

Historical reference

[**European Council for Business-Education \(ECBE\)**](#) is a leading European institution which conducts independent professional certification of the quality of study programmes in business education.

The main purpose of this institution is to enhance the quality of business education worldwide.

ECBE was founded in 1991 at the meeting of the managers of European educational institutions from 15 countries as a part of the global network aimed at certifying the quality and accrediting study programmes in business.

The ECBE's slogan "Excellence in Business Education" is implemented into practice thanks to providing assistance to educational institutions in introducing the Bologna standards for the identification of the most efficient tools for providing business education and developing the promising programmes of training competitive professionals in the field of management, marketing and international trade.

The ECBE is headquartered in Belgium and run by the Board of Directors, which is elected unanimously by the accredited members of ECBE. The ECBE also formed an independent board, the Board of Commissioners, the function of which is to oversee the accreditation procedures, in particular, to oversee the due diligence of inspections and documentation for accreditation of an educational institution. This Board consists of the highly qualified professionals and experts in economics, management and business. ECBE is a registered affiliate of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA).

The procedure for assessing the activities of an educational institution is divided into three stages. At the first stage, the activities of an educational institution are assessed by students/teachers and administration. At the second stage, the inspection is conducted by an independent board. The third, final stage, is making a decision on the compliance of an educational institution with the ECBE's criteria. The given decision is made on the basis of the inspection conducted by the Board.

The ECBE's activities are not limited only to accrediting educational organisations. The Council also provides consulting services, assists in developing and implementing various programmes and projects which meet the ECBE's requirements, organises workshops on development of professional competences and provides e-learning platform.