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What is EURAS?

EURAS, the European Academy for Standardization e.V., was founded in Hamburg in 1993 by researchers from various academic fields (i.e. economics, engineering, social sciences, law, and information sciences). It is a registered society under German civil law, and a non-profit organization. The foundation of EURAS was prompted by a common desire to promote and achieve progress in the academic treatment of standardization, involving the widest possible range of disciplines.

EURAS' objective is to promote research, education and publication in the field of standardization.

The society's activities focus on:

- promoting standardization research,
- a critical evaluation thereof in the interest of scientific education,
- improving opportunities to publish research results, and
- supporting the development and professionalization of standards education.

EURAS offers a platform for exchanging information, collaboration and dissemination. It does so by organizing annual EURAS workshops and publishing the workshop proceedings, a newsletter, and the EURAS Yearbook.

The Workshops draw academic researchers with different disciplinary backgrounds, representatives from national and regional standards bodies, representatives from government agencies and company representatives, who share an interest in standards. In principle, workshop presentations can address any aspect and field of standardization. In the past, there have been lectures on standards for IT and telecom, scientific methods, accountancy, water quality, gas, infrastructures, etc.

Since 2006 several thematic working groups are active (e.g. the EURAS working groups on *Education*, *Conflict resolution*, *History of standards*, and *Industry Requirements*), each with its own activities and outcomes.

Initiatives for collaboration range from European projects on education (e.g. Asia-Link) and research (e.g. NO-REST), to writing articles which would otherwise have not been written.

While EURAS emphasizes the need for increased European co-operation, it is internationally oriented and welcomes the participation from and collaboration with colleagues from other regions.

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