



Cooperation Agreement between the International Student Identity Card (ISIC) Netherlands and the European Consortium for Accreditation (ECA)

1. Aim of Cooperation Agreement

The aim of this cooperation agreement between ISIC Netherlands and the European Consortium for Accreditation is to establish a framework in order to promote and foster mutual cooperation.

This cooperation is based on the mutual interest of both partners to facilitate the internationalisation of institutions and students. The objective of this agreement is to recognise that both organisations aim to improve and acknowledge the initiatives that academic institutions take to create an international and intercultural learning environment.

ISIC Netherlands and ECA agree to promote this cooperation by raising awareness and actively encouraging the development of the mutual relationship. It is agreed that, where appropriate, the ISIC Netherlands and ECA will mutually bring this cooperation agreement to the attention of their organizations, and shall encourage each respective organization to engagement in the manner they judge appropriate and sufficient to achieve the ends of the cooperation.

Both the ISIC Association and the ECA operate across multiple territories, with ISIC operational in over 130 countries (with particular focus on Europe), and ECA with 15 members in 11 European countries. ISIC Netherlands and ECA encourage their country-level counterparts to connect and explore ways to further develop the partnership. The areas of cooperation can be diverse and could contain collaboration such as:

- The mutual promotion and creation of awareness to academic institutions
- Promotion of the Certificate for Quality in Internationalisation
- Promotion ISIC as the only international student ID
- Promotion and encouragement for cooperation through common projects
- Joint research and other projects on internationalisation in the education sector

It is understood that all information exchanged within the context of this cooperation framework remains confidential to the parties for the duration of the cooperation agreement and thereafter.

2. About the partners

European Consortium for Accreditation (ECA)

ECA is an association of European accreditation and QA agencies that strives for continuous progress in the area of accreditation and external quality assurance, facilitates mutual recognition, promotes internationalisation of higher education and creates transparency in QA to the benefit of students, HE institutions and society.

ECA has developed a methodology to assess the internationalisation of programmes and institutions. This methodology is currently tested in twelve countries. A final methodology and an application module will be made available.

A successful assessment will then lead to the award of an ECA Certificate for Quality in Internationalisation. This Certificate confirms that a programme or an institution has successfully incorporated an international and intercultural dimension into the purpose, function and delivery of its education.



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International Student Identity Card (ISIC) Netherlands

ISIC Netherlands has the rights to represent, promote and distribute ISIC International Cards in the Netherlands such as ISIC (International Student Identity Card), ITIC (International Teacher Identity Card) and IYTC (International Youth Travel Card) as well as additional products and services connected with these cards, including the negotiation of financial and academic co-branded cards.

International Student Identity Card (ISIC) Association

The ISIC Association is the non-profit organisation responsible for management, growth and development of the International Student Identity Card (ISIC). Created in 1953, the card was developed with the aim to foster intercultural understanding and peace through pioneering discounts that make travel and cultural exchange more accessible to students. The ISIC card is not exclusive – any fulltime student, regardless of their geographical location, ethnic or cultural origin, religion, sexual orientation, political viewpoint or social standing, is eligible for an ISIC card.

Today, the ISIC card is used by more than 4.5 million students each year in over 130 countries worldwide and offers every student cardholder access to over 42,000 benefits, discounts and services, each tailored to ensure they meet the needs of students every day. It is the only internationally accepted proof of bona fide student status.

The ISIC card has been endorsed by UNESCO since 1968, and the ISIC Association became a UNWTO Affiliate Member in 2013. The ISIC Association partners with organisations such as the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, the Andean Community of Nations, the European Students' Union, and AIESEC International. The ISIC Association is a founding member the World Youth Student Education and Travel Confederation (WYSETC). In addition, ISIC Association national representatives work alongside ministries of education, youth, tourism, and culture, as well as student organisations and universities worldwide in order to achieve the organisation's mission. The ISIC Association is managed at an international level by the ISIC Global Office B.V.; located in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The ISIC Global Office B.V. is the signatory party organisation for this MoU.



3. Use of logos

ECA will make its logo available to ISIC Netherlands for use by ISIC on its website and promotional materials. The ISIC Association agrees to check all descriptive text referencing ECA, before publishing any materials.

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4. Duration

This Cooperation Agreement shall enter into effect on 01.02.2015 for three (3) years, with automatic renewal for a one (1) year period on 01.02.2018 and each year following, unless terminated in writing by either party. It may however be revoked in writing by either of the partners with a notice period of three (3) months.

Both Parties furthermore agree that this cooperation of agreement shall be signed using an electronic signature and that the use of a secure electronic signature is a trustworthy method for authentication with the same legal effect as a handwritten signature.

We, the undersigned, agree to the above statements:

Place: Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Place: Paris, France

Date: 24/3-2015

Date:



Jacob Strømfeldt
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