Quick Start Guide

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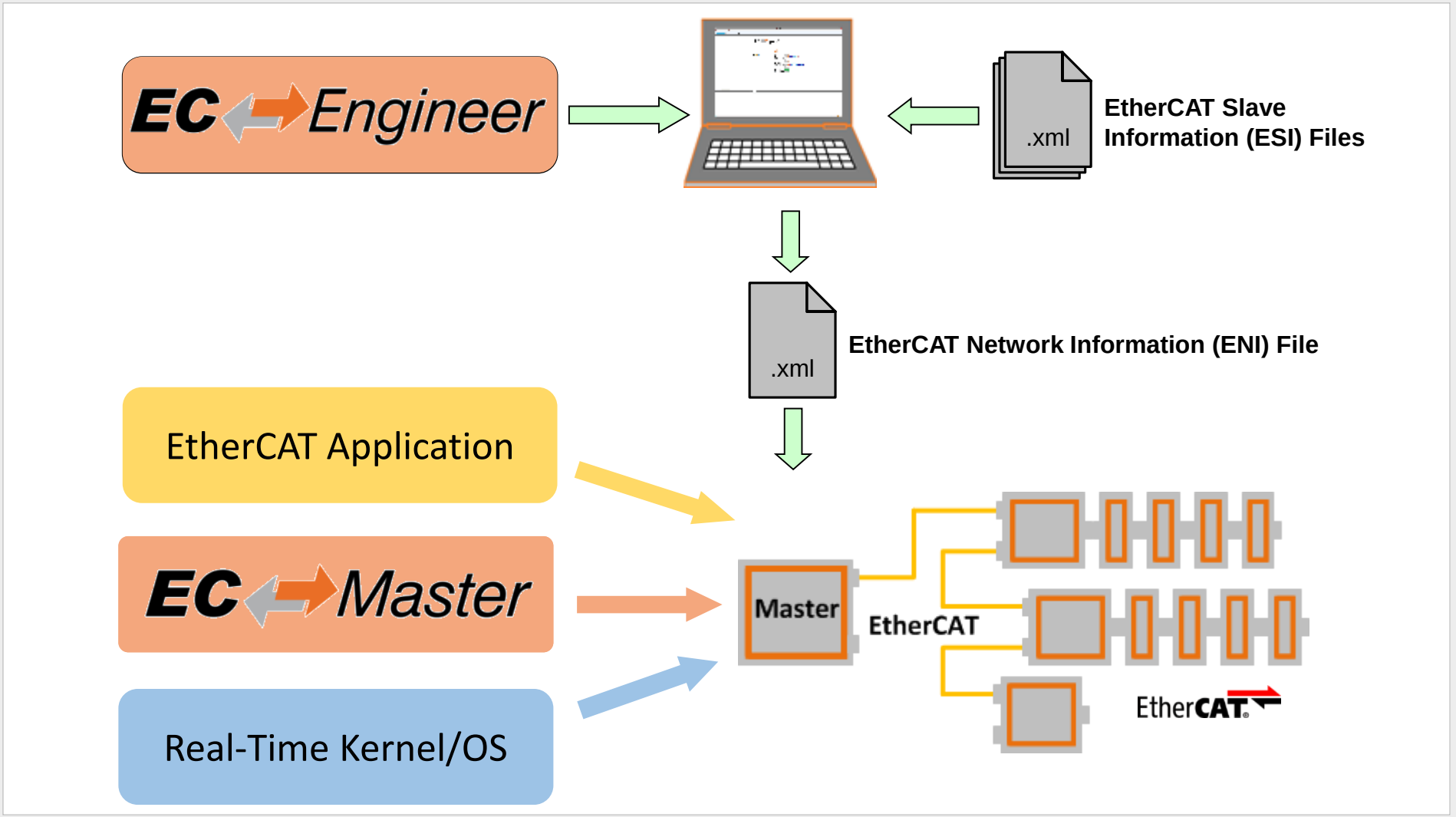
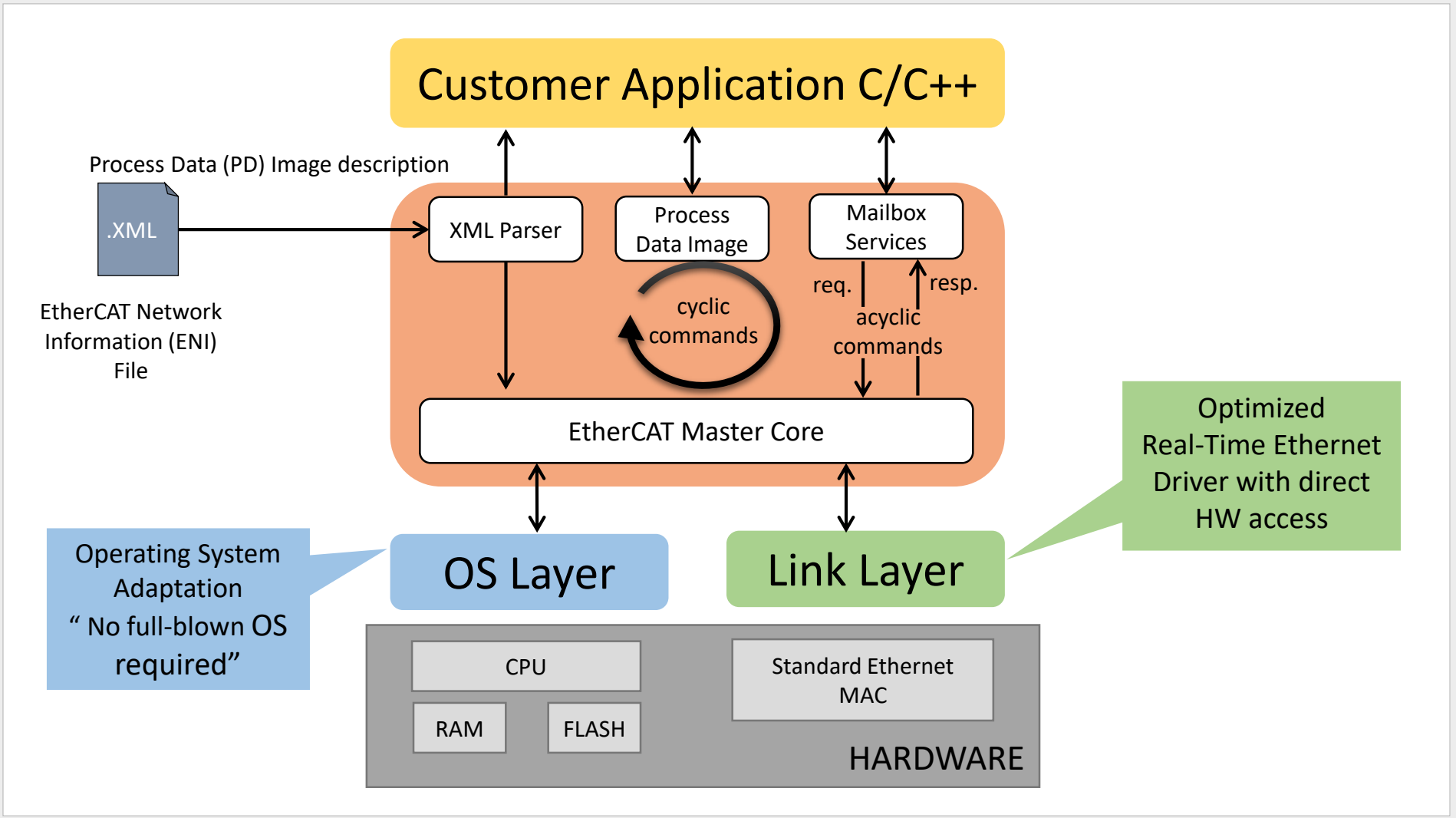
EtherCAT System Architecture



EC-Master Architecture



EC-Master Building Blocks

EC-Master according to ETG.1500 Master Classes Directive

Class B Core

- Compare network configuration
- Cyclic process data exchange
- Slave to slave communication
- Mailbox protocols CoE
- Mailbox protocols SoE
- Mailbox protocols EoE

Class A Core

- All Class B Features
- Mailbox protocol FoE
- Mailbox protocol AoE
- Mailbox protocol VoE
- **Distributed Clocks with master synchronization**

