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EU Commission: European universities awarded for excellence in supporting mobile students

65 higher education institutions from 16 countries are today awarded with special European quality labels in recognition of their efforts to make it easier for students to study abroad. These labels are given to universities which have shown excellence in applying the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and the Diploma Supplement (DS), two European instruments that make teaching and learning more transparent and facilitate the recognition of studies and qualifications.

The ECTS and DS Labels for 2009 will be handed out tonight by the European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth, Ján Figel', in the presence of Vice-Minister for European Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, Jakub Dürr.

Explaining the significance of the labels Commissioner Figel' said: *"Today's Label holders are outstanding examples of institutions which are serious about being international players in European academic mobility and today's rapidly changing higher education sector."*

The ECTS and DS labels are awarded as honorary distinctions from 2009 to 2013 and comply with the Bologna process. The European Commission intends to organise annual application rounds for the ECTS and DS labels in the coming years. Applications can only be submitted by higher education institutions that have been awarded a Standard or an Extended Erasmus University Charter.

Out of the 63 ECTS applications, 23 higher education institutions will receive the ECTS label and from 161 DS applications, 52 higher education institutions will be a holder of a DS label. This means that all in all, about one third of both the ECTS and the DS label applications have been selected. In addition, 10 institutions will receive both labels.

The ECTS label

The [European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System \(ECTS\)](#) makes teaching and learning more transparent and facilitates the recognition of studies (formal, non-formal or informal). The system is used across Europe for credit transfer (student mobility) and credit accumulation (learning paths towards a degree).

Institutions which apply ECTS publish their course catalogues on the web, including detailed descriptions of study programmes, units of learning, university regulations and student services. Course descriptions contain learning outcomes (what students are expected to know, understand and be able to do) and workload (the time students typically need to



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achieve the learning outcomes), expressed in terms of credits. In most cases, student workload ranges from 1,500 to 1,800 hours for an academic year, and one credit corresponds to 25-30 hours of work.

Credit transfer and accumulation are helped by the use of the ECTS key documents (course catalogue, learning agreement and transcript of records) as well as the Diploma Supplement.

For now, the ECTS label only focuses on the correct use of ECTS for credit transfer, i.e. for mobile students.

Criteria for the ECTS label are, amongst others:

- Is all relevant information for foreign students available in English (information package, course catalogue)?
- Are the individual files of incoming and outgoing students complete?

The DS label

The [Diploma Supplement \(DS\)](#) is a document attached to a higher education diploma with the aim of improving international 'transparency' and of facilitating the academic and professional recognition of qualifications (diplomas, degrees, certificates etc.). It is designed to provide a description of the nature, level, context, content and status of the studies that were successfully completed by the individual named on the original qualification to which this supplement is appended. It should be free from any value-judgements, equivalence statements or suggestions about recognition. It is a flexible, non-prescriptive tool which is designed to save time, money and workload. It can be adapted to local needs.

The Diploma Supplement label is awarded to institutions which have shown that they provide the Diploma Supplements to students in a correct way. They have also given proof that:

- The copies comply with the standard Diploma Supplement model
- All students of the applicant institution receive a copy of the Diploma Supplement automatically and free of charge upon graduation.
- The Diploma Supplement is issued in a widely spoken European language and, if so wished, in another language.

To know more:

European Commission: [The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System \(ECTS\)](#)

European Commission: [The Diploma Supplement](#)

European Commission: [Higher education in Europe](#)



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Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA): [Applications for the European Credit Transfer System \(ECTS\) and Diploma Supplement \(DS\) labels 2009-2013](#)

ANNEX

In 2009 the following institutions will be holders of an ECTS or a DS Label:

