

Besluit strekkende tot een oordeel positief van een aanvraag accreditatie opleiding van de wo-International Joint Master European Master in Law and Economics (joint degree)¹ van de Erasmus University Rotterdam, Aix/Marseille University (France), University Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain), University Ghent (Belgium), University Haifa (Israel), University Hamburg (Germany), Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (Mumbai, India), LUMSA (Rome, Italy), University Vienna (Austria) and Warsaw School of Economics (Poland)

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Gegevens

Instelling	:	Erasmus University Rotterdam, Aix/Marseille University (France), University Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain), University Ghent (Belgium), University Haifa (Israel), University Hamburg (Germany), Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (Mumbai, India), LUMSA (Rome, Italy), University Vienna (Austria) and Warsaw School of Economics (Poland)
Opleiding	:	wo-master European Master in Law and Economics (postinitieel / leidend tot joint degree)
Graad opleiding	:	LL.M. European Master in Law and Economics and national master's degrees (depending on the chosen track and the attended partner universities)
Variant	:	voltijd
Afstudeerrichtingen	:	EMLE Public and International Law Track EMLE Innovation and Intellectual Property Track EMLE Markets, Corporations and Regulators (MCR) Track
Locatie	:	Haifa, Hamburg or Rotterdam (first term) Ghent, Hamburg or Rotterdam (second term) Aix/Marseille, Barcelona, Hamburg, Mumbai, Rome, Vienna or Warsaw (third term)
Studieomvang (EC)	:	60
Datum aanvraag	:	12 juli 2018
Datum locatiebezoek(en)	:	15 Februari 2019
Datum adviesrapport	:	1 april 2019
Instellingstoets kwaliteitszorg	:	ja, positief besluit van 6 april 2018

Beoordelingskader

Beoordelingskader voor de European Approach Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), issued in October 2014 and approved by the EHEA ministers in May 2015. Deze zijn in lijn met het kader beperkte toets nieuwe opleiding van de NVAO (Stcrt. 2016, nr 69458).

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Bevindingen

Op grond van de artikel 5.10, derde lid, van de WHW heeft de NVAO het bevoegd gezag van de Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam te Rotterdam in de gelegenheid gesteld zijn zienswijze op het voornemen tot besluit van 9 april 2019 naar voren te brengen. Van deze gelegenheid heeft het bevoegd gezag gebruik gemaakt. Bij e-mail van 17 april 2019 heeft de instelling ingestemd met het voornemen tot besluit.

De NVAO stelt vast dat in het paneladvies deugdelijk en kenbaar is gemotiveerd op welke gronden het panel de kwaliteit van de opleiding positief heeft bevonden.

Advies panel

This report is issued by the panel appointed by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO) and assesses the conditions for re-accreditation of the academic international joint master programme 'European Master in Law and Economics' (EMLE) as submitted by Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam on behalf of the EMLE consortium which also features Aix/Marseille University (France), University Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain), University Ghent (Belgium), University Haifa (Israel), University Hamburg (Germany), Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (Mumbai, India), LUMSA (Rome, Italy), University Vienna (Austria) and Warsaw School of Economics (Poland).

The application concerns a joint English-language master's degree of 60 European Credits (EC) which is offered as a full-time one-year, integrated multi-university programme in the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Israel, France, Spain, India, Italy, Austria and Poland. Given these specific features, the panel based its assessment on the standards of the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the European Higher Education Area of October 2014, approved by the EHEA ministers in May 2015, which in turn are based on the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance.

The application documentation, programme materials and on-site discussions with delegations from almost all partner universities (the representative from Mumbai was not able to attend) have provided the panel with a comprehensive view of the programme. It became clear to the panel that the programme is implemented by a group of highly motivated scholars with a longstanding collaboration in research and teaching. Based on the documentation presented, the site visit and the additional information provided on 14 and 15 February 2019, the panel concludes that the EMLE programme meets each standard of the assessment framework. Consequently, the panel assesses the overall quality of the EMLE programme as positive.

EMLE is a programme featuring intensive cooperation between ten higher education institutions in ten countries, whose national frameworks enable the institutions to participate in the programme. The involved partners are highly recognised public institutions with ample experience in international programmes. The consortium partners have joint responsibility for the design and implementation of the programme. The panel applauds the longstanding well-honed cooperation between the partners. The explicit coordination mechanisms are a strong point of the programme. The consortium agreement covers all the required components.

