

***Globalization of Engineering Education  
The Bologna Process in Europe***

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**During the seven last years, Higher Education in Europe was strongly pushed to reform its traditional policies, structures and management approaches, thanks to a unanimous decision of European Governments who prepared and approved the so-called Bologna Declaration. During these years, many efforts were done by educational institutions in the various European countries in order to move towards more harmonized structures and programmes with the aim to facilitate the mobility of people and to make the European educational system more coherent and more attractive, taking into account the new context of globalization.**

**This original and unique process of renovation of the European Higher Education system is not followed by the various countries, institutions and branches with the same enthusiasm and the same dynamism. However things are moving rapidly. Of course one of the main debates is related to the problem of adapting the general reform to some specific domains of Higher Education. This is the case of Engineering Education. Here, many discussions were developed at national and European levels. SEFI, the European Society for Engineering Education was very active and made some recommendations.**

**In the communication, one will try to explain what changed during the sept years in Europe, what are the obstacles and the reactions of the various partners. One will also emphasize the consequences of the Bologna Declaration of the restructuring of the educational schemes and programmes in the perspective of a new European Higher Education Area. At last, discussions will be opened about crucial issues such as quality control procedures, recognition and accreditation of existing programmes, assesment methods and practices in the context of a new European policy of higher education.**

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