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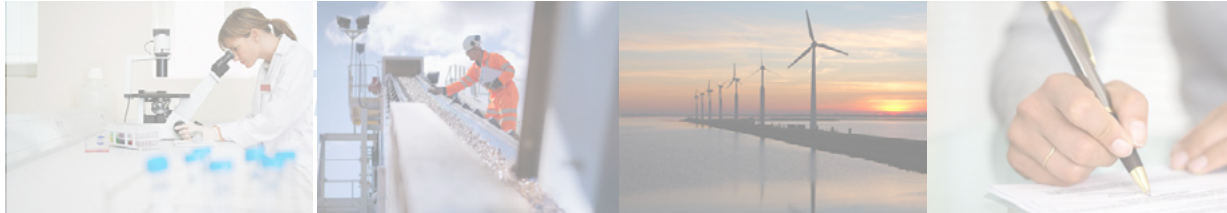
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1 - EA Membership

EA has 36 Full Members and 14 Associate Members.

The complete list of EA Members together with their details and their EA MLA status is available on the EA website at https://european-accreditation.org/ea-members/directory-of-ea-members-and-mla-signatories/

2 - Signatories to the EA MLA

34 Full Members and 9 Associate Members – the last of which was EGAC, the national accreditation body of Egypt, becoming an EA BLA signatory in May 2019 – are signatories to the EA MLA.

Recapitulative table of signatories by EA MLA scope

	Full Member signatories to the EA MLA	Associate Member signatories to the EA MLA	Total signatories
Calibration	33	8	41
Testing	34	8	42
Medical Examination	32	2	34
Inspection	34	7	41
Management Systems	32	4	36
Products	31	4	35
Persons	28	3	31
Validation and Verification (GHG)	25	0	25
Proficiency Testing Providers	18	1	19
Reference Material Producers	7	0	7

EA Multilateral Agreement Signatories

	CALIBRATION LABORATORIES	TESTING LABORATORIES	MEDICAL LABORATORIES	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PRODUCTS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PERSONS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	VALIDATION & VERIFICATION BODIES	INSPECTION BODIES	PROFICIENCY TESTING PROVIDERS	REFERENCE MATERIAL PRODUCERS
ALBANIA - **DPA**		√				√		√		
AUSTRIA - **AA**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
BELGIUM - **BELAC**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
BULGARIA - **BAS**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
CROATIA - **HAA**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
CYPRUS - **CYS**	√	√	√					√		
CZECH REPUBLIC - **CAI**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
DENMARK - **DANAK**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
ESTONIA - **EAK**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
FINLAND - **FINAS**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
FRANCE - **COFRAC**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA - **IARNM**	√	√	√	√		√		√		
GERMANY - **DAkkS**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
GREECE - **ESYD**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
HUNGARY - **NAH**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
IRELAND - **INAB**	√	√	√	√		√		√		√
ITALY - **ACCREDIA**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
LATVIA - **LATAK**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
LITHUANIA - **LA**	√	√	√	√	√	√		√		
LUXEMBURG - **OLAS**	√	√	√	√		√		√		
MALTA - **NAB-MALTA**	√	√						√		
NETHERLANDS - **RvA**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
NORWAY - **NA**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
POLAND - **PCA**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
PORTUGAL - **IPAC**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
ROMANIA - **RENAR**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
SERBIA - **ATS**	√	√	√	√	√	√		√		
SLOVAKIA - **SNAS**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
SLOVENIA - **SA**	√	√		√	√	√	√	√		
SPAIN - **ENAC**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
SWEDEN - **SWEDAC**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
SWITZERLAND - **SAS**	√	√	√	√	√	√		√		
TURKEY - **TURKAK**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
UNITED KINGDOM - **UKAS**	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

EA Bilateral Agreement Signatories

	CALIBRATION LABORATORIES	TESTING LABORATORIES	MEDICAL LABORATORIES	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PRODUCTS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PERSONS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	VALIDATION & VERIFICATION BODIES	INSPECTION BODIES	PROFICIENCY TESTING PROVIDERS	REFERENCE MATERIAL PRODUCERS
ALGERIA - **ALGERAC**	√	√						√		
BELARUS - **BSCA**	√	√		√	√	√				
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA - **BATA**	√	√						√		
EGYPT - **EGAC**									√	
GEORGIA - **GAC**	√	√		√	√			√		
ISRAEL - **ISRAC**	√	√	√					√		
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA - **MOLDAC**	√	√	√	√		√		√		
UKRAINE - **NAAU**	√	√		√	√	√		√		
TUNISIA - **TUNAC**	√	√				√		√		

3 - EA Recognised Stakeholders

EA cooperates with about 40 Recognised Stakeholders.

