#### **QUACING**

Italian Agency for the quality certification and **EUR-ACE** accreditation of the engineering Study Programmes (www.quacing.it).

## **EUR-ACE** - **EUR**opean **AC**credited **E**ngineers

is the label awarded to accredited engineering SPs at Bachelor and Master level.

The EUR-ACE label is run by the ENAEE – European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education (www.enaee.eu).

Full member **ENAEE** 

European Network for Accreditation of Engineering Education.

Affiliate member **ENQA** 

European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education.

The two most important quality assurance organizations under the **EHEA** 

**European Higher Education Area.** 

### Founded in 2010 by

**CNI** - the National Council of Engineers

**CoPI** - the Conference of the Deans of Italian Engineering Faculties Fondazione **CRUI** - the Conference of the Rectors of Italian

Universities

**ANCE** - the National Construction Builders Association

Centro Studi FIAT

Finmeccanica.

Founded mainly on the initiative of

Giuliano Augusti - President of ENAEE
Vito Cardone - President of CoPI
Alfredo Squarzoni - Past President of CoPI

CoPI is one of the founders of ENAEE.

The first President is Giuliano Augusti, President of ENAEE on the proposal of CoPI

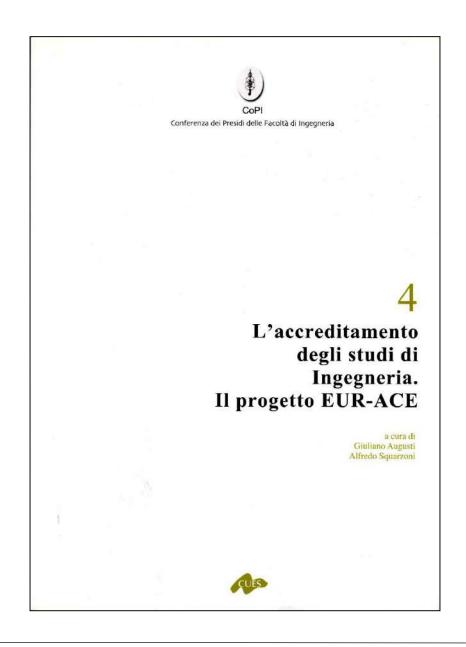
CoPI has been a pioneer for the accreditation of Engineering SPs.

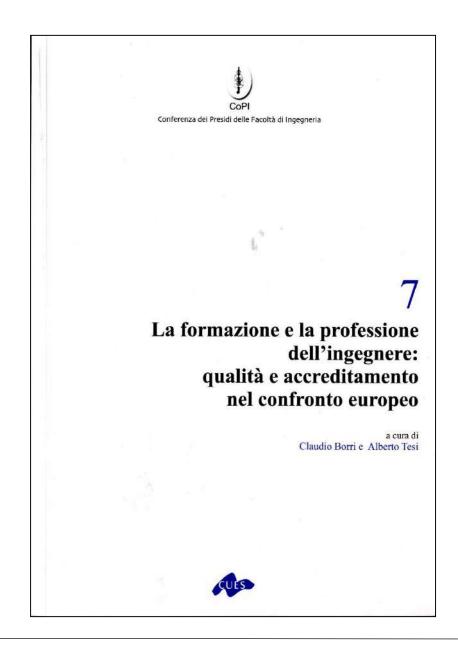
In 1999 - with Alfredo Squarzoni as President - CoPI presented the SI.N.A.I. project for the adoption of a National System of Evaluation and Accreditation of Engineering SPs.

Since 2004, it has been among the partners involved in the 3 projects for the definition of the EUR-ACE System - funded by the UE Commission.

In his Editorial Series "Quaderni of the Conference of Deans of Engineering Faculties", CoPI has published two volumes on the theme:

- the first book in 2008, at the conclusion of the project for the definition of the EUR-ACE System, while the second EUR-ACE project was underway, for the validation of the System;
- the second book in 2009, at the conclusion of the project for the validation of the EUR-ACE System, while the third project was being held, for its implementation in Europe.





In 2012 QUACING is authorized by ENAEE to issue the EUR-ACE accreditation.

With the Statute reform (2015), founding members of QUACING are:

**CNI** - the National Council of Engineers

CopI - the Conference for the Engineering, new name of the Conference of the Deans of Engineering Faculties.

#### Today

President of QUACING is Vito Cardone Director of QUACING is Alfredo Squarzoni

Giuliano Augusti is the representative of QUACING in the Label Committee of ENAEE

A specificity of QUACING, related to the Italian reality, is that it does not only accredit Engineering SPs, but also the Engineering-architecture Programmes: such as the Italian Programmes in Building Engineering-Architecture, who are forced to comply with precise and strict UE legislation.

Furthermore, QUACING certifies the quality - not accreditation - of SPs belonging to classes with significant contents similar to those of the basic areas and characterizing of the engineering classes.

At present, in Italy, about seventy engineering SPs have been applied for accreditation.

38 of them, in the following 5 universities, obtained it:

- Politecnico di Milano
- Politecnico di Torino
- Università di Salerno
- Università di Firenze
- Sapienza-Università di Roma.

# Accreditation procedures of the following 8 universities are underway:

- Università Politecnica delle Marche
  - Politecnico di Torino
  - Università di Trento
  - Università di Padova
  - Università della Calabria
    - Università di Genova
  - Sapienza-Università di Roma
  - Libera Università di Bolzano.

QUACING – like ENAEE – is convinced that the EUR-ACE System of Accreditation of Engineering SPs can be successfully applied to other regions outside the UE.

For this reason it has participated in various projects, funded by the UE, for the dissemination of the EUR-ACE System.

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Between these The TEMPUS QUEECA project:

Quality of Engineering Education in Central Asia countries (respectively Kazakhstan, Kirghizstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)

coordinated by the colleague Claudio Borri, from the University of Florence.

In particular QUACING is very interested in the diffusion of the EUR-ACE System in the Mediterranean countries.

For this reason QUACING participates with great conviction and enthusiasm in the MEDACCR project.

We are happy that among the project partners there are also professional organizations such as

# Jordan Engineers Association **EAMC** - Engineering Associations Mediterranean Countries

We think that the partnership between professional organizations and academic organizations of engineers is the key to the success of the accreditation of engineering SPs.