ECTS Label holders 2009

Country	Name of the Higher Education Institution	Name in English	City
Belgique-België	UNIVERSITEIT GENT	GHENT UNIVERSITY	GENT
Belgique-België	KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN	Catholic University of Leuven	LEUVEN
Belgique-België	UNIVERSITÉ DE LIÈGE	UNIVERSITY OF LIEGE	LIÈGE
Belgique-België	UNIVERSITÉ CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN	Catholic University of Louvain	LOUVAIN-LA-NEUVE
Česká Republika	VYSOKÉ UCENÍ TECHNICKÉ V BRNE	BRNO UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	BRNO
Česká Republika	VYSOKÁ ŠKOLA EKONOMICKÁ V PRAZE	UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS, PRAGUE	PRAHA 3
Danmark	AARHUS UNIVERSITET	UNIVERSITY OF AARHUS	AARHUS
Deutschland	HOCHSCHULE KARLSRUHE - TECHNIK UND WIRTSCHAFT	Karlsruhe University of Applied Sciences	KARLSRUHE
Italia	UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA - ALMA MATER STUDIORUM	UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA	BOLOGNA
Italia	UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI PARMA	UNIVERSITY OF PARMA	PARMA
Italia	LIBERA UNIVERSITA' MARIA SS. ASSUNTA' DI ROMA	LUMSA UNIVERSITY OF ROME	ROMA
Lietuva	ISM VADYBOS IR EKONOMIKOS UNIVERSITETAS	ISM University of Management and Economics	KAUNAS
Nederland	RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT GRONINGEN	University of Groningen	GRONINGEN
Nederland	WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITEIT AND RESEARCH CENTRUM	WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH CENTRUM	WAGENINGEN
Österreich	MANAGEMENT CENTER INNSBRUCK	MANAGEMENT CENTER INNSBRUCK	INNSBRUCK
Österreich	FACHHOCHSCHULE DES BFI WIEN GESELLSCHAFT M.B.H.	University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna	WIEN
Polska	POLITECHNIKA ŁÓDZKA	Technical University of Lodz	ŁÓDZ
Portugal	UNIVERSIDADE DE AVEIRO	UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO	AVEIRO
Portugal	UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO	University of Minho	BRAGA



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Portugal	UNIVERSIDADE TÉCNICA DE LISBOA	TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF LISBON	LISBOA
Portugal	INSTITUTO POLITÉCNICO DE TOMAR	Polytechnic Institute of Tomar	TOMAR
Suomi-Finland	ARCADA - NYLANDS SVENSKA YRKESHÖGSKOLA	ARCADA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES	HELSINKI
Norge	UNIVERSITETET I AGDER	UNIVERSITY OF AGDER	KRISTIANSAND

DS Label holders 2009

Country	Name of the Higher Education Institution	Name in English	City
България	VARNENSKI SVOBODEN UNIVERSITET "CHERNORIZETS HRABAR"	VARNA FREE UNIVERSITY "CHERNORIZETS HRABAR"	VARNA
Česká Republika	VYSOKÉ UCENÍ TECHNICKÉ V BRNE	BRNO UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	BRNO
Česká Republika	MASARYKOVA UNIVERZITA	MASARYK UNIVERSITY	BRNO
Česká Republika	VETERINARNI A FARMACEUTICKÁ UNIVERZITA BRNO	UNIVERSITY OF VETERINARY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES BRNO	BRNO
Česká Republika	TECHNICKÁ UNIVERZITA V LIBERCI	TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF LIBEREC	LIBEREC
Česká Republika	SLEZSKÁ UNIVERZITA V OPAVE	SILESIA UNIVERSITY IN OPAVA	OPAVA
Česká Republika	VYSOKÁ SKOLA BANSKÁ - TECHNICKÁ UNIVERZITA OSTRAVA	VSB - TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF OSTRAVA	OSTRAVA - PORUBA
Česká Republika	OSTRAVSKÁ UNIVERZITA V OSTRAVE	UNIVERSITY OF OSTRAVA	OSTRAVA
Česká Republika	VYSOKÁ SKOLA PODNIKÁNÍ, A.S.	BUSINESS SCHOOL OSTRAVA PLC	OSTRAVA
Česká Republika	UNIVERZITA PARDUBICE	University of Pardubice	PARDUBICE
Česká Republika	ZÁPADOČESKÁ UNIVERZITA V PLZNI	UNIVERSITY OF WEST BOHEMIA	PLZEN
Česká Republika	AKADEMIE MÚZICKÝCH UMENÍ V PRAZE	ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS IN PRAGUE	PRAHA 1
Česká Republika	UNIVERZITA KARLOVA V PRAZE	CHARLES UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE	PRAHA 1
Česká Republika	VYSOKÁ SKOLA EKONOMICKÁ V PRAZE	UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS, PRAGUE	PRAHA 3
Česká Republika	UNIVERZITA JANA EVANGELISTY PURKYNE V ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM	JAN EVANGELISTA PURKYNE UNIVERSITY IN USTI NAD LABEM	ÚSTÍ NAD LABEM
Česká Republika	UNIVERZITA TOMÁSE BATI VE ZLÍNE	TOMAS BATA UNIVERSITY IN ZLIN	ZLIN
Italia	ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI	ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS	MACERATA