Feature Pack
Cable Redundancy

Feature Pack
Hot Connect

Feature Pack
Remote Access

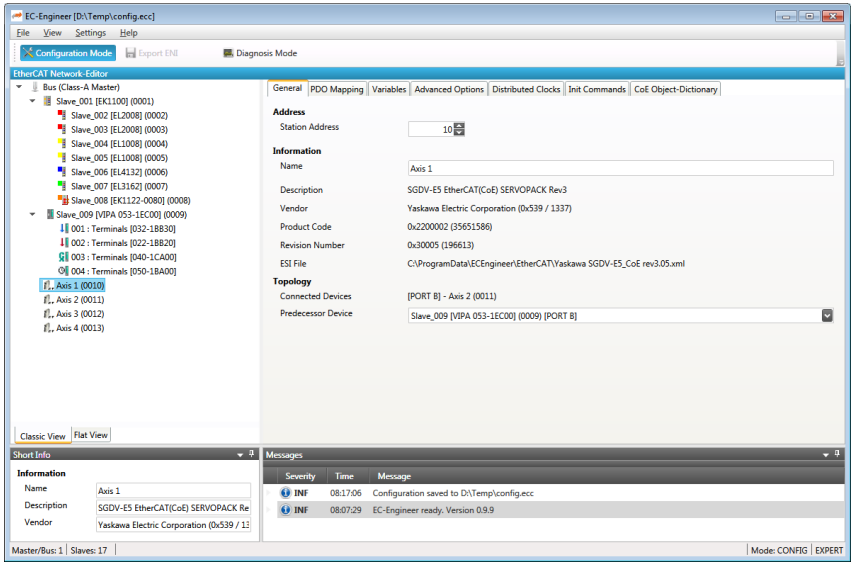
Feature Pack
Superset ENI

Feature Pack
EoE Endpoint

Feature Pack
Master Obj. Dict.

EC-Engineer: Overview

- One single tool for EtherCAT configuration and diagnosis
- Perfect supplement to EC-Master
- Import of EtherCAT Slave Information (ESI) files
- Export of EtherCAT Network Information (ENI) file
- Register here to get a free evaluation version: https://www.acontis.com/en/ecdownloads.html

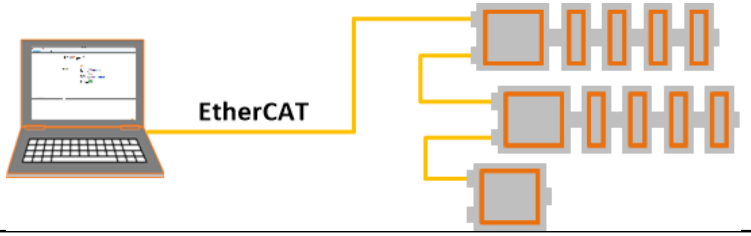


Operating Modes

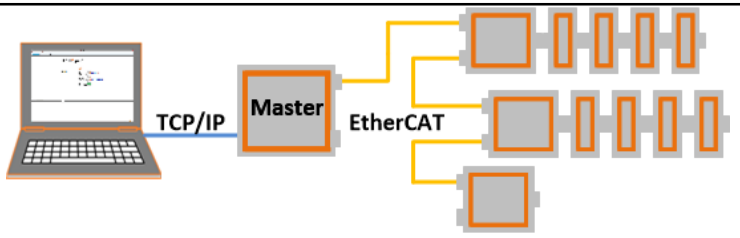
EC Engineer

*Offline **Configuration**:*
(In the Office)

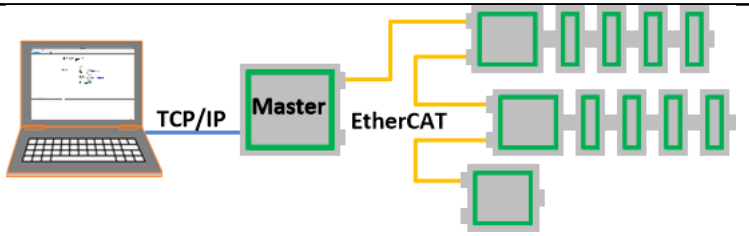
*Online **Configuration**:*
Slaves connected to
Engineering System



*Remote **Configuration**:*
Slaves connected to
Target System



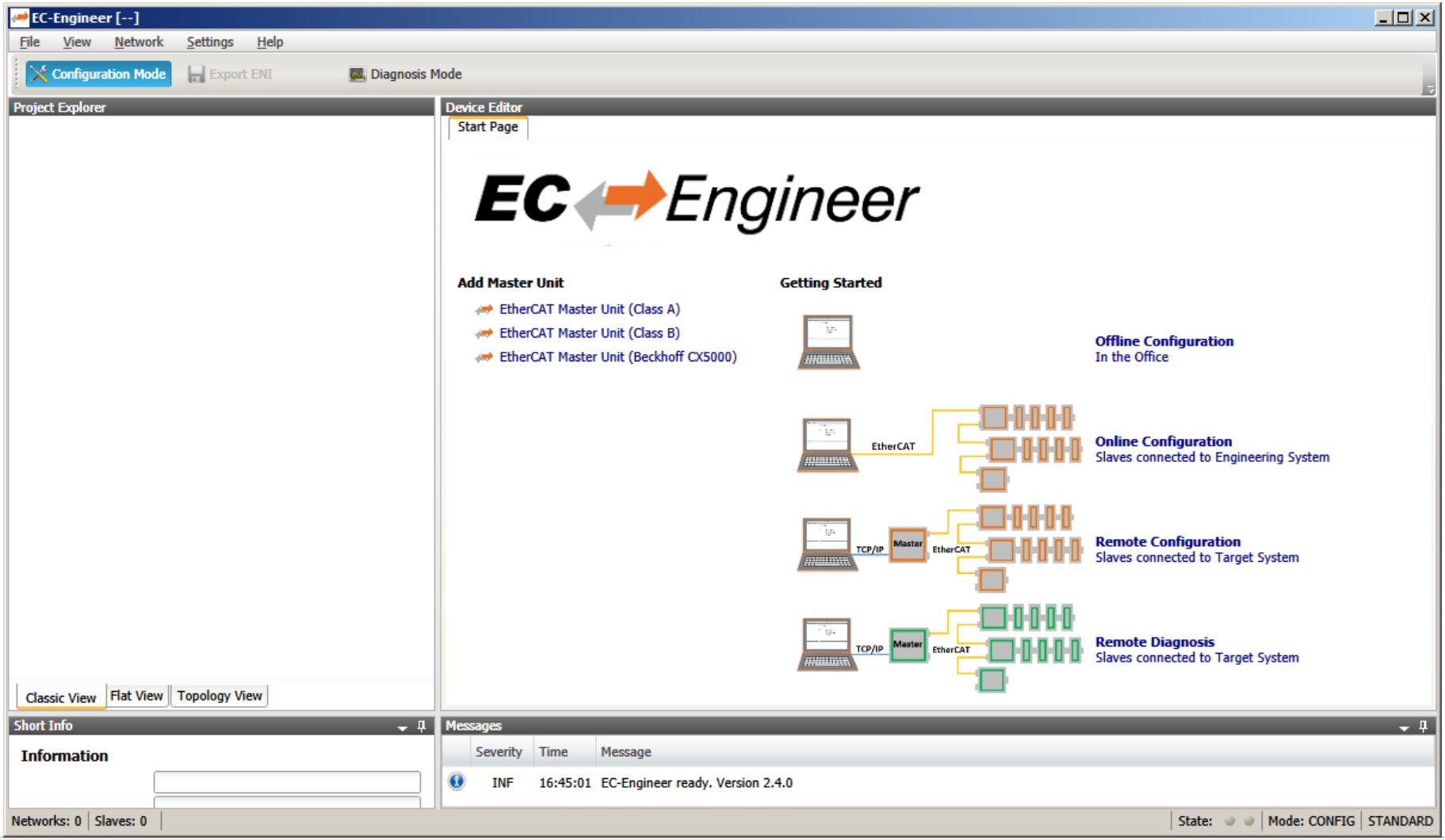
*Remote **Diagnosis**:*
Slaves connected to
Target System



