

Advantages of ECTN Association Membership

- Privileged access to EChemTest, a multilingual internet based set of chemistry tests.
- Participation in the development of EChemTest.
- Participation in various working groups of the network that provide a forum for discussions and the publication of reports.
- Networking opportunities for chemists interested in chemical education and student exchange at a European level.
- Information about teaching, learning and assessment of chemistry.
- Information about European co-operation programmes.
- A regular newsletter.
- The opportunity to influence higher education in chemistry in Europe.

Membership

Membership is open to any higher education institution, professional body, industrial company or organisation that wishes to participate in the activities of the Association.

How to join the ECTN Association

Application forms are available on the ECTN website: www.ectn.net



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ECTN Association

European Chemistry Thematic Network



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What is a Thematic Network?

Thematic Networks are one of the main innovations of the Socrates-Erasmus programme.

They provide a forum for the analysis and study of the state of development of education and training in Europe in order to encourage and improve its quality on a European dimension.

Their philosophy has always been to emphasise the teaching dimension of university activity.

The Thematic Networks have carried out two sets of basic tasks over the years:



- Mapping and enhancing education:

- Describing, analysing and comparing existing teaching methods.

- Defining and experimenting with new teaching methods.

- Identifying existing teaching material and placing this at the disposal of the members of the network with the aid of databases.

- Producing or updating, translating and disseminating new teaching material.

- Activities in the field of quality assurance.

- Facilitating European Co-operation:

- Assessing the quality of European co-operation, identifying needs and obstacles and providing solutions.

- Developing tools for co-operation (the use of ECTS, new models of co-ordination, Europeanisation strategies)

- Promoting the production of European modules

What is the ECTN Association?

- The European Chemistry Thematic Network Association is a non-profit making association registered in Belgium and is an outcome of six years of network activity
- Higher education institutions, national chemical societies and chemical and software companies comprise our members.
- There are currently over 120 members of the network coming from 30 different European countries and with associate members world-wide.
- Expert European groups work on a range of topics and produce reports with a real European dimension. These reports and recommendations are available on our website.
- A multi-lingual series of tests, that can be used for certification/validation of competence in chemistry at various levels is now available on Internet. Associated E-learning facilities have been produced. The purpose of the tests is to validate the competence of all citizens, irrespective of their learning path.
- See www.EChemTest.net for further information.

Aims of the ECTN Association

- To implement, consult or supervise programmes for the assessment of skills and knowledge in science and engineering, with the emphasis on chemistry.
- To undertake education and training programmes, especially those concerning innovative approaches and technologies.
- To operate as a consultant or assessor in programmes concerning education and training.
- To provide certification of achievement when assessments have been carried out under appropriate conditions.
- To cooperate with established professional or other associations in the furtherance of its objectives.
- To extend the reach of all aspects of education in science and engineering beyond national borders.
- To provide a European framework for first-cycle degrees in chemistry.