The EMLE programme aims to deliver graduates with academic knowledge and skills pertaining to the economic analysis of law. The intended learning outcomes are described in terms of knowledge, skills and competencies in handling complexity, in communication and lifelong learning. The documentation shows how the intended learning outcomes are aligned with the Dublin Descriptors at master's level. It is a particular strength, in the panel's view, that students learn and apply problem-solving skills from different fields and learn to integrate interdisciplinary knowledge from the outset. The interdisciplinary and international character are considered assets not only for the scientific field and academia, but also for potential employers in the work field. The panel considers the course assessments and especially the thesis adequate methods to demonstrate that the intended learning outcomes are achieved. The sample of theses studied by the panel proves that the graduates have indeed achieved these learning outcomes.

The panel appreciates that the programme has established relationships with relevant parties in the work field and uses their input as associate partners. The careers of alumni indicate that the programme has prepared them well for the labour market.

The curriculum structure and contents are appropriate for an academic master's programme. The EMLE staff has achieved a consolidated interdisciplinary and international programme, well-adapted to the constraints of a one-year (60 EC) curriculum. The structure enables students to specialise in a specific field by choosing one of three tracks or to choose a broad set of courses without further specialisation. The panel appreciates this flexible approach, which is also valued by students. The internship possibilities may be a worthwhile extension of the programme for those students who wish to gain additional practical experience. The study load is spread equally over the year. The programme has put in place sufficient mechanisms to monitor the study load and, where necessary, to adjust it.

The panel considers the admission and selection procedure to be well-thought out and appropriate. The programme targets students with a law and/or economics background. It provides a reasonable degree of flexibility for applicants without a full-fledged degree in law or economics, but with a sufficient number of courses in these fields. The recognition of previous qualifications and prior learning is adequately provided for.

The programme's teaching and learning approach is appropriate, using interactive and student-centred methods. The composition of the consortium enables students to benefit from various education systems and experienced lecturers. The specialisation tracks build on the expertise of the partner universities. The inclusion of lecturers from different partners coupled with invited professors grants students a possibility to cover many fields of Economic Analysis of Law and to benefit from the partners' networks. The assessment of the learning outcomes in course exams and thesis corresponds with the intended learning outcomes. Appropriate examination rules and regulations are in place. There are mechanisms to ensure consistent application of the regulations.

The EMLE programme has a central policy to assist students with the different challenges faced throughout the EMLE-year, from pre-arrival to graduation. Students receive an overview of the available student services per university in a comprehensive document. The information is also available on the EMLE website (<https://emle.org/>). The panel considers the student support services to be satisfactory. Serious steps have been taken to address previously noted visa and housing issues to the extent possible, although they will require constant monitoring.

The panel is enthusiastic about the highly motivated and qualified team of experienced and skilled lecturers who have an excellent international reputation. The panel considers the teaching staff to be well-equipped to implement the programme. EMLE students have access to all facilities at the partner universities. In addition, all students are enrolled at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. This offers remote access to an extensive library and database service throughout the academic year, regardless of the university in which the student is located. The panel considers the facilities made available for EMLE students more than adequate. Access to electronic resources and libraries is a particularly strong point.

All relevant information about the programme is well documented and published. The website is informative, with specific sections for universities, applicants, students and alumni.

The EMLE programme has an adequate quality assurance system in place. EMLE has set up an associate partners advisory board to gather feedback from the work field. Student feedback is invited through course and programme evaluations and through student representatives. The panel encourages the EMLE consortium to think about ways to strengthen student involvement, e.g., by a more direct representation of students in decision-making bodies. The panel also advises the consortium to add a SWOT-analysis in the documentation for the next accreditation. Despite these recommendations, the panel considers the EMLE programme an outstanding example of the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.

The panel concludes that it is convinced of the quality of this joint master's programme in Law and Economics. The panel advises NVAO to take a positive decision regarding the quality of the academic master's programme International Joint Master European Master in Law and Economics at Aix/Marseille University in France, University Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain, University Ghent in Belgium, University Haifa in Israel, University Hamburg in Germany, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research in Mumbai, India, LUMSA in Rome, Italy, Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands, University Vienna in Austria and Warsaw School of Economics in Poland.