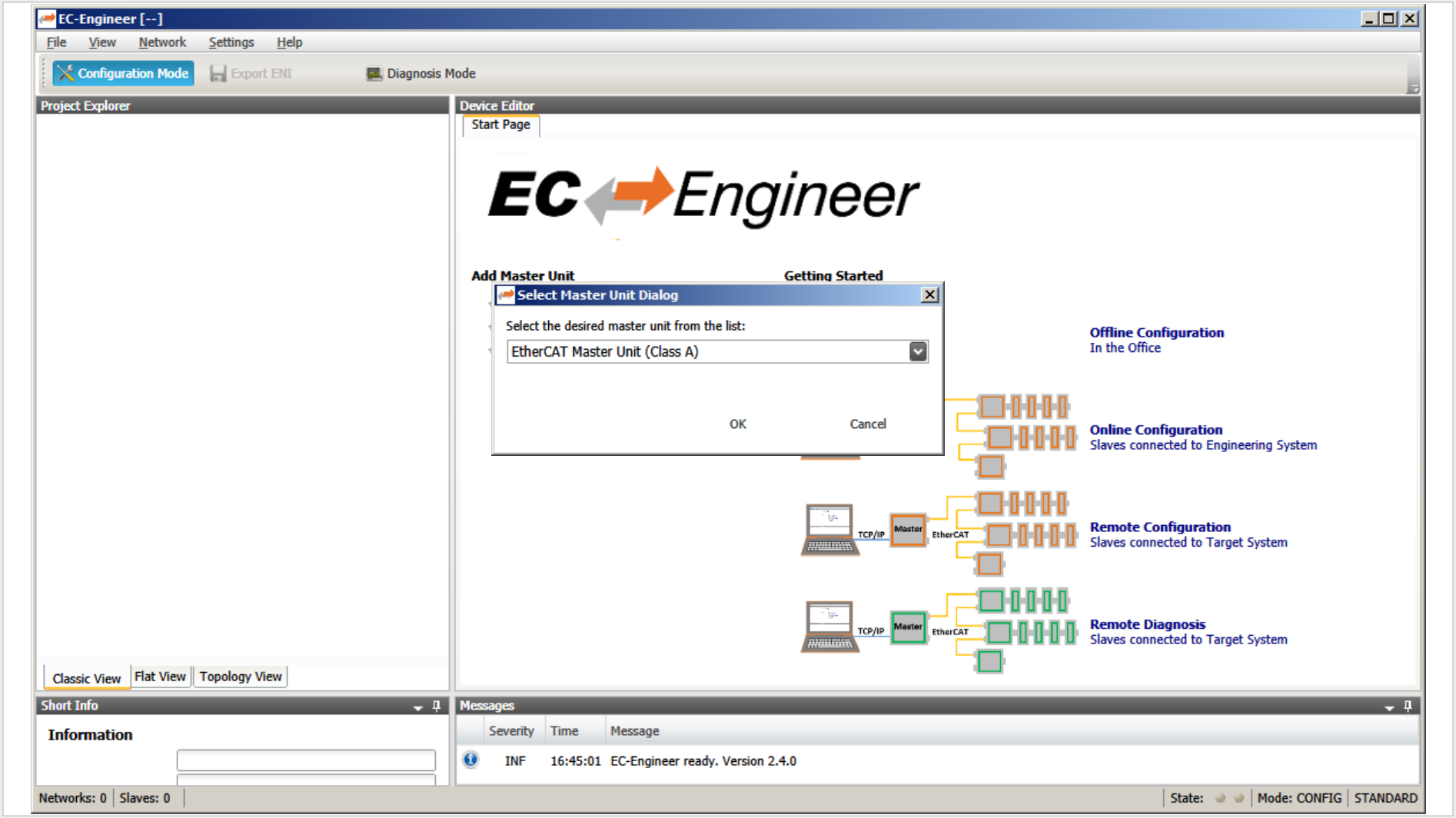
Generate bus configuration with EC-Engineer
Step 1: Connect EtherCAT Slaves

- EC-Engineer comes with an integrated EtherCAT master for scanning the connected EtherCAT slaves
- Every Ethernet Network Interface with an valid Windows driver can be used
- A second, dedicated Network Interface for EtherCAT is recommend
- Warning: Do not connect any EtherCAT slaves to your Office LAN

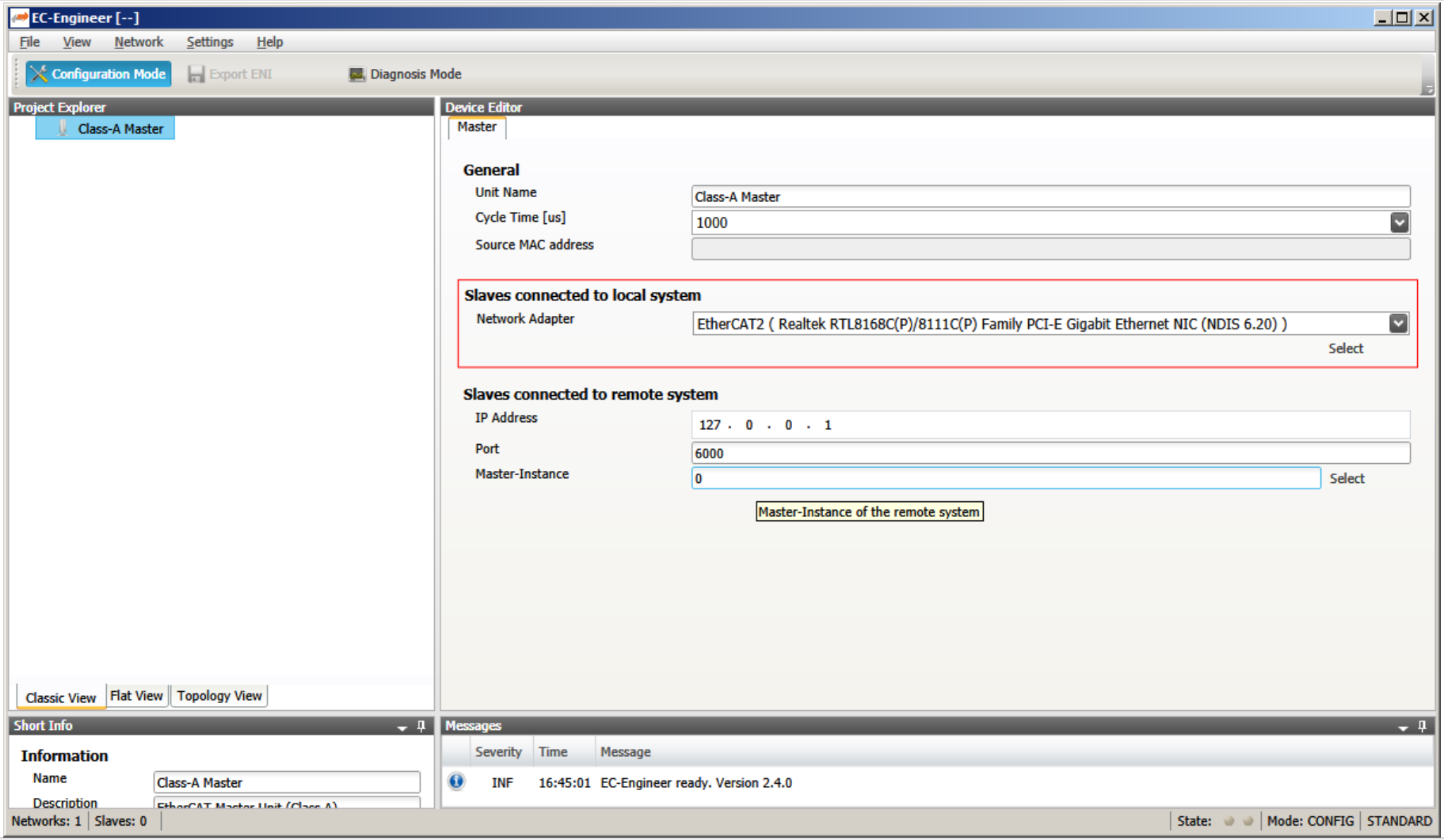
Generate bus configuration with EC-Engineer
Step 2: Install and start EC-Engineer



