



**The European institutions,
members of the GE4 Association
(Global Education for European Engineers and Entrepreneurs)**

and

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INSTITUTO DE ENSEÑANZA SUPERIOR DEL EJERCITO (IESE)
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agree to participate in a

**Latin American - European Program called LAE3
(Latin American European Exchange in Engineering)**

The purpose of the present Agreement is to open new ways (or to increase already existing links) for co-operation among European and Latin American institutions of higher education in Engineering and Scientific fields.

Article 1 : Organization of the LAE3

There shall be established a LAE3 university network to be composed of the leading universities, colleges and schools in Latin American countries and in European member countries which shall be known as the **Participating Universities**.

As a second step, each university will propose firms interested in the LAE3 network which will be known as the **Industrial Partners**.

Article 2 : Objective

The general objective of the LAE3 is to create a network of co-operation among universities by promoting:

1. Exchange of students

Exchange of graduate and undergraduate students for studies, research and internships in industry. Therefore, partners will exchange information about curricula and syllabi to support lecture selection and identification of industrial partners, research centers or laboratories for internships;

2. Exchange of faculty and staff for the purpose of co-ordination, lecturing, advanced studies and research;
3. Co-operation on scientific and pedagogical research;
4. Exchange of information such as pedagogical and scientific literature.

Article 3 : Structure of LAE3

After the adherence to the LAE3, the Latin American university partners of LAE3 could organize themselves as a university network with its own administration; i. e. an **Executive Committee** representing the participating universities. Industrial partners may be invited as observers to the Committee.

Article 4 : Functions of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will

1. formulate policies for the operation of the network;
2. agree on additional Latin American partners willing to enter the funding members group;
3. approve proposals for projects and implementation activities;
4. assess and review periodically the accomplishments of the LAE3;
5. help organize the annual meetings that the LAE3 partners will hold every odd year in Europe, every even year in Latin America;
6. act as the official counterpart to the GE4 Secretariat.

Article 5 : Additional members

Academic institutions and Industrial Partners of any Latin American country may be admitted to the LAE3 upon submission of application for such membership to the Executive Committee.

Article 6 : Role of the Participating Universities

The Participating Universities shall implement the programs and activities of the LAE3. Each member institution representative (President, Rector, Director, Dean) appoints a responsible for the LAE3 program and informs the GE4 and the Latin American Executive Committee of any change.

Article 7 : Role of the LAE3 responsible

The LAE3 responsible collects the application forms from the different departments and controls their exactness. He/she organizes a selection committee, if the high number of applicants needs to make a choice. He/she watches over the balanced representation of all the engineering departments. His/her signature confirms the approval of the institution. He/she represents (in turn) his/her university at the Executive Committee, the composition of it being decided after the constitution of the funding members' group.

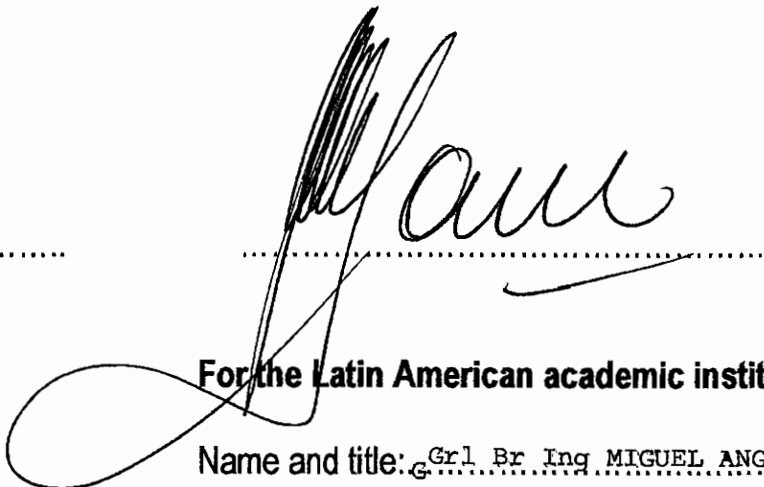
Article 8 : Entry in to force

This Agreement shall come into force upon signature by the **Participating University** as represented here before and by the **Executive Director of GE4**.

(location and date)

Signatures:

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For GE4

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INTENTS OF THE PARTIES AND POLICIES

1) **Basic principles for the exchange of juniors, seniors and graduates include the following:**

- a) The program starts with a limited number of students and expands if successful;
- b) students pay for their home tuition;
- c) the host institution waives tuition for visiting students; excellent students unable to participate in studies abroad may get a grant from either the home university, or from an industrial partner, from a European Commission's program, from Foundations or other sources.
- d) students pay their own room board expenses on site, the host institution helps the student organize their stay;
- e) students take examinations and receive a transcript from the host institution; the courses taken in the host university are to be agreed on by the sending and receiving professor before the coming of the students.
- f) language preparation prior the academic year is available for students received in European Universities;
- g) students wanting to participate in a work experience in research laboratories or in a firm to conclude their academic period, should be given credit for this experience;
- h) after 5 years, balance (students and faculties) should be achieved.

2) **Basic principles for the exchange of faculty and staff include the following:**

- a) The program starts with a limited number of professors and staff and expands if successful;
- b) professors may want to accomplish their sabbatical year in a university and can be paid for courses or research if they are not paid by their home institution;

- c) professors and staff can be invited by a host university for a short cycle of courses (from 2 weeks to 3 months) and can be supported by one of the proposed European Commission programs;
- d) students pay their own room board expenses on site, the host institution helps the student organize their stay;
- e) students take examinations and receive a transcript from the host institution; the courses taken in the host university are to be agreed on by the sending and receiving professor before the coming of the students.
- f) language preparation prior the academic year is available for students received in European Universities;
- g) students wanting to participate in a work experience in research laboratories or in a firm to conclude their academic period, should be given credit for this experience;
- h) after 5 years, balance (students and faculties) should be achieved.

3) Bilateral Agreements:

Any bilateral cooperation between a European and a Latin American university, being both partners of the LAE3 Program and willing to work on some specific project in education or research, should be confirmed by the signature of a bilateral agreement, defining precisely the details of the specific co-operation. The bilateral partners inform the network on their special partnership and continue being full members in it.