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## **The Impact of Globalization on Life-Long Learning**

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### ABSTRACT

There are many different aspects of globalization:

- The globalization of the world market and the world economy;
- The development of global communication systems;
- The globalization of international institutions, for example in the field of higher education, environmental protection, security policy, etc., and
- The globalization of political systems.

Engineers of this new century must respond to the consequences of the quick spread of globalization. More and more engineers will work across national borders, and therefore they must understand the cultures, traditions and languages of countries where they will work, or where their products will be utilised. These tasks set up new challenges and requirements for the engineering education for the continuous professional developments and for the engineering profession. Through proper life-long learning systems we may decrease the gap among the engineering education systems of the different countries, involving into our postgraduate offers, problems like sustainable development; methods for poverty reduction etc. Experiences of the Institute of Continuing Engineering education at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics, -established in 1939- will be discussed.