In accordance with EA-1/15: *EA Policy for Relation with Stakeholders* providing for their formal review every five years, the agreements of the following EA Recognised Stakeholders have been reviewed by May 2019 and renewed for the coming five years:

- Council of Europe's Directorate for the Quality of Medicines & HealthCare (EDQM)
- European Federation of Associations of Certification bodies (EFAC)
- European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine (EFLM)
- European Federation for Non-Destructive Testing (EFNDT)
- European Group of Organisations for Fire Testing, Inspection and Certification (EGOLF)
- European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI)
- European Organic Certifiers Council (EOCC)
- European Organization for Quality (EOQ)
- European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO)
- European Union Agency for Railways (ERA)
- European Federation for Welding, Joining and Cutting (EWF)
- Quality and Safety System for Specialty Feed Ingredients (FAMI-QS)
- Independent International Organization for Certification (IIOC)
- Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)

II - EA MLA and peer-evaluation issues

1 - Latest developments relating to the EA MLA

New signatory to the EA MLA and extension or maintain of scopes

Upon decisions made by the EA Multilateral Agreement Council (MAC) at its 41st meeting on 8-9 May 2019 in Reykjavik, Iceland:

- EGAC, the Egyptian national accreditation body (NAB), became an EA BLA signatory in the field of proficiency testing providers (ISO/IEC 17043);

- NAH, the Hungarian NAB, became an EA MLA signatory in the field of proficiency testing providers;

- SA, the Slovenian NAB, became an EA MLA signatory in the field of medical examinations (ISO 15189);

- SNAS, the Slovakian NAB, became an EA MLA signatory in the field of proficiency testing providers;

- TURKAK, the Turkish NAB, became an EA MLA signatory in the field of GHG validation and verification (ISO 14065).

During this meeting, the EA MAC made also the following decisions:

- ACCREDIA, the Italian NAB, BELAC, the Belgian NAB, CAI, the Czech NAB, and ENAC, the Spanish NAB, remained EA MLA signatories in the fields of calibration (ISO/IEC 17025), testing (ISO/IEC 17025) including medical examinations, inspection (ISO/IEC 17020), proficiency testing providers, certification of persons (ISO/IEC 17024), certification of products (ISO/IEC 17065), certification of management systems (ISO/IEC 17021-1) and GHG validation and verification;

- INAB, the Irish NAB, remained an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection, certification of products and certification of management systems;

- ISRAC, the Israeli NAB, remained an EA BLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, and inspection;

- NAB-MALTA, the Malta NAB, remained an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing and inspection;

- NAH, the Hungarian NAB, remained an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection, certification of persons, certification of management systems, and GHG validation and verification;

- SA, the Slovenian NAB, remained an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing, inspection, certification of persons, certification of products, certification of management systems, and GHG validation and verification;

- SNAS, the Slovakian NAB, remained an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection, certification of persons, certification of products, certification of management systems, and GHG validation and verification;

- TUNAC, the Tunisian NAB, remained an EA BLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing, inspection and certification of management systems.

Launching of the EA MLA for reference material producers

In May 2017, the EA General Assembly approved to expand the scope of the EA MLA for reference materials producers (RMP) as new level 2 conformity assessment activity using ISO 17034 as a new level 3 normative document (EA Resolution 2017 (39) 18), and to launch the EA MLA for RMP during the MAC meeting in spring 2019, provided that at least three members are successfully peer-evaluated by that date (EA Resolution 2017 (39) 19).

After RvA, the Dutch NAB, and UKAS, the UK NAB, in October 2018, ACCREDIA, CAI, ENAC, INAB and TURKAK were confirmed by the MAC in May 2019 that they complied with all relevant requirements to become EA MLA signatories in the field of reference material producers (ISO 17034).

In accordance with EA Resolution 2017 (39) 19, the EA MLA for accreditation of reference material producers has been successfully launched in May 2019.

2 - Latest developments relating to the EA peer evaluations

2.1 - Peer evaluations in 2019

2019 will totalize 16 peer evaluations, among which 8 have already been performed by end of June. Those include:

- 2 re-evaluation second stage: DAkkS (Germany), GAC (Georgia);

- 1 re-evaluation with scope extension to medical examinations: NAAU (Ukraine);

- 1 re-evaluation with scope extension to GHG validation and verification and RMP accreditation: TURKAK (Turkey);

- 4 re-evaluations: SAS (Switzerland), MOLDAC (Republic of Moldova), ALGERAC (Algeria), ESYD (Greece).

