

Introduction to ACEEU

Expertise in Creating Impact through
Entrepreneurship & Engagement

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INQAAHE
Full Member

We love to work with
partners who are as
passionate as we are.

With its recognised expertise in and methods for entrepreneurship and engagement development, **ACEEU supports institutions, individuals and projects to become more impactful.**

SHORT INTRODUCTION TO ACCEU PROJECTS UNIT

Who we are

The Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial and Engaged Universities (ACEEU) was established in 2016 as an international quality assurance and project development body. ACEEU performs its work in two structural units: the Accreditation Unit and the EU Projects Unit.

ACEEU's EU Project Unit started in 2020 to complement its accreditation work. Since then it has been involved 60+ EU projects, under various programs such as Erasmus+, EIT HEI Initiative, and Horizon Europe, among others. Currently, it collaborates with more than 300 HEIs, VETs, governmental bodies, SMEs, NGOs and other institutions across 38 countries, providing expertise and leadership in horizontal WPs and in educational multiple-level.



Our passion is **impact** creation!



ACEEU'S BROAD EXPERTISE TOWARDS A BROADER IMPACT

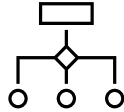
How we contribute to successful consortiums



Core Topics

ACEEU advances educational institutions societal impact by fostering key-topics

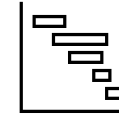
- Engagement
- Digitalisation
- Sustainability
- Entrepreneurship
- Quality Assurance



Educational levels

ACEEU goes beyond academia, driving impact in multiple educational levels

- Higher Education
- Adult Education
- VET
- Youth



Horizontal roles

ACEEU takes over a variety of horizontal activities in EU Projects

- Communication & dissemination
- Exploitation & sustainability
- Quality assurance
- Innovation management
- Project coordination

*ACEEU believes the power of education has not limits,
supporting partners across multiple industries and sectors*



POTENTIAL ACEEU CONTRIBUTIONS

Example activities where ACEEU impart its expertise as a Partner

- ❖ **Building the capacity** of higher education institutions to enhance their potential
- ❖ Developing **toolkits, roadmaps and resources** to foster topics such as entrepreneurship, engagement, innovation, sustainability and digitalisation
- ❖ Embedding topic-focused components into **curricula** and ensuring its quality following specific frameworks (e.g. EntreComp framework, GreenComp, DigComp etc.)
- ❖ Assessing the **employability** potential of graduates
- ❖ **Evaluating the learning outcomes and skills** of graduates, and their alignment to existing labor market demands
- ❖ Assisting in **effective involvement of stakeholders** in external quality assurance activities
- ❖ Enhancing **internal quality assurance** processes to align with the mission of the European Education Area
- ❖ Supporting **research endeavors**: research instrument development, data collection, data analysis and final output generation
- ❖ Contributing to **infrastructure and structures development** to enable long-term impact
- ❖ Institutional **policy formation and development** in the area of EEU
- ❖ Organizing **workshops, peer-learning activities, seminars, trainings** in the area
- ❖ Putting at disposal its vast **network of practitioners, policy-makers, researchers and educators** active in the area of third mission, quality assurance and innovation in higher education



FUNDING PROGRAMS AND INSTRUMENTS

.. that we are interested



EU Funding

Erasmus+

- Cooperation Partnerships
- Small-scale Partnerships
- Partnerships for Excellence
- Capacity Building in VET and higher education
- Alliances for Innovation
- Centres for Vocational Excellence
- Forward-looking projects
- Other related Erasmus+ funding programs

Horizon Europe

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
- Innovation actions (IA)
- Research and innovation actions



National and Regional Funding

Digital Europe

- Specialised education programmes in key capacity areas
- European Digital Innovation Hubs
- Digital Skills Strand

National funding instruments in the field of higher education, quality assurance and third mission

Regional funding instruments in the field of higher education, quality assurance and third mission

Region-specific funding mechanisms supporting collaboration between the EU and the given region (e.g.

The Southeast Asia-Europe Joint Funding Scheme for Research and Innovation, European Development Fund, etc.)