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Italia	UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA DEL SACRO CUORE - MILANO	CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF THE SACRED HEART	MILANO
Italia	CONSERVATORIO DI MUSICA ARRIGO BOITO	Conservatory of Music A.Boito	PARMA
Italia	CONSERVATORIO STATALE DI MUSICA "GIUSEPPE TARTINI" - TRIESTE	STATE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC GIUSEPPE TARTINI	TRIESTE
Κύπρος	PANEPISTIMIO KYPROU	UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS	NICOSIA
Latvija	REZEKNES AUGSTSKOLA	REZEKNE HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	REZEKNE
Lietuva	KAUNO TECHNOLOGIJOS UNIVERSITETAS	KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	KAUNAS
Lietuva	VIESOJI ISTAIGA SOCIALINIŲ MOKSLŲ KOLEGIJA	PUBLIC INSTITUTION THE COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES	KLAIPEDA
Lietuva	VILNIAUS GEDIMINO TECHNIKOS UNIVERSITETAS	VILNIUS GEDIMINAS TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	VILNIUS
Nederland	TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITEIT EINDHOVEN	EINDHOVEN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	EINDHOVEN
Nederland	RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT GRONINGEN	University of Groningen	GRONINGEN
Österreich	MANAGEMENT CENTER INNSBRUCK	MANAGEMENT CENTER INNSBRUCK	INNSBRUCK
Österreich	FACHHOCHSCHULE DES BFI WIEN GESELLSCHAFT M.B.H.	University of Applied Sciences bfi Vienna	WIEN
Portugal	UNIVERSIDADE DE AVEIRO	UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO	AVEIRO
Portugal	UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO	University of Minho	BRAGA
Portugal	INSTITUTO POLITÉCNICO DE TOMAR	Polytechnic Institute of Tomar	TOMAR
Suomi-Finland	ARCADA - NYLANDS SVENSKA YRKESHÖGSKOLA	ARCADA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES	HELSINKI
Suomi-Finland	MIKKELIN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU	Mikkeli University of Applied Sciences	MIKKELI
Suomi-Finland	PIRKANMAAN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU	Pirkanmaa Polytechnic - University of Applied Sciences	TAMPERE
Suomi-Finland	VAASAN AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU - VASA YRKESHÖGSKOLA	Vaasa University of Applied Sciences	VAASA
Suomi-Finland	LAUREA-AMMATTIKORKEAKOULU	LAUREA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES	Vantaa
United Kingdom	UNIVERSITY OF KENT	UNIVERSITY OF KENT	CANTERBURY
United Kingdom	BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY	BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY	POOLE
United Kingdom	SWANSEA UNIVERSITY	SWANSEA UNIVERSITY	SWANSEA
Norge	UNIVERSITETET FOR MILJØ OG BIOVITENSKAP	Norwegian University of Life Sciences	AAS
Norge	UNIVERSITETET I BERGEN	University of Bergen	BERGEN



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Norge	HØGSKOLEN I ØSTFOLD	Østfold University College	HALDEN
Norge	UNIVERSITETET I AGDER	UNIVERSITY OF AGDER	KRISTIANSAND
Norge	ARKITEKTUR- OG DESIGNHØGSKOLEN I OSLO	THE OSLO SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN	OSLO
Türkiye	ORTA DOĞU TEKNİK ÜNİVERSİTESİ	MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	ANKARA
Türkiye	BİLKENT ÜNİVERSİTESİ	BILKENT UNIVERSITY	ANKARA
Türkiye	SABANCI ÜNİVERSİTESİ	SABANCI UNIVERSITY	ISTANBUL
Türkiye	EGE ÜNİVERSİTESİ	EGE UNIVERSITY	IZMIR
Türkiye	GEBZE YÜKSEK TEKNOLOJİ ENSTİTÜSÜ	GEBZE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	GEBZE KOCAELI
Türkiye	SAKARYA ÜNİVERSİTESİ	SAKARYA UNIVERSITY	SAKARYA
Türkiye	KARADENİZ TEKNİK ÜNİVERSİTESİ	KARADENİZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	TRABZON

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