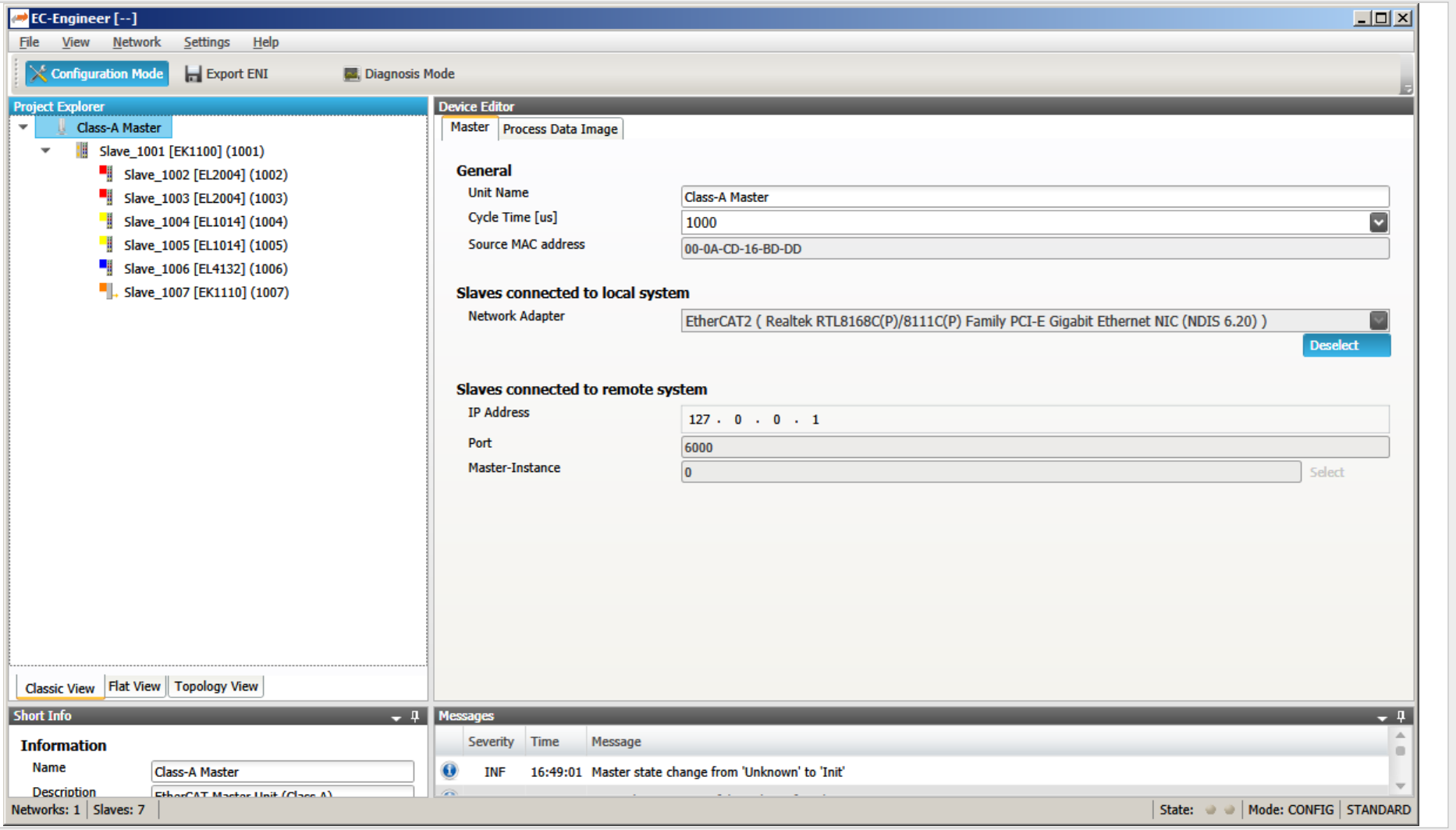
Generate bus configuration with EC-Engineer
Step 3: Select “Online Configuration” and “EtherCAT Master Unit (Class A)”



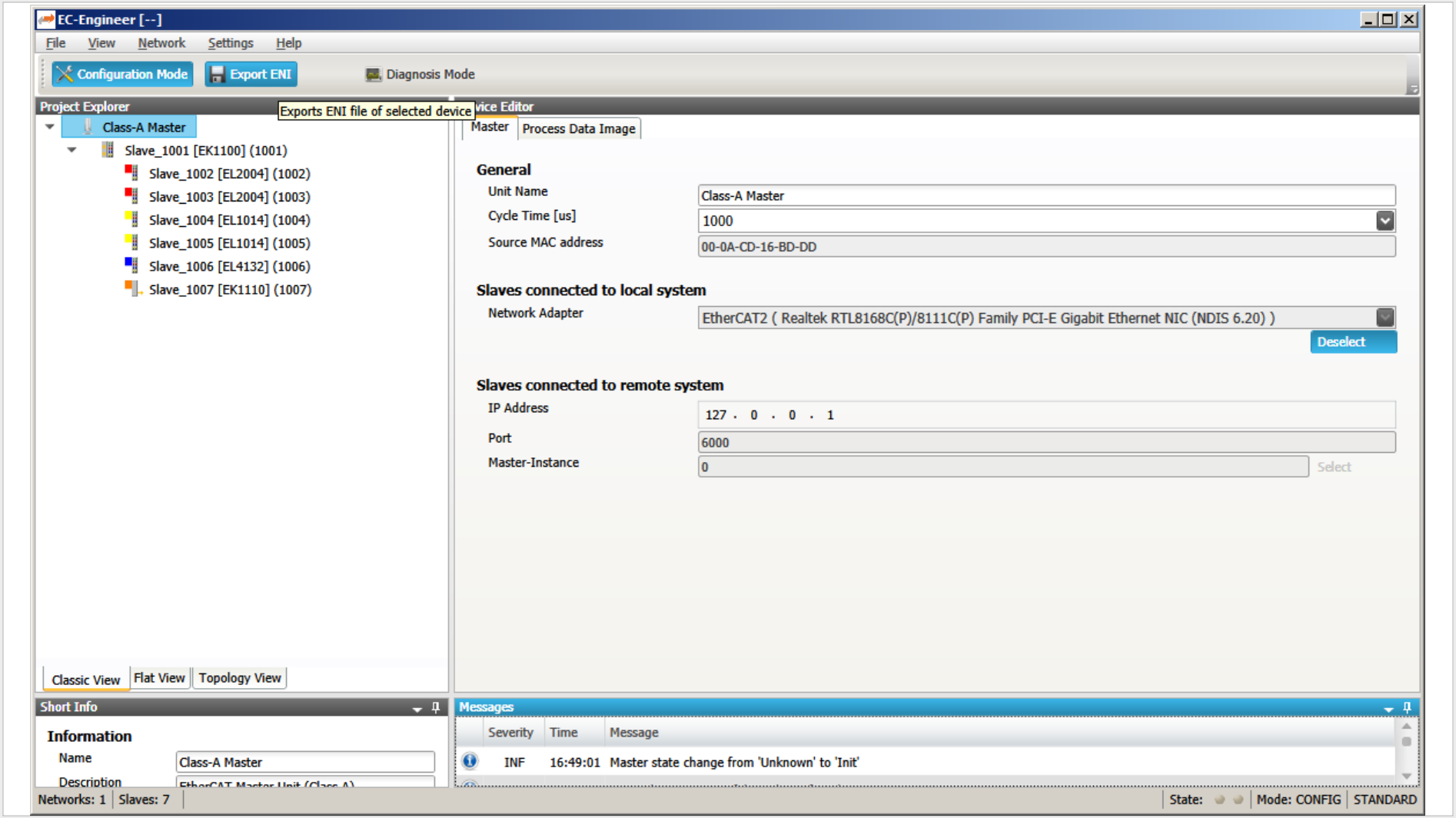
Generate bus configuration with EC-Engineer
Step 4: Choose network adapter from list and press “Select”



