

Decision on the Substantive Change Report by ASIIN e.V. (ASIIN)

Register Committee

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Decision of:	2025-10-17
Result:	Take note
Report received on:	2025-10-02
Agency registered since:	2008-03-04
Last external review report:	2021-08-06
Registration until:	2026-08-31
Absented themselves from decision-making:	n/a
Attachments:	1. Substantive Change Report, 2025-10-02 2. Minuted clarification of 2025-08-28

1. The Register Committee considered the Substantive Change Report of 2025-10-02.
2. The Register Committee learned from the report that has introduced two new labels:
 - A) Quality Label Industrial Engineering
 - B) Accredited by German Engineers

A) Quality Label Industrial Engineering

3. The Register Committee took note that ASIIN was authorised by the Association of German Departments of Industrial Engineering and Management (FFBT WI) to conduct reviews for the *Quality Label in Industrial Engineering*.
4. While ASIIN has contributed to developing the criteria and is dedicated body for carrying out the reviews, the FFBT WI retains final authority to assign the label.
5. The Committee understood that ASIIN awards the *Quality Label Industrial Engineering* on top and only if the prerequisite of accreditation is fulfilled, and regardless of which seal is awarded, the general requirements and procedural principles of ASIIN are at the basis for the accreditation/certification procedures.

B) Accredited by German Engineers

6. The Register Committee took note of ASIIN's new label, *Accredited by German Engineers*.
7. ASIIN treats *Accredited by German Engineers* as a subject-specific sub-label that applies only to STEM programmes, and is assigned only together with the ASIIN seal. For ASIIN accreditation, programmes must fulfil both general and subject-specific criteria. *Accredited by German Engineers* applies to programmes that meet the subject-specific criteria in engineering.
8. **The Register Committee expects that the new activities will be analysed in full as part of ASIIN's next renewal of registration, with a focus on whether the agency ensures sufficient coverage of ESG Part 1 in its combined procedures (ESG 2.1), ensures stakeholders involvement in the design and continuous improvement of new activities (ESG 2.2), and publishes all related full reports and decisions (ESG 2.6).**

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EQAR Substantive Change Report

Agency #1	Akkreditierungsagentur für Studiengänge der Ingenieurwissenschaften, Informatik, Naturwissenschaften und Mathematik
Agency acronym	ASIIN
Expiry date #1	31/08/2026
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Other organisations?	Yes
Other name #1	Fakultäten- und Fachbereichstag Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen (FFBT WI)
Legal form #1	e.V.
Website #1	https://wirtschaftsingenieurwesen.de/ffbtwi/
Activities #1	The FFBT WI is an association of the German departments of Industrial Engineering and Management. It regards itself as the representative body of academic institutions offering study programs in Industrial Engineering and Management (WI) vis-à-vis politics, business, and society.
A. Has the organisational identity of the registered agency changed?	No
B. Has the organisational structure changed?	No
C. Changes in EQA activities	1. One or several new external QA activities were introduced
Description new/changed	ASIIN was authorized by the FFBT WI to carry out procedures for awarding the new quality seal in Industrial Engineering and Management introduced by the FFBT WI.

The Quality Label Industrial Engineering (Guetesiegel-Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen) was not introduced by ASIIN and is not our own seal. The seal owner is the FFBT WI (Council of University Departments of Industrial Engineering). ASIIN only contributed supportively to the development of the criteria. Since the FFBT WI does not have the resources to carry out a large number of review procedures for this label, it has commissioned ASIIN to conduct the corresponding accreditation procedures.

The procedural workflows correspond to those applied for our own seal, i.e., review panels, our Technical Committee for Industrial Engineering, and our Accreditation Commission are all involved. However, the Accreditation Commission does not decide on the awarding of the 'Quality Label – Industrial Engineering,' but only on whether, in our assessment, the label may be awarded. The final decision on the award of the label rests with the FFBT WI (comparable to the procedures for the EUR-ACE Label, where the seal owner ENAEE likewise takes the final decision).

The criteria for the 'Quality Label – Industrial Engineering' relate almost exclusively to the study program profiles, their implementation in the curriculum, and the resources required. Therefore, the label always presupposes a national or international accreditation in order to ensure compliance with the ESG by the applying study programmes.

In our case, the review procedures are conducted in the same manner as our

accreditation procedures. We apply our general criteria, which are recognized by EQAR as being in compliance with the ESG.

1. New EQA activity:

1	conducting review procedures for a third party seal
Focus	study programmes or higher education institutions
ESG 2.1	the review procedures are conducted in the same manner as our accreditation procedures. We apply our general criteria, which are recognized by EQAR as being in compliance with the ESG.
ESG 2.2	the review procedures are conducted in the same manner as our accreditation procedures. We apply our general criteria, which are recognized by EQAR as being in compliance with the ESG.
ESG 2.3	
1	https://www.asiin.de/en/programme-accreditation/quality-seals.html
ESG 2.3	not applicable
ESG 2.4	same as in our accreditation procedures for our own seal
ESG 2.5	same as in our accreditation procedures for our own seal
ESG 2.6	
1	www.asiin.de
ESG 2.7	same as in our accreditation procedures for our own seal
ESG 3.4/ESG 3.6	same as in our accreditation procedures for our own seal

D. Activity outside the scope of the ESG

No

Submit form?

