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ESSCA secures maximum five-year renewal of its EQUIS accreditation

Already EQUIS-accredited for ten years, ESSCA has obtained the renewal of its accreditation for the maximum period of five years.

Awarded by the EFMD (European Foundation for Management Development), this international accreditation recognises institutions for the quality of their academic model, governance, internationalisation and learning environment, as well as their ability to educate responsible managers.

“Securing the renewal of the EQUIS accreditation for the maximum period of five years is both a **recognition of the distance ESSCA has travelled and an encouragement to go further**. This distinction reinforces our momentum and strengthens our determination to **implement the KAIROS 2030 strategic plan, which aims to make ESSCA an international benchmark in research, professionalisation and learning**,” states Jean Charroin, Dean and CEO of ESSCA.

Following their visit in January 2026 to the Angers and Paris campuses, the auditors notably commended:

- **the robustness of the KAIROS 2030 strategic plan;**
- **strongly engaged internal and external governance;**
- **a sound financial position;**
- **significant progress in research;**
- **a strong capacity for pedagogical innovation and agility in the development of new campuses and programmes.**

All the objectives set during the previous accreditation (2022) have been achieved, with significant progress made on the identified focus areas.

At the same time, this recognition forms part of a strengthened international dynamic, illustrated by **the election of Jean Charroin, Dean and CEO of ESSCA, as President of the ACE alliance** (Alliance of Chinese and European Business Schools), which brings together 18 European and Chinese institutions under the patronage of the EFMD. ESSCA has been a founding member since 2013 and is the only French institution in the alliance.

Press release



About ESSCA

Based on its rich 117-year history, ESSCA School of Management is a renowned and firmly established French and European institution. A pioneering school in terms of teaching innovation and social and economic inclusion, it has striven to evolve on a permanent basis to incorporate the demands and challenges of the modern world with a will to train responsible leaders and assist organisations undergoing change.

A private higher education institution of common interest built upon a not-for-profit associative structure and a member of the Conférence des Grandes Ecoles, ESSCA School of Management delivers an officially recognised 5-year postsecondary Master degree and also offers a fully accredited Bachelor in International Management degree programme, an MBA Business & Technology and Master of Science programmes. The school also offers a range of training programmes designed specifically for senior executives, managers, and operational teams, with degree-awarding training (including an Executive Master in Global Management) and custom programmes. ESSCA is also developing online designed by ESSCA online campus.

Thanks to its AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS triple crown accreditation, a status held by only 1% of business schools around the world, the School is an internationally renowned institution. It features in the top 100 Masters in Management programmes in the world in the 2025 Financial Times ranking and 53rd globally for custom programmes in executive education. In terms of impact and research, ESSCA is ranked by Times Higher Education and ARWU (Shanghai Ranking).

Strengthened by a multicampus structure that helps consolidate its appeal to local regions and the showcasing of French expertise in the areas of higher education and research, ESSCA can call upon a network of almost 22,800 alumni working all across the world and currently welcomes over 500 faculty and staff and 7,800 students on its campuses in France (Aix-en-Provence, Angers, Bordeaux, Lyon, Paris and Strasbourg), China, Hungary, Luxemburg and Spain.

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