

EUCEET 3: GROUP H - DEVELOPING A SYNERGY BETWEEN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL WORLDS

TERMS OF REFERENCE - DRAFT 2

Following the opening meeting of Working Group H held at the General Assembly in Santander, the terms of reference of the Group were redrafted as follows:

Group H has been set up within EUCEET 3 to consider ways in which academic and professional partners within the Consortium can work together to promote a better understanding of their complementary roles in the formation of Engineers and to consider how further collaboration can be encouraged and enhanced. Its tasks shall be as follows:

1. To collect available information on what the Civil Engineering Industry expect and looks for from Universities in playing their part in the formation of Engineers.
2. To compile a dossier of this information to be made available to all EUCEET members to assist them when updating their curricula.
3. To investigate and compare the different forms of industry/university partnerships in diploma studies, in-course industrial training and professional experience which provide the practical formation of a civil engineer in each Member State. This may include the collection of information on ways in which academe and the professional domain currently interact and is likely to include specialist lectures, industrial advisory committees, assistance with design teaching, industrial placements, etc.
4. On the basis of the above, to identify the best examples of innovative practice in these collaborations and to draw up guidelines, or best practice, on how such collaborations may be enhanced and extended.
5. Recognising the potential importance of the free mobility of Engineers wishing to work in different countries within the EU, to assist Standing Committee on Professional Recognition & Mobility of ECCE in its endeavours to establish a Common Platform for Civil Engineering. This may be defined as a set of criteria for professional qualifications which are suitable for compensating for the substantial differences which have been identified between the training requirements existing in the various Member States

Wherever possible, the approach will be to gather existing information about Industry-Academe collaboration and to make its existence more widely known, rather than to carry out surveys de novo. However it is recognised that it will be necessary to survey members, for example in relation to item 3 above. In general, the aim will be complement and supplement existing work, not to repeat it.

There will be a Core Group of members who will take the lead in drafting documents and reports and in taking the work of the Group forward. The method of working will be via Working Group discussions supplemented by correspondence.