

How to join

There are different options to enable your students to access the services of the European Student Card Initiative using MyAcademicID. These services are using MyAcademicID to identify the students using their European Student Identifier (ESI) uniquely and reliably and to control access based on the affiliation status at their Higher Education Institution. There are different scenario's for enabling MyAcademicID:

- Many institutions participate in [eduGAIN](#), an international interfederation service interconnecting research and education identity federations. Liaise with your IT department to make sure that your university can a) support the deployment of the [European Student Identifier](#) (ESI) in your local information systems and b) release the relevant student attributes through eduGAIN when students authenticate electronically:
 - Name
 - Surname
 - Home organisation
 - Email
 - ESI
- If your HEI is not yet part of eduGAIN, check whether this is an option for your institution and get in touch with your National Research and Education Network (NREN) <https://technical.edugain.org/status>
- For institutions that cannot join eduGAIN and cannot be supported by the NREN, a specific solution was put in place, the so called [IdP of Last Resort](#).

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