The other 8 peer evaluations planned for 2019 are the following:

- 1 re-evaluation with scope extension to inspection, PTP and medical examinations: BSCA (Belarus);

- 4 re-evaluations: HAA (Croatia), FINAS (Finland), IPAC (Portugal), OLAS (Luxembourg);

- 3 follow-up evaluations: DPA (Albania), CYS-CYSAB (Cyprus), NAH (Hungary).

By end of June 2019, the MAC Secretariat can rely on a total of 175 active evaluators (23 Team Leaders, 25 Deputy Team Leaders, 93 Team Members and 34 Trainee Team Members) to carry out the peer evaluations on behalf of EA.

Implementation and monitoring of ISO/IEC 17011 transition period

The revised internationally-accepted standard ISO/IEC 17011:2017 *Conformity assessment - Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies* has been published in November 2017. The peer evaluations done as from 1 July 2018 are performed according to the new standard.

In 2018, 12 NABs were peer evaluated against the requirements of the new ISO/IEC 17011:2017. UKAS, the UK NAB, was confirmed in October 2018 to have successfully made the transition from ISO/IEC 17011:2004 to ISO/IEC 17011:2017.

In May 2019, the EA MAC decided that ACCREDIA, the Italian NAB, BELAC, the Belgian NAB, CAI, the Czech NAB, ENAC, the Spanish NAB, INAB, the Irish NAB, ISRAC, the Israeli NAB, SNAS, the Slovakian NAB, TURKAK, the Turkish NAB, and TUNAC, the Tunisian NAB, successfully made the transition from SO/IEC 17011:2004 to ISO/IEC 17011:2017.

The decisions concerning the other 33 EA MLA signatories for demonstrating compliance with the requirements of new ISO/IEC 17011 (either by peer evaluation or document review) are to be made prior to November 2020.

2.2 - Peer-evaluator trainings

The two newcomer training sessions organised in 2018 have significantly increased the number of new evaluators: many trainee team members have to be assigned to peer evaluations in 2019. Therefore, there is no newcomer training in 2019 in order to invite at first the new evaluators to join EA peer evaluations.

A refresher training session aimed at team leaders and deputy team leaders was held on 18-19 June 2019 in Brussels, hosted by BELAC, the Belgian NAB. The training was led by Paulo Tavares (IPAC, Portugal), the EA MAC Chair, Ed Wieles (RvA, The Netherlands) and Varpu Rantanen (FINAS, Finland). Gabriel Zrenner (DAkkS, Germany), the Chair of the EA Horizontal Harmonisation Committee (HHC), contributed as a trainer to the second day of the training, which gathered 27 participants from 18 EA NABs.

A second refresher training session dedicated inter alia to proficiency testing providers and person certification will take place on 12-13 December 2019 near Paris. About 30 participants are expected to attend this session, which will also focus on general issues related to other scopes (testing, inspection, e.g.) in order to allow a number of deputy team leaders and team members to boost their experience with peer-evaluation issues. The trainers will be Tuija Sinervo (FINAS, Finland), Ian Ronksley (UKAS, UK) and Daniela Ionescu, the EA MAC Secretary.

2.3 - Re-engineering of the peer-evaluation process

The MAC project to reengineer the peer-evaluation system, one of the key actions of the *EA Strategy 2025*, is nearing its goal. The task force groups appointed in 2017 to support the reengineering of EA peer-evaluation system presented their proposals resulting from the final recommendations of the EA MAC Management Group (MG) at the MAC meeting in April 2018. A consolidated paper on re-engineering was further elaborated on by the MAC MG and discussed at the MAC meeting in May 2019 to highlight the following main conclusions:

- The MAC needs to go digital in order to improve its efficiency for simple decision-making;

- The MAC needs to concentrate mainly on its responsibilities as the decision-making body on MLA-related issues, leaving the administration of the peer-evaluation process to the professional umbrella of the MAC Secretariat;

- The on-site peer evaluations need increased flexibility without creating any discrimination concerns. The success of both accreditation and the MLA have led to larger peer-evaluation teams, which become difficult to manage and sometimes disproportionate compared to the size of the NAB under peer evaluation;

- A fast-track consulting mechanism with the technical infrastructure (i.e. technical committees) is presumably needed in certain technically challenging circumstances;

- A better balance is needed between technical and managerial competences inside the peer-evaluation teams, i.e. peer evaluations require good knowledge of the challenges of NAB management.

