

European Business Baccaureate Diploma

Das Europäische Wirtschaftsabitur



Berlin Statement

[1] Students in Europe want to acquire Europe-wide, standardized qualifications which serve as a basis for job-related mobility in Europe and for carrying out demanding professional activities following graduation, academic studies and training.

For graduates, Europe-wide standardised and recognized diplomas are valuable milestones on their way towards future professional success.

[2] On the basis of the given national qualifications for entrance to higher education, the Organization "European Business Baccaureate Diploma (EBBD e.V.)" has the goal of establishing an additional qualification which is transparent for all participants, is standardised across the EU and which focuses on commerce-related competencies. The given national university entrance qualifications will thus be extended and certified via business- and Europe-oriented qualifications.

[3] Schools, school administrations and other organisations have agreed upon defining the "European Business Baccaureate Diploma" (Europäisches Wirtschaftsabitur) as a Standard and, on this basis, providing it as an optional qualification for students with ambitions of university entrance. All of these organizations cooperate within the EBBD organisation.

[4] These qualifications which build upon the national university entrance qualification are made up of eight elements:

1. Commerce
2. Negotiating in International Trade
3. Foreign Languages
4. Economic Problem-solving in a Foreign Language (CLIL)
5. European Education
6. Soft Skills: Methods of Self- and Social aptitudes
7. Practical Foreign Negotiation Skills (Practicum abroad)
8. Problem-solving in Business Situations (simulations, projects)

[5] The organisation EBBD e.V. arranges for securing the standards and certification of the "European Business Baccaureate Diploma" (Europäisches Wirtschaftsabitur). It is responsible for disseminating the idea and facilitating the implementation of this approach within the EU countries and in further-interested European states.

[6] The organisation EBBD e.V. calls upon all Ministries and Organisations in the EU States as well as the European Commission to support and to endorse this project. The vast participation of many EU countries in this project shows the great importance attached to the concept.

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