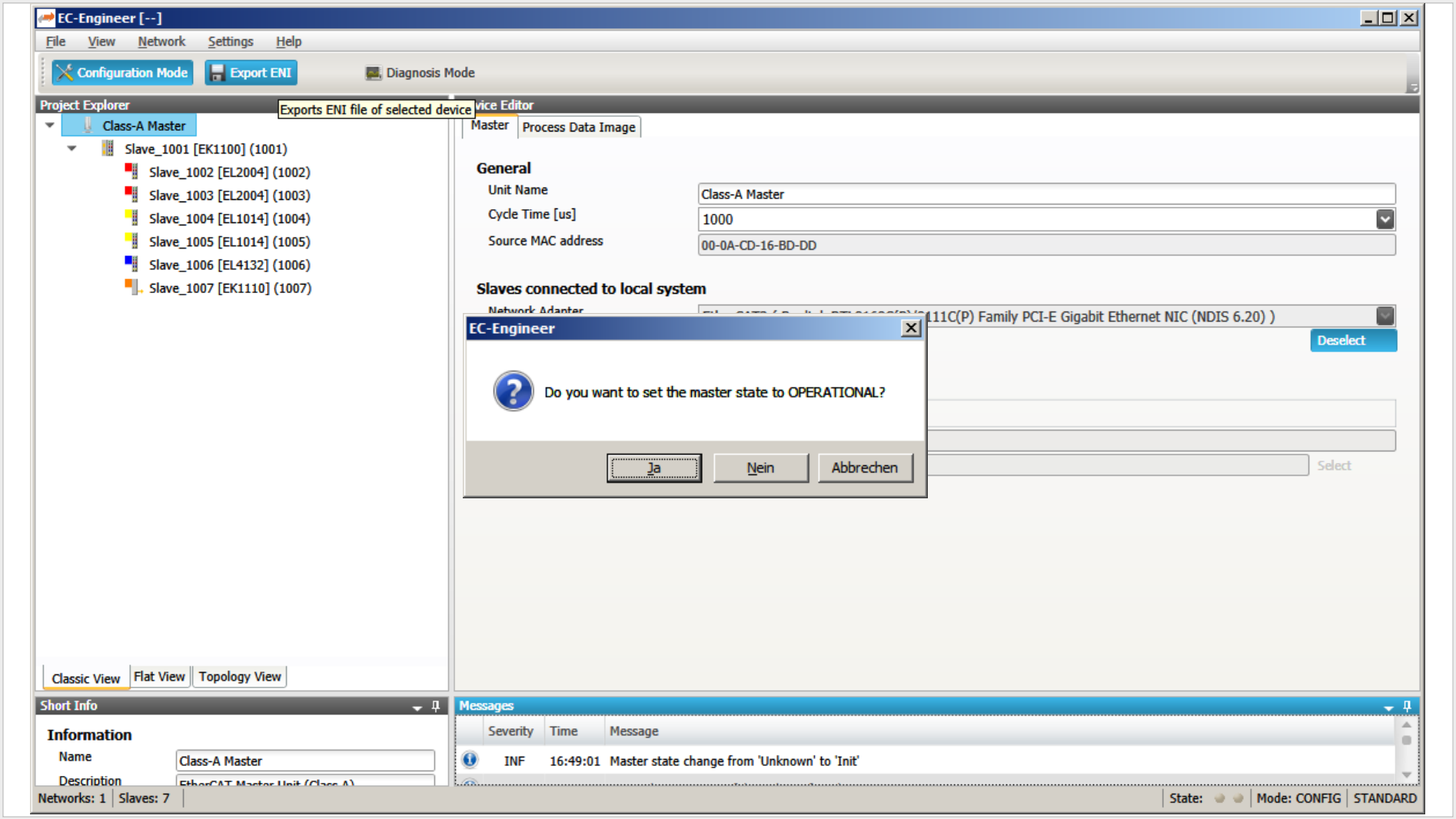
Generate bus configuration with EC-Engineer
Step 5: The found slave devices are listed in the tree



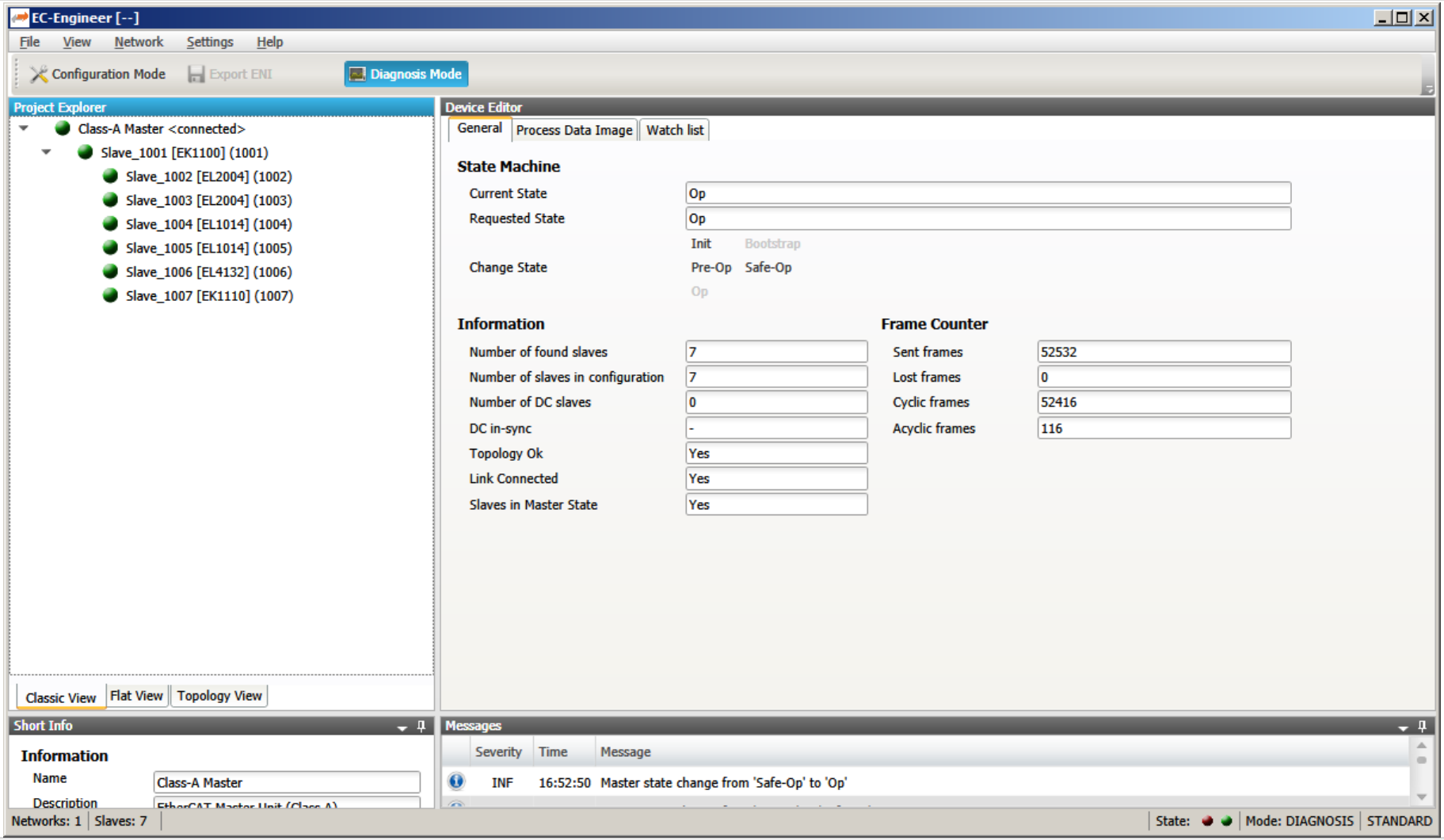
Generate bus configuration with EC-Engineer
Step 6: Export ENI file



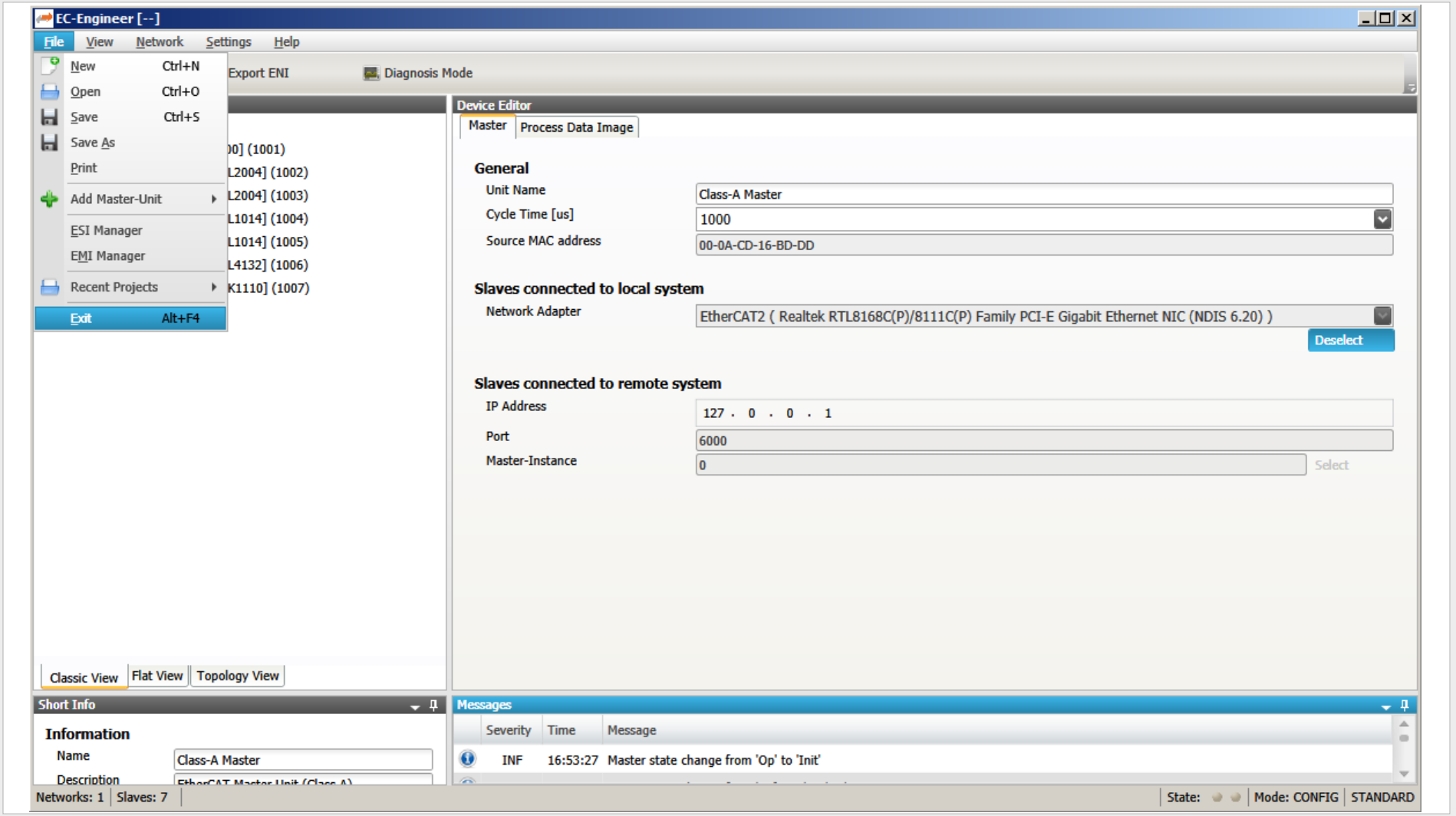
Generate bus configuration with EC-Engineer
Step 7: Switch to “Diagnosis Mode” and set state to OPERATIONAL



