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Lingua

Erasmus

Eurydice

Helios

Do You Know Your European Acronyms?

Following is a short list of acronyms commonly used in European education. The majority are European Community program acronyms and those of larger, international organizations involved in education. Some are not literal translations, and some program names, such as IRIS and FORCE, are not true acronyms.

AIEE: Association of Institutes for European Studies

ARION: Program for Study Visits for Education

ATEA: Association for Teacher Education in Europe

CE: Council of Europe

CEDEFOP: European Center for the Development of Vocational Training

CEPES: European Center for Higher Education

CERI: Center for Educational Research and Innovation

COMETT: Community Action Program for Education and Training for Technology

CRE: European Rectors Conference

EAIE: European Association for International Education

EBAE: European Bureau of Adult Education

EC: European Community

ECTS: European Credit Transfer System

ECU: European Currency Unit (approximately equal to US\$1.25)

EFTA: European Free Trade Association

EIESP: European Institute of Education and Social Policy

ERASMUS: European Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students

ESN: European Student Network

ESPRIT: European Strategic Program for Research and Development in Information Technology

ETF: European Training Foundation

EURYDICE: European Information Network in the Field of Education

EUROFORM: Initiation for the development of New Qualifications, Skills and Employment Opportunities

EUROTECNET: Action Program in the Field of New Technologies and Vocational Training

ARION

IRIS

FORCE

ESPRIT

FORCE: European community action program for the development of Continuing Vocational Training

G24: Group of 24 countries, including all E.C. members, Turkey, Canada, the United States, Japan, Australia and New Zealand

HELIOS: Program for the Integration of Handicapped Children into Ordinary Schools

IAU: International Association of Universities

IBE: International Bureau of Education

ICED: International Council for Educational Development

ICP: Inter-university Cooperation Program

IIEP: Institute for International Education Planning

IRIS: Community network of training programs for women

JEP: Joint Educational Program

JSP: Joint Studies Program

LINGUA: Program to Promote the Teaching and Learning of Community Languages

NARIC: National Academic Recognition Information Centers

NGAA: National Grant-Awarding Authority

OECD: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

PETRA: Community Action Program for the Vocational Training of Young People and their Preparation for Adult and Working Life

SCIENCE: Stimulation of International Cooperation and Interchanges Needed by European Researchers

SPES: Stimulation Plan for Economic Science

STV: Study and Teaching Visits within ERASMUS and TEMPUS programs

TEMPUS: Trans-European Mobility Program for University Studies

UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization

YFE: Youth for Europe

YWEP: Young Workers' Exchange Program

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