After the final agreement by the MAC, some of those changes can be put in place almost immediately; others will be effective within a reasonable timeframe. The major benefit will be a flexible and faster peer-evaluation process. The MAC Secretariat will play a key role not only in the management of peer evaluations, but also in undertaking part of the activities carried out by the MAC Management Group.

2.4 - Peer evaluations in countries with security problems

Since October 2018, EA-2/02: *EA Procedure for the Evaluation of a National Accreditation Body* was revised to include provisions related to the respective responsibilities of EA and NABs for the peer evaluators carrying out peer evaluations in (third) countries with security problems. The new document has been sent out for ballot until mid-July 2019, when it should be adopted by EA.

III - Status of EA's recognition in IAF/ILAC

Extension of EA's MRA signatory status to proficiency testing providers (PTP)

Following a successful evaluation performed in 2017, the formal decision on EA's peer evaluation by ILAC for extension of its MRA signatory status to accreditation of proficiency testing providers using ISO/IEC 17043 has been made in May 2019. Accordingly, EA is now recognized by ILAC as the first regional co-operation body member of the ILAC MRA for accreditation of PTP against ISO/IEC 17043.

By June 2019, 19 EA NABs are signatories to the EA MLA for PTP.

Future extension of EA's MRA signatory status to reference material producers (RMP)

EA's application to ILAC for extending the signatory status of EA as a recognized region for the scope "Reference Material Producers – ISO 17034", as agreed at the EA General Assembly in May 2017, was accepted by the ILAC Arrangement Management Committee (AMC) in January 2018.

The RMP scope extension has been covered by ILAC during EA's full re-evaluation in 2018 and 2019, when the decision-making process of the EA MLA Council was finally evaluated during its meeting in May 2019.

The outcome of EA's IAF/ILAC re-evaluation is expected in October 2019 in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. Only one finding has been raised so far.

IV - Status of EA documents

1 - Documents published since January 2019

EA-1/23   *EA Policy to speak with "One Voice"*

EA-2/13   *EA Cross-Border Accreditation Policy and Procedure for Cross-Border Cooperation between EA Members*

EA-2/15   *EA Requirements for the Accreditation of Flexible Scopes*

2 - Documents under revision

EA Articles of Association (AoA)

EA-1/14   *Procedure for Development and Approval of EA Documents and Adoption of ILAC/IAF Documents*

EA-1/17   *EA Rules of Procedure*

EA-1/22   *Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members*

EA-2/02   *Procedure for the Evaluation of a National Accreditation Body*

EA-2/17   *Document on Accreditation for Notification Purposes*

EA-3/01   *Use of Accreditation Marks and Reference to MLA Signatory Status*

EA-3/12   *EA Policy for the Accreditation of Organic Production Certification*

EA-4/02   *Evaluation of the Uncertainty of Measurement in Calibration*

EA-4/09   *Accreditation for Sensory Testing Laboratories*

EA-4/17   *EA Position Paper on the Description of Scopes of Accreditation of Medical Laboratories*

EA-4/18   *Guidance on the Level and Frequency of Proficiency Testing Participation*

EA-4/20   *Guidance for the Assessment of Laboratories against EN ISO 15189 and EN ISO 22870 Point-of-Care Testing (POCT)*

EA-6/02   *Guidelines on the Use of EN 45011 and ISO/IEC 17021 for Certification to EN ISO 3834*

EA-6/03   *EA Document for Recognition of Verifiers under the EU ETS Directive*

EA-6/04   *EA Guidelines on the Accreditation of Certification of Primary Sector Products by Means of Sampling of Sites*

EA-INF/13   *The Assessment and Accreditation of Opinions and Interpretations using ISO/IEC 17025:2005*

3 - New documents under development

- List of possible risks related to operation of conformity assessment bodies

- Guidance on consultancy and independence of conformity assessment bodies in order to address concerns of stakeholders in regard to EA GA Resolution 2017 (40) 13

- EA policy for the Accreditation of Certification Activities under (EU Regulation 1151/2012) PDO/PGI/TSG; (EU Regulations 606/2009, 607/2009 and 1308/2013) Wine Products; (EU regulation 110/2008) Spirits and (EU Regulation 251/2014) Aromatised Wine Products

- Guidance on Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ABMS)

4 - Documents withdrawn since January 2019

EA-4/15   *Accreditation for Bodies Performing Non-Destructive Testing*

V - Activities to promote the IAF MLA and/or ILAC MRA

The EA Communication Manager, Amandine Combe, participated in the IAF Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC) and ILAC Marketing & Communications Committee (MCC) held in February 2019 in Washington, US.

