



For first time in history of BEST (Board of European Students of Technology) and CFES (Canadian Federation of Engineering Students) a joint Event on Education is organised!

From 28 August 2009 to 5 September 2009, 22 students from Europe and 11 from Canada will be gathered in Brno, Czech Republic to discuss on educational issues they are concerned.

But it's not only this! There will also be professors, to discuss with the students and give their input as well. And this isn't enough. We also need companies to fill the whole picture. This way, we will gather in one place all stakeholders and students from 2 continents.

There is a growing conviction that one of the most effective means to prepare future graduates for the needs of an increasingly international professional life in a global economy is simply to study and live abroad. The educational and social benefits, such as facing new educational approaches, acquiring new and cross-cultural knowledge and competencies, improving foreign language proficiency (especially in English), establishing international personal and professional networks, becoming familiar with other countries and cultures, etc. are being stressed by international educators.

In this event we will focus in cross-Atlantic mobility. Do you know if there are such programmes sponsored by EU or Canada, which are the requirements or how you can use the knowledge gained? We will discuss with other 10 Canadian students about the EU-Canada exchange programmes that already exist but also new ideas could come on table!

Another topic that will treat is research and innovation in Higher Education. But why research and innovation are so important?

For over 100 years, educators have reported on the benefits of experiential, hands-on, student-directed learning. Most teachers, knowing the value of this, have planned field trips, laboratory research and interdisciplinary activities that enrich and extend the curriculum.

Explicitly, we will discuss about undergraduate research, the benefits of implementing it and status in both continents. We will also discuss about new teaching methods (like e-learning, project based learning) and how new technologies can help to get a better engineering education.



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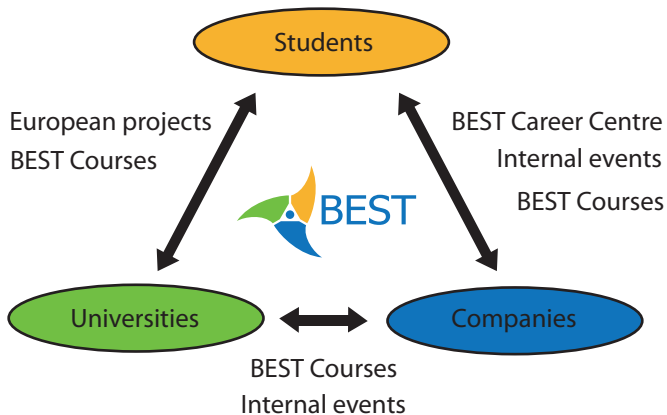
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BEST

BEST (Board of European Students of Technology) is a constantly growing non-profit and non-political organisation which, since 1989 provides communication and cooperation possibilities for students all over Europe. 79 Local BEST Groups in 30 countries are creating a growing, well organised, powerful, young and innovative student network (around 2600 active members, reaching 1.000.000 students all over Europe). BEST vision strives to help European students of technology to become more internationally minded, by reaching a better understanding of European cultures and developing capacities to work on an international basis. In order to accomplish this, BEST offers 3 main services: Complementary Education, Career Support and Educational Involvement.



BEST Educational Involvement

As student organisation, BEST takes active role in promoting and raising awareness on educational matters, related to the educational world of the modern engineer.

BEST Educational Involvement is a service that creates a platform for the European engineering students. This platform enables students to express their opinions to the stakeholders of European engineering education, to improve the system through their input, and furthermore increases the students' awareness on educational issues.

The connection between BEST and European Engineering Education is easily visualised:

Board of **European Students of Technology**
European Engineering Education

BEST Educational Committee

Educational Committee of BEST is the specialized team that works on educational matters in the field of the engineering. Educational Committee is responsible for representing our organization in numerous programs related to the educational world of the modern engineering student, supported by the European Commission. The purpose of the team is to offer the BEST educational involvement service and to implement and

operate the BEST educational programme. BEST Educational Programme consists of Events on Education, that aim to gather student input on hot educational topics, participation in European Thematic Networks and Projects, cooperation with associations involved in European Engineering Education, and support in other interesting BEST projects.

Events on Education

There are two types of BEST Events on Education: BEST Symposium on Education, and BEST Academics and Companies Forum (BACo).

- A BEST Symposium on Education is an event, where students take part in discussions and have the opportunity to express own opinion on educational matters. The topics are on hot educational issues and are often related to Thematic Networks and Projects, where BEST, through Educational Committee, is involved. Participation of professors is valuable in order to enhance diversity of opinions, and ensure the quality of the event.
- A BACo Forum is an event where students, professors and representatives from companies meet and discuss on educational topics. The goal is to approach the positions of the three stakeholders (companies, universities, students) in education through exchanging opinions and sharing experience.