ERASMUS+ AND EUROPEAN PROJECTS

ACEEU's EU-funded Projects

Funded projects

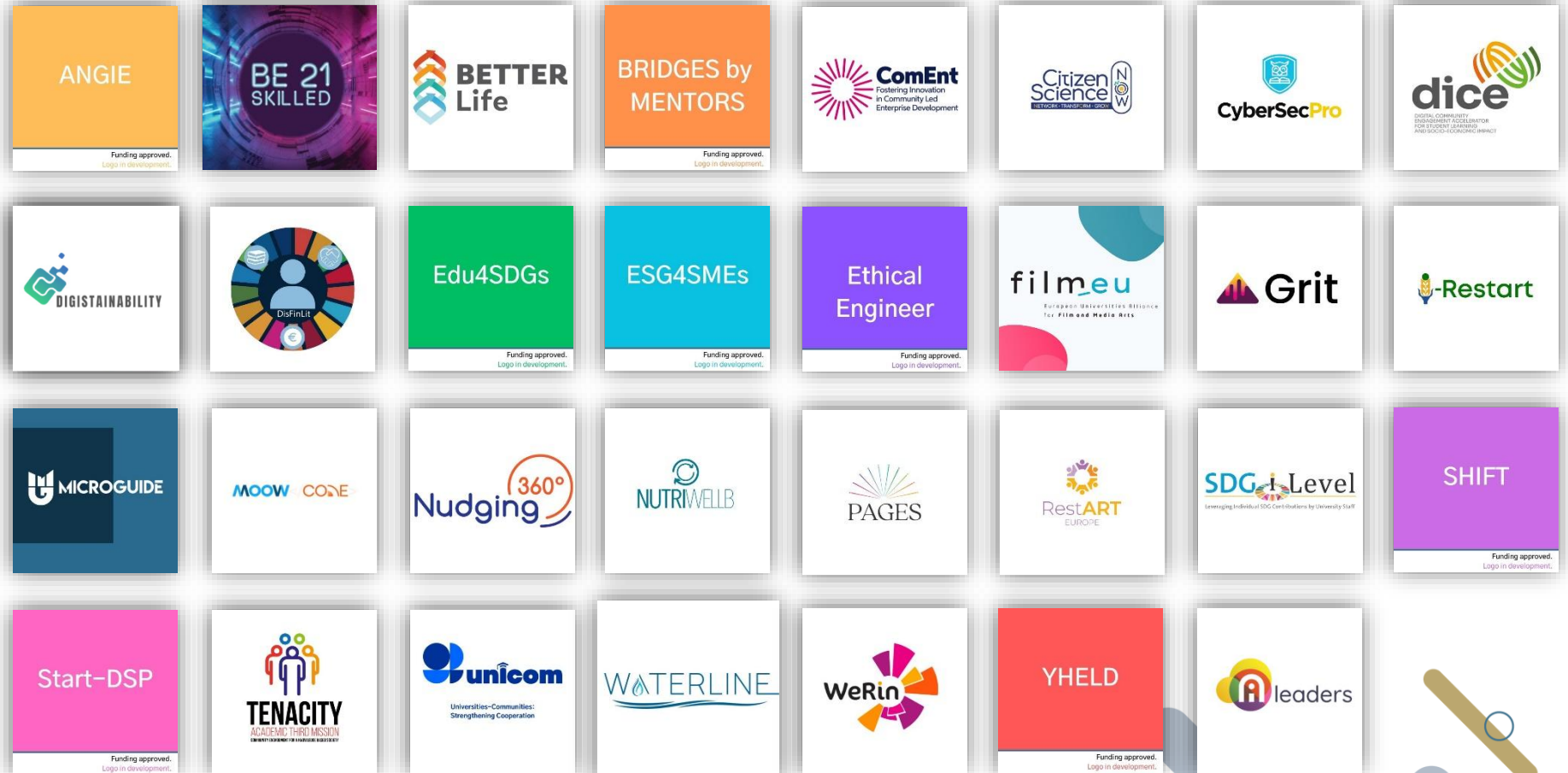
60+

Partners

300+

Countries

38



For more information: www.aceeu.org/projects

NOT ONLY PROJECTS DISCOVER ACEEU

Overview

ACEEU was founded in 2016 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. In 2019, it moved its headquarter to Münster, Germany.

An affiliate of ENQA and a full-fledged member of INQAAHE, ACEEU is so far the only Accreditation Council that **focusses on third mission and entrepreneurial and engaged universities**.

As such, ACEEU is aiming to contribute in fulfilling its mission of tearing down “the walls of the ivory towers” and **contribute to creating a vibrant ecosystem of universities which nourish close-knit relationships with different stakeholders** (be it industry, government, NGOs, city councils, other higher education institutions and similar) and forge greater socio-economic value.

Within this framework **ACEEU, is eager to embed itself in various project activities with different partners in Europe and worldwide** in order to contribute to more rigorous quality in higher education pertaining to engaged & entrepreneurial universities, better infrastructure, teaching and research activities, standards and norms that emerge as a result of the university being more interlinked with its environment and relevant stakeholders.



ACEEU ACCREDITATION

The foundations of our work

- First **institution-level accreditation focused on third-mission aspects** (entrepreneurship / engagement)
- Accreditation as **Entrepreneurial University** and/or **Engaged University** (single and dual accreditation possible)
- Accrediting **entire universities and single academic units** (faculties, schools, departments)
- Evaluation against **15 standards**, through a **20-step process**
- Full member of **INAQAAHE** and affiliate member of **ENQA**
- Driven by an **International Council** comprised of **39 leading experts**



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Completed procedures

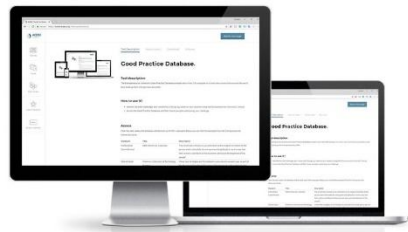
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Accreditations in progress



MORE THAN „JUST“ AN ACCREDITATION

Quality assurance, organisational development and celebration of excellence





People are the most
important determinant
of **project success**

Get to know your future project partners!

THE TEAM BEHIND ACEEU

An international team with diverse backgrounds and competences



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Kliewe
Chair



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CEO



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Knowledge Coordinator



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Engagement Specialist



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IT Specialist



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Digital Solutions Designer



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Junior International Project
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International Project Assistant



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Contact us to discuss current
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opportunities!

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We look forward to collaborate together!



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