Generate bus configuration with EC-Engineer
Step 8: Bus is OPERATIONAL

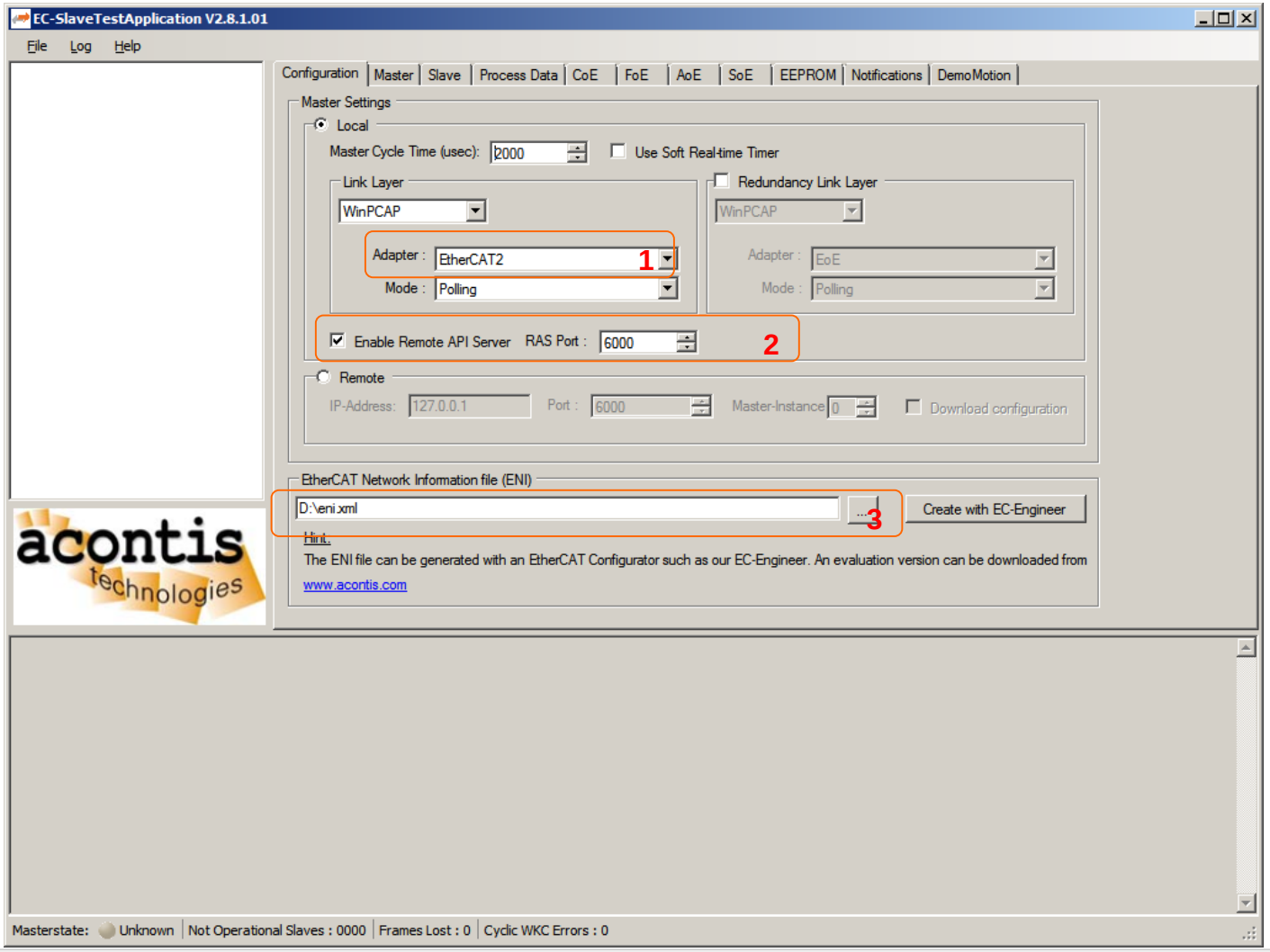


Generate bus configuration with EC-Engineer
Step 9: Switch back to “Configuration Mode” and Exit

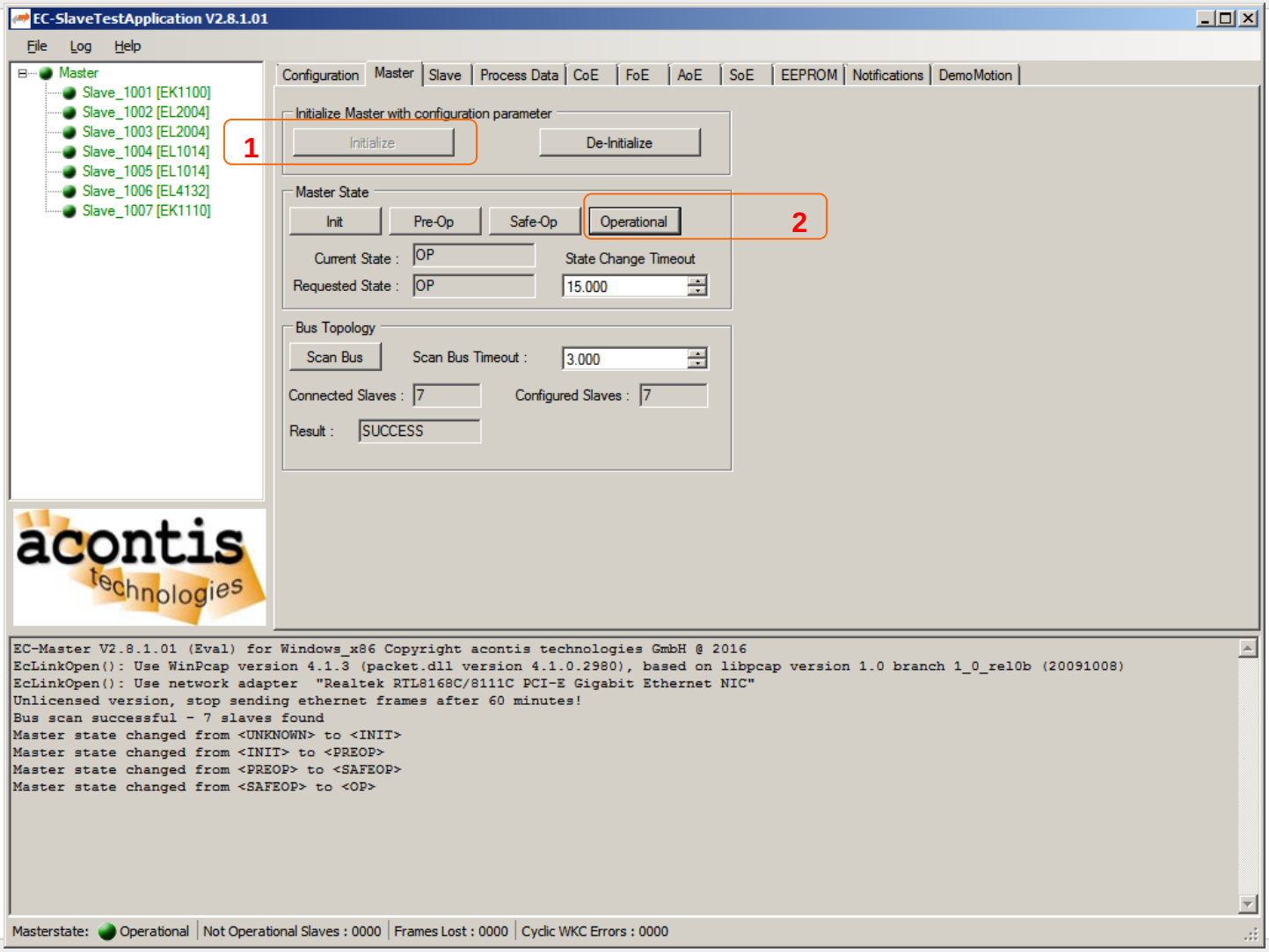


- Extract/Install the EC-Master by running setup.exe
  - Note: Some platforms as ZIP/tar.gz archive, not as setup.exe
- The documentation including this Quick Start Guide is in folder “Doc”
- There is an EC-SlaveTestApplication starter in the Windows start menu

