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## Excelia Business School joins the *Concours ACCÈS* admissions system

Excelia Business School has joined the *Concours ACCÈS* competitive entrance examination system for the recruitment of students to its 5-year Master in Management programme. *Concours ACCÈS* is the flagship competitive system for post-High School admissions to a French *Programme Grande École* (known at Excelia as 'Master in Management'). It is a network of leading schools holding the most prestigious and demanding accreditations and quality labels. Excelia Business School will now be recruiting alongside IESEG, ESSCA, and ESDÉS.

### The most prestigious admissions system for management schools offering post-High School programmes

*Concours ACCÈS* has long been the benchmark competitive admissions system in this segment, exclusively targeting post-High School applicants wishing to pursue a 5-year *Programme Grande École*. It boasts a well-established reputation, offering High School students the possibility of enrolling in the very best schools with such a programme.

With some 7,700 applications (2024) received on *Parcoursup*, the French web platform for post-High School applications, *Concours ACCÈS* has proven to be an effective and selective competitive admissions system.

As of 2027, Excelia Business School will therefore be part of this prestigious selection process for post-High School recruitment and parallel admissions, thereby further enhancing the visibility of these 5-year *Grande École* programmes of excellence.

### Partner schools sharing standards of academic excellence

The three schools that founded *Concours ACCÈS* (ESDES, ESSCA and IESEG) all share the same high academic standards, and Excelia Business School merits its place as a worthy partner, as evidenced by its accreditations and quality labels: French *VISA*, French *Grade de Master*, triple international accreditation (AACSB, EQUIS, AMBA). Members of the *Conférence des Grandes Écoles*, all four schools also hold the EESPIG label, which is awarded exclusively to private, not-for-profit higher education establishments under contract with the French government.

### A triple-accredited, multi-campus Master in Management programme

Excelia Business School's 5-year Master in Management is offered on both its La Rochelle and Paris-Cachan campuses and was launched on its Tours campus in September 2021. The programme was designed to meet the objectives of

recruiting a more diverse student body and enriching the student experience. The aim was also to offer a programme that meets the educational expectations of the different locations where Excelia has a presence.

Student recruitment via Excelia's own in-house admissions examination will be held for the last time in 2026.



*"By making our 5-year Master in Management programme accessible through the most prestigious admissions system in this segment, Excelia Business School is looking to the future whilst remaining true to the academic excellence that is our hallmark. We are delighted to be joining Concours ACCÈS, as we wholeheartedly share its focus on student development and support."*

**Tamym Abdessemed, Dean of Excelia Business School, Assistant CEO of Excelia**

## About Excelia

Excelia is a multidisciplinary higher education establishment of general interest operating under contract with the French State. With a strong international standing, it comprises three schools: Excelia Business School, Excelia Hotel & Tourism School, and Excelia Communication School. It currently educates some 6,800 students on its 4 campuses and boasts an alumni network of 47,000 graduates. It holds the following labels, accreditations and certifications: EESPIG, EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA, as well as UNWTO.TedQual (United Nations) and THTS in the field of tourism.

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