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**METHODOLOGY FOR THE EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF STUDY PROGRAMMES IN
THE ENGINEERING SCIENCES DOMAIN FOR THE PERIODICAL EVALUATION AND
THE AWARDING OF EUR-ACE LABEL
in blended format**

- Interested higher education institutions shall request evaluation in view of awarding the EUR-ACE label from ARACIS at the same time with the request for the periodical external evaluation of those study programmes.
- Besides the information usually requested for the periodical external evaluation, the self-assessment report (the Internal evaluation report and its annexes) submitted by the institution to ARACIS shall also include information that will allow evaluation of the level of compliance with the ENAEE standards - as per the Guidelines for self-evaluation of study programmes and external evaluation for obtaining the EUR-ACE® certification.
- The Engineering Sciences 1 and 2 Speciality Commissions shall nominate the members of the external evaluation commission, titular members and reserves, from the field of expertise corresponding to the evaluated study programme: members of the expert evaluators register and 1-2 members of the employers' register. The membership of the external evaluation commissions shall be approved by the ARACIS Council.
- The external evaluation shall be conducted in compliance with the ENAEE Standards, the Guidelines for self-evaluation of study programmes and external evaluation for obtaining the EUR-ACE® certification and the Guidelines for the evaluation of higher education study programmes / domains in blended format; the results of the external evaluation programme shall be noted in the Evaluation Sheet on the fulfilment of ENAEE standards for EUR-ACE® label.
- The representative from the employers' register who is a member in the external evaluation commission shall attend the meeting of the Speciality Commission where the review results of the study programme evaluated for EUR-ACE label is discussed.
- The evaluation report shall include the findings of the external evaluation commission on the level of fulfilment of the ENAEE standards, as well as the conclusions regarding awarding/ non-awarding of the EUR-ACE label.

The evaluation report shall be discussed and approved in the ARACIS Council and communicated to the requesting institution.