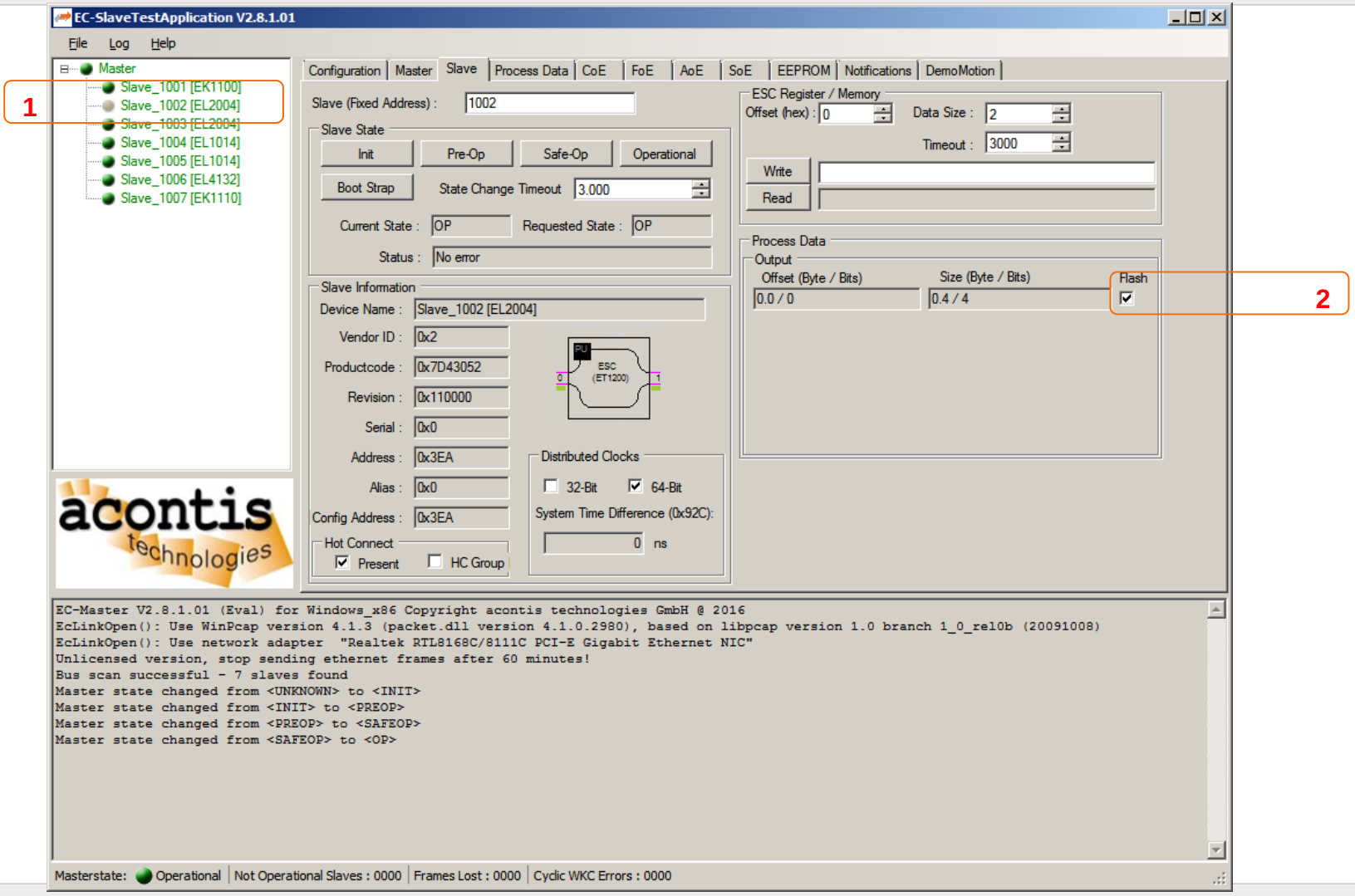
Operate slaves with EC-STA Slave Test Application
Step 1: Start EC-STA from the start menu and configure



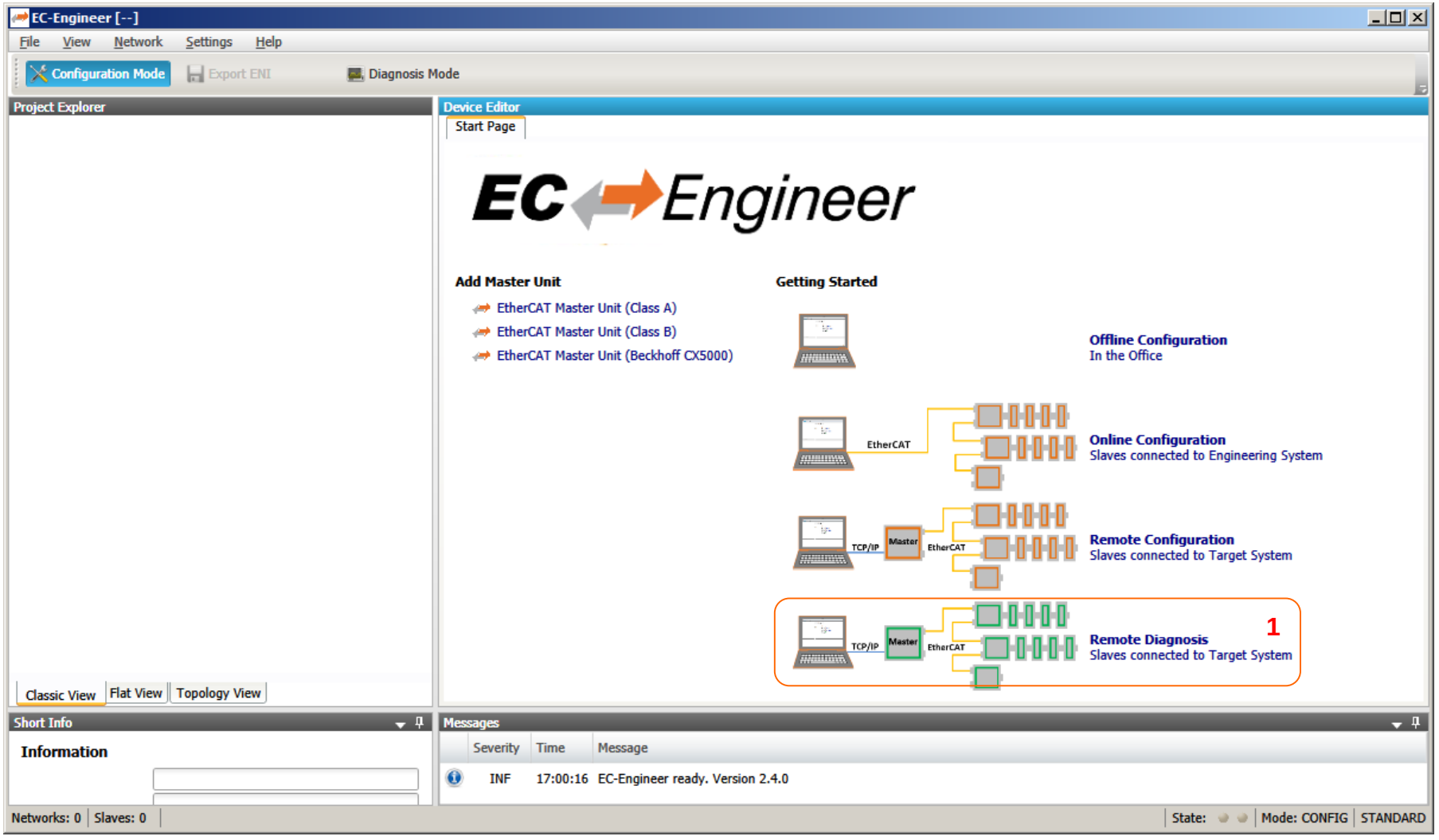
Operate slaves with EC-STA Slave Test Application
Step 2: Initialize and set master state to operational