The *EA MLA Report 2018* released on 10 April 2019 highlights the outcome and actions achieved through the EA MLA during 2018, as well as EA's recognition in IAF and ILAC though their MLA and MRA.

Likewise, the *EA Annual Report 2018* just published on 3 July 2019 includes a specific section dedicated to *EA's global engagement at the international level*, stressing:

- IAF/ILAC full re-evaluation of EA;

- IAF/ILAC positive decisions for EA and its MLA signatory members for PTP and GHG scopes;

- The continued involvement of EA Members at the international level to prepare common positions on global issues;

- The active liaison maintained by EA with IAF/ILAC committees;

- EA's representation in IAF/ILAC management;

- EA's contribution to the IAF/ILAC peer evaluation system.

Both reports, which were promoted through the EA Homepage, an electronic news sent to the whole EA community and on Twitter, are available on the EA website at:
https://european-accreditation.org/information-center/newsroom/promotional-materials-2/

EA celebrated the World Accreditation Day 2019 entitled *Accreditation: Adding Value to Supply Chains*:

- An EA Homepage news was published on 9 June 2019 to present the key issues of the WAD 2019 together with the IAF/ILAC brochure and video;

- A dedicated electronic newsletter was also sent on 9 June to the whole EA community;

- WAD 2019 was also promoted on Twitter both in May and June;

- A French translation was provided for the subtitles of the IAF/ILAC video published on YouTube

- Finally, a great number of EA Members promoted the WAD through Twitter and their website; they also organised national events, such as workshops or press conferences targeted at relevant conformity assessment groups and national regulators. Others translated the WAD brochure into their national language.

VI - Major other developments in EA

EA elections for the 2020-2022 term

Regular elections took place at the EA General Assembly on 22-23 May 2019 in Rome, Italy to renew the Executive Committee in full for a two-year mandate starting on 1 January 2020. A new EA Vice-Chair and Inspection Committee Chair were elected; the other Committee/Council Chairs were re-elected together with additional members:

Chair:	Ignacio Pina, ENAC
Vice-Chair:	Cecilie Laake, NA
Multilateral Agreement Council Chair:	Paulo Tavares, IPAC
Horizontal Harmonization Committee Chair:	Gabriel Zrenner, DAkkS
Laboratory Committee Chair:	Laurent Vinson, COFRAC
Certification Committee Chair:	Kevin Belson, UKAS
Inspection Committee Chair:	Orbay Evrensevdi, TURKAK
Communications & Publications Committee Chair:	Lucyna Olborska, PCA

Four additional members of the Executive Committee:	Emanuele Riva, ACCREDIA
	Jiří Růžička, CAI
	Ed Wieles, RvA
	Martin SENČÁK, SNAS

Furthermore, the members of the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) have been elected for the term 2020-2021:

> Todor Gunchev, BAS (FOC Chair)
> Stephan Finke, DAkkS
> Jesper Høy, DANAK

Changes in the EAAB chairmanship and membership

The EA Advisory Board (EAAB) gives continuous support to EA work and provides advice to EA on a broad range of issues relating to harmonisation and policy on accreditation. The Board's composition constitutes a well-balanced representation of the parties which rely on and contribute to the European accreditation system. It is composed of representatives from:
- The conformity assessment community;
- The industry, services and trade;
- The EU Member States' national authorities;
- European private scheme owners;
- The consumer associations;
- The European metrological institutions;
- The European standardisation organisations;
- The European Commission; and
- The European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

Further to the renewal of the Board membership in October 2018, some representatives should have been replaced in the Board's National Authorities (NA) College in early 2019, including Maureen Logghe who had to resign from the EAAB Chairmanship to be nominated as the Managing Director of BELAC, the Belgian NAB. At the EAAB meeting held on 19 May 2019, Miruna Dobre (NA College - Federal Public Service (FPS) Economy of Belgium) was unanimously elected to chair the EAAB together with Christian Priller (CAB College - CEOC International) and Martin Stadler (Industry College – BUSINESS EUROPE) as the Vice-Chairs until autumn 2021.