Advies van het panel

Het panel adviseert de NVAO om positief te besluiten ten aanzien van de kwaliteit van de opleiding wo International Joint Master European Master in Law and Economics van de Erasmus University Rotterdam, Aix/Marseille University (France), University Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain), University Ghent (Belgium), University Haifa (Israel), University Hamburg (Germany), Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (Mumbai, India), LUMSA (Rome, Italy), University Vienna (Austria) and Warsaw School of Economics (Poland).

Besluit

Op grond van het voorgaande besluit de NVAO de aanvraag accreditatie te verlenen aan de postinitiële wo-International Joint Master European Master in Law and Economics (joint degree)² (60 EC; variant: voltijd; locatie: Rotterdam, Haifa, Hamburg, Ghent, Aix/Marseille, Barcelona, Mumbai, Rome, Vienna, Warsaw) van de Erasmus University Rotterdam, Aix/Marseille University (France), University Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain), University Ghent (Belgium), University Haifa (Israel), University Hamburg (Germany), Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (Mumbai, India), LUMSA (Rome, Italy), University Vienna (Austria) and Warsaw School of Economics (Poland).

De NVAO beoordeelt de kwaliteit van de opleiding als voldoende.

Degree: LL.M. European Master in Law and Economics and national master's degrees (depending on the chosen track and the attended partner universities) Master

Field of Study: Social Sciences, Business and Law (ISCED Field 3), Social and Behavioural Science (ISCED Field 31) and Law (ISCED Field 38)

Visitatiegroep : nader te bepalen³

Van kracht tot en met 6 mei 2025

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³ De opleiding dient ten minste twee jaar voor de vervaldatum gebruik te maken van de zogenoemde aprilronde om zelf zorg te dragen voor een indeling in een visitatiegroep. Daarna neemt de NVAO het besluit over de indeling in een visitatiegroep

Den Haag, 7 mei 2019

De NVAO
Voor deze:

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R.P. Zevenbergen
(bestuurder)

Tegen dit besluit kan op grond van het bepaalde in de Algemene wet bestuursrecht door een belanghebbende bezwaar worden gemaakt bij de NVAO. De termijn voor het indienen van bezwaar bedraagt zes weken.

Bijlage 1: Overzicht oordelen

Standard	Assessment
1. Eligibility	
1.1 Status	Meets the standard
1.2 Joint design and delivery	Meets the standard
1.3 Cooperation Agreement	Meets the standard
2. Learning Outcomes	
2.1 Level	Meets the standard
2.2 Disciplinary field	Meets the standard
2.3 Achievement	Meets the standard
2.4 Regulated Professions	Not applicable
3. Study Programme	
3.1 Curriculum	Meets the standard
3.2 Credits	Meets the standard
3.3 Workload	Meets the standard
4. Admission and Recognition	
4.1 Admission	Meets the standard
4.2 Recognition	Meets the standard
5. Admission and Recognition	
5.1 Learning and teaching	Meets the standard
5.2 Assessment of students	Meets the standard
6. Student Support	
	Meets the standard
7. Student Support	
7.1 Staff	Meets the standard
7.2 Facilities	Meets the standard
8. Transparency and Documentation	
	Meets the standard
9. Quality Assurance	
	Meets the standard
Conclusion	Positive

Bijlage 2: Samenstelling panel

- Prof. dr. Laurence W. Gormley MA, MSc, FRSA, (chair), Professor of European Law, University of Groningen (since 1 September 1990) and Jean Monnet Professor (since April 1995), Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges;
- Prof. dr. Massimiliano Vatterio, Assistant professor of Political Economy, University of Trento, Italy; Brenno Gall Chair in Economic Analysis of Law Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano, Switzerland;
- Prof. dr. Andreas Engert, Full professor of private law, commercial, company and capital markets law and foundations of law, Freie Universität Berlin;
- Sonja Keske, EMLE Alumnus 2004/2005; Senior Case Handler, German Competition Authority Bundeskartellamt, Bonn, Germany;
- Mary Hayrapetyan, Master student in the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in International Development Studies (GLODEP) Palacky University, University Clermont Auvergne, University of Pavia.

On behalf of NVAO, ir. Lineke van Bruggen was responsible for the coordination of the assessment process. The secretary (certified) was dr. Marianne van der Weiden.