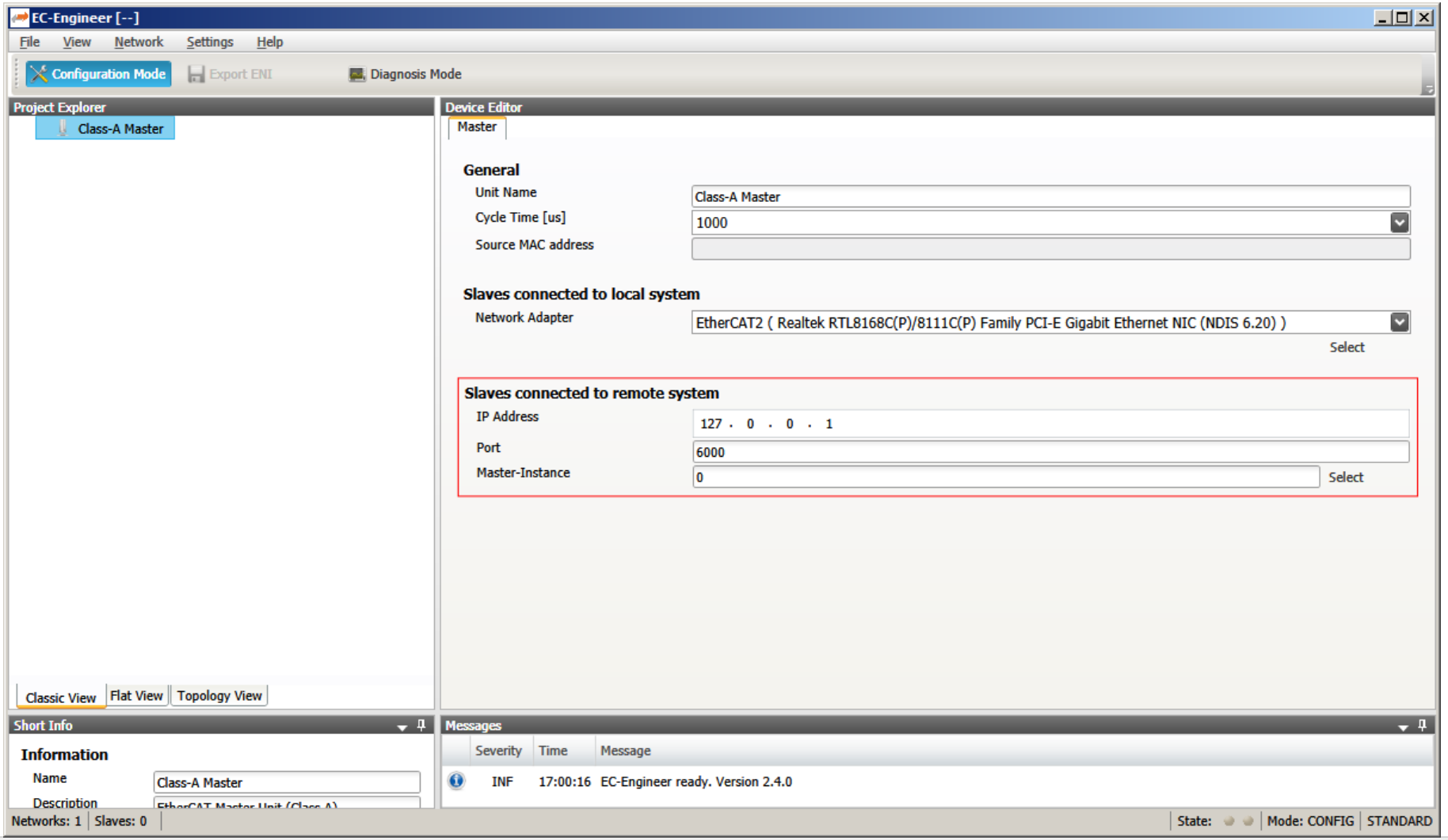
Operate slaves with EC-STA Slave Test Application
Step 3: Do further tests, e. g., flashing outputs



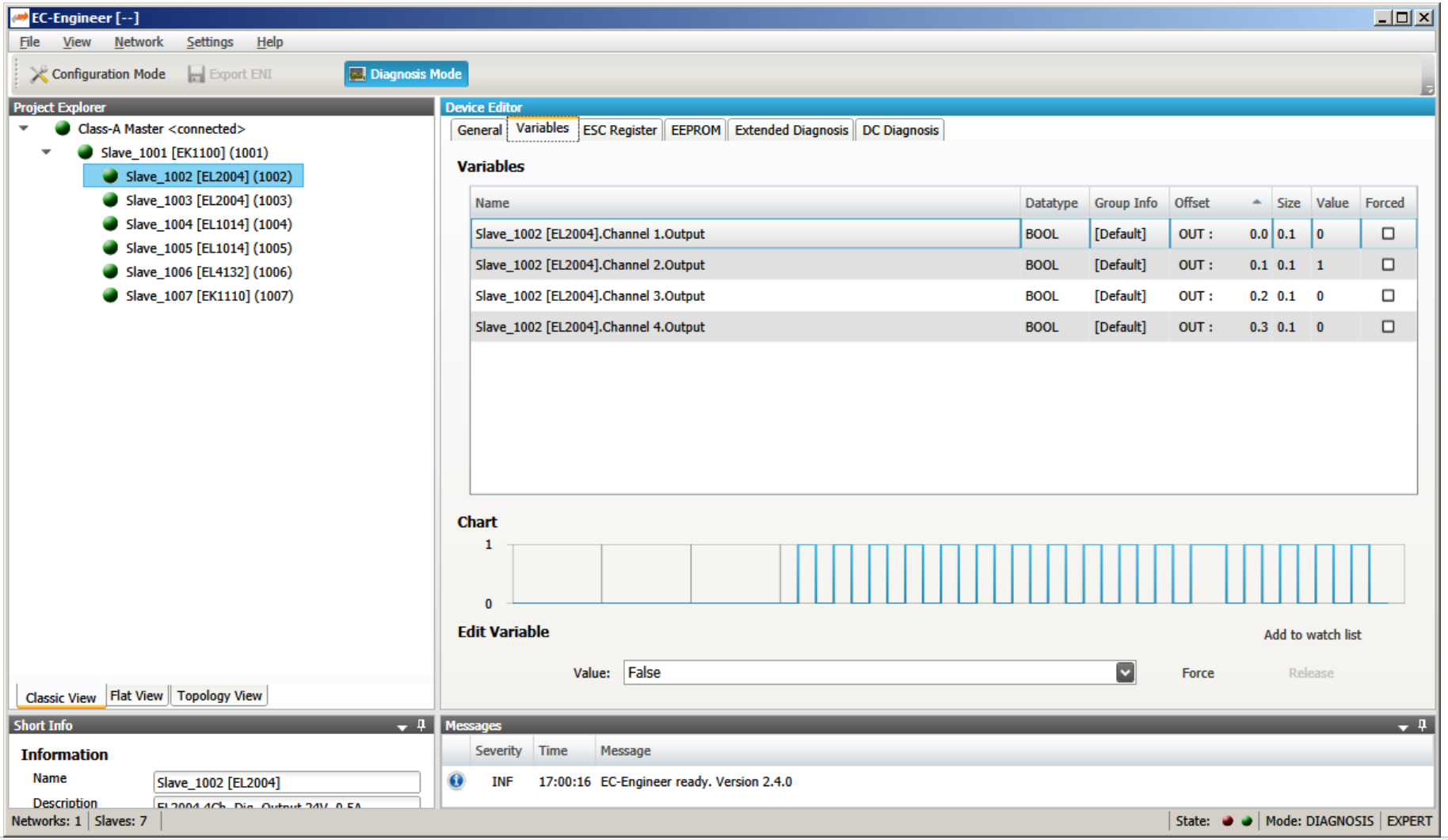
Connect EC-Engineer with EC-STA Application
Step 1: Start EC-Engineer and select “Remote Diagnosis”



Connect EC-Engineer with EC-STA Application
Step 2: Choose “Slaves connected to remote system”



Connect EC-Engineer with EC-STA Application
Step 3: Check input or output variables



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  - 1.4 Protected version