

COOPERATION AGREEMENT
on independent external evaluation of education quality and public and professional
accreditation of engineering educational programmes

Moscow

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All-Russian public organisation “Association for Engineering Education of Russia” (AEER), represented by President Yury Pokholkov acting on the basis of the Charter (hereinafter – AEER), and Autonomous non-profit organisation “Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance and Career Development”, represented by Director-General Alexey Belokopytov, acting on the basis of the Charter (hereinafter – AKKORK), hereinafter referred to as Parties, based on

- Provisions of the RF Law № 32-66 “On Education”, the RF Law № 293-FZ “On amendments to certain legislative acts of the Russian Federation in connection with the improvement of control and supervisory functions and optimization of delivery of public services in education,” the Regulations of the Government of the Russian Federation № 164 of 11.03.2011, № 174 of 16.03.2011, № 184 of 21.03.2011,

- Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education (ESG ENQA) and other regulations for the development of the Bologna Process,

- Requirements of international alliances ENAEE (European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education) and the WA (Washington Accord), consolidating joint efforts to develop mechanisms of social partnership for strengthening competitiveness of Higher Engineering Education of the Russian Federation and assuring its quality, as well as to address topical issues of labour market development in the Russian Federation and the CIS countries, signed this Cooperation Agreement:

1. Subject of Agreement.

1.1. Subject of this Agreement is the cooperation on public and professional accreditation of engineering educational programmes with the award of the European quality EUR-ACE® label.

2. Object of Agreement.

2.1. Improvement of the system of independent external evaluation of engineering education quality in compliance with the ESG ENQA and the requirements of the EUR-ACE® label.

2.2. Improvement of the system of public and professional accreditation of engineering educational programmes in compliance with the ESG ENQA and the requirements of the EUR-ACE® label.

2.3. Development of other forms of cooperation of the Parties, including cooperation on international accreditation, which can be of mutual interest.

3. Areas of cooperation.

3.1. AKKORK shall carry out independent external evaluation of education quality in compliance with the requirements of the EUR-ACE® label.

3.2. AEER shall carry out public and professional accreditation of programmes with the award of the European quality EUR-ACE® label on the basis of the results of the AKKORK independent external evaluation of education quality.

4. Forms of cooperation.

4.1. AKKORK

4.1.1. shall invite specialists recommended by AEER for independent external evaluation of education quality in compliance with the requirements of the EUR-ACE® label.

4.1.2. shall prepare and submit to AEER expert reports with the results of independent external evaluation of education quality in compliance with the requirements of the EUR-ACE® label.

4.2. AEER

4.2.1. shall recommend experts to AKKORK for participation in independent external evaluation of education quality in compliance with the requirements of the EUR-ACE® label.

4.2.2. shall carry out public and professional accreditation and take a management decision on the award of the European quality EUR-ACE® label to a programme on the basis of experts reports provided by AKKORK.

5. Special conditions

5.1. AKKORK and AEER can represent each other interests in cooperation with universities:

5.1.1. AKKORK can represent AEER interests in the procedures of international accreditation of educational programmes in part of engineering programmes;

5.1.2. AEER can represent AKKORK interests in the procedures of public and professional accreditation of engineering programmes in part of non-engineering programmes.

5.2. AKKORK and AEER consider other forms of cooperation, including cooperation on international accreditation, which can be of mutual interest.

6. Type of Agreement

6.1. This Agreement is a framework agreement. Specific aspects of cooperation between the Parties shall be regulated by agreements concluded in writing for each implemented project.

7. Term of Agreement

7.1. The Agreement shall remain valid for one year.

7.2. The Agreement shall automatically prolong itself each year on a no-objection basis of both Parties.

7.3. This Agreement can be terminated early with prior written notice of one month to the other Party.

7.4. The Agreement shall be drawn up in duplicate of equal legal effect and enter into force upon signature.

8. Legal addresses of the Parties

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Autonomous non-profit organisation “Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance and Career Development”

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9. Signatures of the Parties

President of All-Russian public organisation “Association for Engineering Education of Russia”



Y. P. Pokholkov

Handwritten signature and date: 11.05.12.

Director-General of Autonomous non-profit organisation “Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance and Career Development”



A. V. Belokopytov