Because Emmanuel Geneiatakis from FAMI-QS (the Quality and Safety System for Speciality Feed Ingredients asbl) resigned from the Board in early 2019, the seat allocated to those European private scheme owners that are also EA Recognised Stakeholders remains vacant. An invitation to appoint a new representative as a member of the Board, with the ensuing obligation to coordinate and express stakeholders' views on political and strategic issues discussed in the Board, has been sent to the relevant scheme owners by the EA Secretariat.

EA Strategy 2025

The full text of *EA Strategy 2025 – From Good to Great* is available on the EA website at http://www.european-accreditation.org/brochure/ea-strategy-2025-full-document-v2

First of all, the Strategy's implementation includes the building up of the most efficient management structure to achieve efficient governance in EA. Adopted by the EA General Assembly in November 2018, the new structure consists in the setting up of two new bodies aimed to replace the current Executive Committee, i.e. the Executive Board and the Technical Management Board. A substantial revision of the *EA Articles of Association* is being made to reflect the change in the EA management structure, which should also be introduced into EA-1/17: *EA Rules of Procedure*. The new structure shall be in place in 2020. In the meantime, a number of details are further discussed and developed.

The *EA Strategy*'s implementation has also been much progressing with other issues such as the location of the EA Secretariat in future. EA concluded that the EA Secretariat should stay in Paris although many activities take place in Brussels. Whether to relocate the Secretariat inside Paris should now be considered.

The improvement of the peer evaluation process, cooperation with stakeholders and the process for EA to input to international discussions are other issues that are being covered by the TFGs in charge of the Strategy's implementation.

The EA MLA mark

EA is working on having an EA MLA mark for the purpose of identifying EA MLA signatories and their accredited CABs. Different options of the mark itself are fine-tuned by the Secretariat and the Communications and Publications Committee (CPC) which, together with the EA Executive Committee, is elaborating on the message to be conveyed by the future EA MLA mark. The agreed options of the EA MLA mark will be submitted to the EA General Assembly for a final decision in November 2019.

The Horizontal Harmonisation Committee (HHC) is defining the rules for use of the EA MLA mark, which will be included into the revised EA-3/01: *Use of Accreditation Marks and Reference to MLA Signatory Status.*

Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between the EU and Canada

EA and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) signed a bilateral cooperation agreement in 2016, which will enable the implementation of the Conformity Assessment (CA) Protocol provided for in the CETA agreement, allowing for the mutual acceptance by Canada and the EU of conformity assessment results delivered by each other's recognized accredited conformity assessment bodies. This will help facilitate trade and open doors for EU and Canadian companies.

EA and SCC renewed the bilateral cooperation agreement in June 2019.

To get detailed information on the bilateral cooperation agreement signed between EA and SCC, please read the brochure "*CETA Agreement and Conformity Assessment Accreditation: a tool to enhance trade between the European Union and Canada*". Further information is also available in the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

VII - EA meetings

Please visit the EA website https://european-accreditation.org/information-center/newsroom/events-2/

VIII - EA representatives in IAF and ILAC meetings

IAF Committee meetings

General Assembly (GA)	Andreas Steinhorst (EA Executive Secretary)
Executive Committee (EX)	Maria Papatzikou (ESYD, Greece)
Technical Committee (TC)	Kevin Belson (UKAS, UK)
MLA Committee (MLAC)	Paulo Tavares (IPAC, Portugal)
MLA Management Committee (MLA MC)	Paulo Tavares, Andreas Steinhorst, Gokhan Birbil (TURKAK, Turkey), Cecilie Laake (NA, Norway), Rolf Straub (SAS, Switzerland), Karine Vincent (COFRAC, France)
Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC)	Amandine Combe (EA Communication Manager)
Development Support Committee (DSC)	Andreas Steinhorst

ILAC Committee meetings

General Assembly (GA)	Andreas Steinhorst
Executive Committee (EX)	Andreas Steinhorst
Accreditation Committee (AIC)	Laurent Vinson (COFRAC, France)
Marketing & Communications Committee (MCC)	Amandine Combe
Arrangement Committee (ARC)	Andreas Steinhorst
Arrangement Management Committee (AMC)	Paulo Tavares
Arrangement Council (AC)	Andreas Steinhorst
Inspection Committee (IC)	Rolf Straub

Joint IAF/ILAC Committee meetings

Joint Executive Committee (JEX)	Maria Papatzikou, Andreas Steinhorst
Joint Management Committee (JMC)	Paulo Tavares, Andreas Steinhorst, Gokhan Birbil, Cecilie Laake, Rolf Straub, Karine Vincent
JWG Communications and Marketing (JCMC)	Amandine Combe
JWG Developing Countries	Andreas Steinhorst
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