

Report on the Outcome of the Accreditation Procedure of the Joint Master's Programme "Digital and Sustainable Manufacturing Engineering" by University of Applied Sciences JOANNEUM, conducted in cooperation with Mondragón University (Spain), Koszalin University of Technology (Poland) and ESTIA school of engineering (France), Accreditation Decision

1 Subject of the Application

The Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (AQ Austria) conducted an accreditation procedure for the above-mentioned degree programme pursuant to § 23 paragraph 4b and § 25 Act on Quality Assurance in Higher Education (HS-QSG), BGBl I Nr. 74/2011 as amended by BGBl I Nr. 50/2024, in conjunction with § 8 paragraph 3 University of Applied Sciences Act (FHG), BGBl Nr. 340/1993 as amended by BGBl I Nr. 50/2024, in conjunction with § 4 paragraph 5 sentence 2 Accreditation Decree of Universities of Applied Sciences 2024 (FH-AkkVO 2024). Pursuant to § 21 HS-QSG, AQ Austria hereby publishes the following outcome report:

2 Procedural Steps

The accreditation procedure comprised the following steps:

Procedural steps	Date
Receipt of the relevant documents, including Self-Evaluation Report (SER), Evaluation Report, Consortium Agreement, Accreditation Decision by the Agency for Quality of the Basque University System (Unibasq)	19/11/2025
Consultation with the applicant institution	08/01/2026 27/02/2026
Responses from the applicant institution	19/01/2026 17/03/2026
Consultation with Unibasq	08/01/2026 30/01/2026
Responses from Unibasq	29/01/2026 02/02/2026
Receipt of supplementary documents	17/03/2026

3 Accreditation decision

On 22 May 2026 the Board of AQ Austria decided to grant accreditation to the above-mentioned degree programme pursuant to § 23 paragraph 4b HS-QSG in conjunction with § 4 paragraph 5 sentence 2 FH-AkkVO 2024. Contrary to the expert report by Unibasq, the Board of AQ Austria classified two criteria as not met and decided the following conditions:

- Pursuant to Standard 1 – Eligibility (1.3 Cooperation Agreement) of the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes evidence must be provided within 9 months of service of this document that the amended academic degree ("double degree") is set out in a newly signed version of the Cooperation Agreement.
- Pursuant to Standard 8 – Transparency and Documentation of the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes evidence must be provided within 9 months of service of this document that adaptations regarding the amended academic degree ("double degree") have been made on the respective websites of EU4DUAL and UAS JOANNEUM as well as on each of the publicly available documents on these websites.

The master's programme "Digital and Sustainable Manufacturing Engineering" is jointly offered by University of Applied Sciences JOANNEUM (Austria), Mondragón University (Spain), Koszalin University of Technology (Poland) and ESTIA school of engineering (France).

If a degree programme is offered as a joint study programme with one or several recognised foreign Higher education institutions pursuant to § 3 paragraph 2 sentence 10 in conjunction with § 3a FHG, AQ Austria may specify a programme accreditation procedure that departs from § 23 paragraph 4 HS-QSG while complying with international standards and criteria. The results of quality assurance procedures that have already taken place shall be recognised.

In line with the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes, the quality assurance procedure was conducted by Agency for Quality of the Basque University System (Unibasq), which is registered in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR).

The decision was approved on 23 June 2026 by the competent federal minister. The notification on the accreditation decision was served on 26 June 2026.

4 Link to the expert report

- [Expert report by Unibasq](#), 23/05/2025