

EDU-DEX implementation: 2 options

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Connecting to EDU-DEX is possible in two ways.

1. enter your training information via an XML feed from your own website
2. use the online entry module of the EDU-DEX database

Option 1 is recommended if you already have a structured training database. An API (application programming interface) must be programmed. An API converts your data into the data standard of EDU-DEX; the costs for programming an API are mainly dependent on the structure and content of your existing database.

Option 2 means that you manually provide your training information online. This is the best and cheapest option for most training providers. No IT action is required.

Option 1 : Your own XML-feed

Training programme descriptions may have many details and elements. The EDU-DEX data standard covers almost all conceivable pieces of information. It requires some preparation to determine which fields are useful for your customers. When setting up an XML feed, a few dozen to a few hundred fields must be programmed. This can be a costly process if you have to outsource all of this and / or if not all required or desirable information is currently been recorded in your own database.

However, this investment can quickly be recovered by huge savings on manual data entry. This is especially true for training institutes with >100 programs or start dates; and for institutions that have to supply their data to many external parties.

EDU-DEX offers two forms of support to assist in setting up your own EDU-DEX feed:

- technical specifications (XSD) please refer to <http://tijdelijk.edudex.eu/technical-documentation/>
- examples from other training suppliers:
 - studiedatabase.nl/edudex/programs/nyenrode/
 - studiedatabase.nl/edudex/programs/tias/

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Option 2 : online module for data entry

For many training suppliers (with <100 training courses) manual entry is the obvious option. You can request an account for this via info@edudex.nl.

Fees (excl. VAT)

Annual fee		€ 1.000
Option 1	one-time set-up XML-feed	€ 500
Option 2	one-time set-up manual data entry	€ 750