



EUR-ACE SPREAD - Mid Term Conference

Engineering Education and Profession in Europe: Ensuring Quality and Transparency

01 March 2010; from 9:00 to 18:00

hosted by: Istanbul Chamber of Industry (ISO)

ODAKULE building, Istiklal Cad. No. 142, 34430 Beyoglu, Istanbul, Turkey

The EUR-ACE Framework Standards, maintained by the European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education (ENAE), provide the basis for the award of a common quality label (EUR-ACE® label) to accredited engineering programmes. Accrediting Agencies with accreditation criteria and procedures which comply with the EUR-ACE Standards (that include strict Quality Assurance rules) are authorized by ENAE to award the EUR-ACE label to First and/or Second Cycle engineering programmes.

This system was set up with the support of three projects financed by the European Commission (DG Education and Culture): EUR-ACE (2004-2006), PRO-EAST (2006-2007) and EUR-ACE IMPLEMENTATION (2006-2008). Initially, six accreditation agencies in six countries (France, Germany, Ireland, Portugal, Russia, UK) were authorized and started awarding EUR-ACE® labels in 2007: however these countries, although a significant and varied sample, are only a fraction of the 46 countries of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

The EUR-ACE SPREAD project (2008-2010) is aimed at spreading the EUR-ACE system into other EHEA countries: its first success has been the addition of Turkey into the system in January 2009.

The project's further efforts will be directed in particular towards Italy, Lithuania, Romania, and Switzerland, but not excluding other countries, and follow either of two basic alternatives:

1. In countries where a national Accrediting Agency which accredits engineering programmes already exists, the project will assist this Accreditation Agency in meeting the requirements set down by the EUR-ACE Standards, so that ENAE can authorize it to award the EUR-ACE® label.
2. In countries where such an Agency does not exist, the project will facilitate the establishment of an Accreditation Agency who can eventually be included in the EUR-ACE System; in the meantime, EUR-ACE® labels can be awarded by an Agency already in the system.

The project will also assist the promotion of the EUR-ACE Label among Higher Education Institutions throughout the EHEA countries.

The project will also collaborate with ENAE in updating the EUR-ACE Framework Standards and in investigating the possibility of formulating explicit provisions for the accreditation of continuing education programmes.

THE EUR-ACE SPREAD MID-TERM CONFERENCE

In this Conference, open to all interested persons, the results so far obtained by the project and the envisaged future developments of the EUR-ACE system will be presented to a wide audience, including Academics, Higher Education Institution officials, public Authorities, industrialists etc.

Participation is free, but prospective participants are invited to fill and send the attached Registration Form.

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Preliminary Programme as of 14 January 2010 (subject to changes)

9:00- 9:30 Registration

9:30 -10:00 Welcome addresses

- M. Meleksoy (Secretary General, Istanbul Chamber of Industry)
- R. Üreyen (Chair, MÜDEK Executive Board)
- C. Borri, Chair of the EUR-ACE SPREAD Project Board

10:00 -11:00 Introductory Speeches

- A. Vassiliou (EU Commissioner for Education and Culture) - **invited**
- A. Eris (Executive Board Member, Higher Education Council of Turkey)
- DG EAC and/or EACEA representative – **invited**
- Representative from SEFI – to be confirmed

Coffee Break : 11:00-11:30

11:30 – 13:00 Keynote Lectures

- O. Alankus (Strategic Planning and Technology Coordinator, KOÇ Holding A.S.)
- H. Mandal (Chair, Engineering Deans Council, TR; President of the GEDC)
- G. Augusti, Coordinator of the EUR-ACE SPREAD Project

13:00-14:15 Lunch break

14:15-15:30 Reports of progress in spreading the EUR-ACE System

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00- 17:30 Round Table: the added value of EUR-ACE accreditation

J.C. Quadrado, President of ISEL, PT (moderator)

- P. Drasar (ECTN LC Chair, ICT Prague, CZ)
- O. Hantal (Former President of BEST)
- H. Davies (EUA, senior adviser)
- P. Sorrentino (Confindustria, IT)
- Representative from the Technical Chamber of Greece – to be confirmed

17:30-18:00 Closing Statements

- C. Borri
- G. Augusti
- E. Payzin

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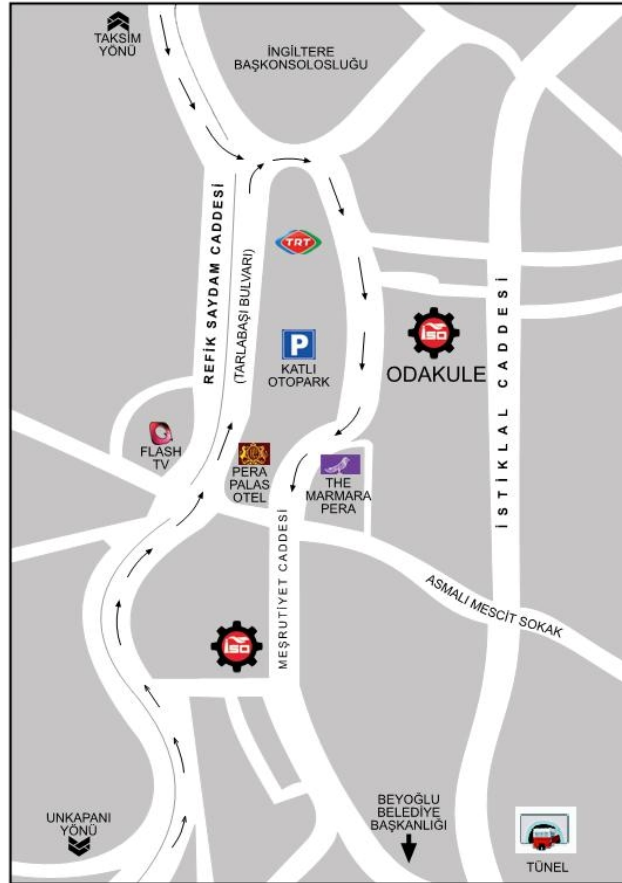


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Special prices have been agreed for the following two close-by hotels which we may recommend. Conference participants that that would like to take advantage of the special prices will have to make their reservations until 15 February 2010 at the latest and quote "EUR-ACE SPREAD Mid-Term Conference" as reference while making their reservations

-**The Marmara Pera:** <http://www.themarmarahotels.com/The-Marmara-Pera/index.asp> (4 star hotel, very close to Odakule, the venue of the conference). Special conference price: 80 EUR (including breakfast)

- **Nippon Hotel:** http://www.nipponhotel.com.tr/index_tr.asp (4 star hotel in Taksim. 10-15 min walking distance (or you can take the "nostalgic" tram) to Odakule, the venue of the conference). Special conference price: 80 EUR (including breakfast)



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