a majority of the professors as **registered professional engineering educators**.

Opportunities for Engineering Educators

Integrate the International
Professional Engineering
Educators Register



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"He who stops
being better stops
being good."

Oliver Cromwell

There is always room for improvement...



Gracias!

Obrigado!

धन्यवाद

Спасиби !

Hvala!

Aitäh!

Teşekkürler !

Danke!

Takk!

Díky!

Thank you!

Grazie!

спасибо !

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Dzięki !

Paldies!

Merci!

მადლობა

Köszönöm!

Kiitos!

Gràcies!

ευχαριστίες !

Ačiū !

Multumesc!

Eskerrik asko !