I am ready to submit the change report form

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Other organisations?	No
A. Has the organisational identity of the registered agency changed?	No
B. Has the organisational structure changed?	No
C. Changes in EQA activities	1. One or several new external QA activities were introduced
Description new/changed	<p>ASIIN implemented a new label named "Accredited by German Engineers"</p> <p>The new label is, so to speak, merely a “sub-label” of the ASIIN seal and is only awarded in conjunction with it. ASIIN exclusively accredits degree programmes in the STEM fields. Since the engineering profession is subject to professional regulation in many countries, the question arose as to how engineering programmes could be made more transparently distinguishable from programmes in the natural sciences and computer science, without creating additional burdens for the universities.</p> <p>For ASIIN accreditation, programmes must</p>

satisfy both the general criteria as well as the subject-specific criteria of the respective Technical Committee (ASIIN has a total of 14 Technical Committees for the different STEM disciplines). The new label is granted only to those degree programmes that meet the subject-specific criteria for Mechanical and Process Engineering (TC 01), Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (TC 02), Civil Engineering and Geodesy (TC 03), Materials Science (TC 05), Industrial Engineering (TC 06), and Agricultural Technology (TC 08).

Thus, no new criteria or procedures have been introduced for this label; it is awarded solely in conjunction with the ASIIN seal in order to make it more transparent externally that the programmes in question meet the criteria listed above.

1. New EQA activity:

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implemented a new label

Focus

study programmes or higher education institutions

ESG 2.1

As no new procedures or criteria are implemented the procedures are conducted in the same manner as all accreditation procedures of ASIIN which are recognised by EQAR to be in line with ESG.

ESG 2.2

As no new procedures or criteria are implemented the procedures are conducted in the same manner as all accreditation procedures of ASIIN which are recognised by EQAR to be in line with ESG.

ESG 2.3

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ESG 2.3	no applications
ESG 2.4	same as all accreditation procedures for the ASIIN Seal
ESG 2.5	same as all accreditation procedures for the ASIIN Seal
ESG 2.6	
1	www.asiin.de
ESG 2.7	same as all accreditation procedures for the ASIIN Seal
ESG 3.4/ESG 3.6	same as all accreditation procedures for the ASIIN Seal
D. Activity outside the scope of the ESG	No
Submit form?	I am ready to submit the change report form

Application by ASIIN e.V. (ASIIN) for Renewal of Registration

Minutes of Online Conversation

Register Committee

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Date of the conversation:	2025-08-28
Representative of ASIIN:	Michael Meyer
Representative of EQAR:	Aleksandar Šušnjar, Blazhe Todorovski, Giorgi Munjishvili

1. ASIIN has submitted on 2025-07-28 an application for renewal of registration on the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR).
2. In order to prepare the deliberations of the Register Committee on the eligibility of the application and ASIIN's activities within the scope of the ESG, EQAR contacted ASIIN to clarify the matters below.
3. ASIIN agreed to clarify the matters via Zoom call.
4. Considering the differences in the listing of ESG-aligned activities in the agency's application for renewal of registration and the draft tripartite terms of reference, EQAR representatives asked ASIIN to clarify the discrepancies and whether the agency had introduced any new activity/label.
5. ASIIN's representative explained that the discrepancies are either technical in nature or arise because the agency has described some activities in more detail, or vice versa.
6. Owner of the *Guetesiegel "Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen" (Quality Label Industrial Engineering)* is the Council of University Departments of Industrial Engineering (FFBT WI). ASIIN contributed only to the development of the criteria. Because FFBT WI does not have the resources to carry out a large number of review procedures for this label, it has commissioned ASIIN to conduct the corresponding accreditation procedures. While ASIIN procedures are administrated by ASIIN. The final decision on the award of the label rests with the FFBT WI.
7. The *Accredited by German Engineers* is considered by the agency as a sub-label of the ASIIN seal, awarded only alongside ASIIN accreditation. ASIIN accredits STEM degree programmes using general criteria plus subject-specific standards. The sub-label is granted only to engineering programmes that meet those existing subject-specific requirements. No new criteria or procedures were introduced. Thus agency does not consider it as a new seal or activity.

8. ASIIN's representative added that they have not listed *Joint Programme Accreditation* separately, as it has always been integral to the joint label activities (*AMSE label joint programme review*, EUR-ACE joint, etc.) and not a separate activity.
9. Three activities under *Evaluations for quality assurance and improvement of studies and teaching* are now listed separately, but none of them is new — evaluation of study programmes, quality systems, and courses in further education were already part of the activity and have simply been itemized.

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