

# European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education

# MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF EUR-ACE® LABELLED ENGINEERING DEGREE PROGRAMMES

#### Definition:

Mutual recognition of EUR-ACE® labelled engineering degree programmes by agencies authorised by ENAEE to award the EUR-ACE® label (hereinafter referred to as authorised agencies), means that an authorised agency in one country recognises that EUR-ACE® labelled degree programmes from authorised agencies in other countries meet the EUR-ACE® Framework Standards requirements at the relevant Bachelor or Master level.

### All authorised agencies therefore agree that:

- A) Accreditation standards and policies, procedures and criteria of all agencies authorised to award the EUR-ACE® label are comparable.
- B) EUR-ACE® labelled programmes are deemed to satisfy the EUR-ACE® Framework Standards. Therefore, accreditation decisions made by one authorised agency are acceptable (from the point of view of meeting the EUR-ACE® Framework Standards) to all authorised agencies, in respect of engineering degree programmes which they accredit.
- C) Each authorised agency should make every reasonable effort to ensure that the bodies responsible
   (i) for recognising engineering qualifications
   and/or
  - (ii) for registering or licensing professional engineers to practise in its country or jurisdiction, accept the comparability of EUR-ACE® labelled programmes accredited by authorised agencies.
- D) Each authorised agency should make every reasonable effort to promote this agreement to employers, higher education institutions students and graduates in its jurisdiction.

## Such a mutual recognition agreement is expected to:

- 1) Facilitate licensing of professional engineering practice in the jurisdictions of authorised agencies and to support mobility of professional engineers.
- 2) Facilitate,
  - academic mobility of engineering graduates through international recognition of degrees;
  - the development of new programmes, joint programmes, etc.
- 3) Enable easier transfer of students from Bachelor to Master to PhD programmes using the ENAEE database of EUR-ACE® labelled engineering programmes.



Signed on behalf of each authorised agency:

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