



EA REPORT to IAF/ILAC and REGIONS

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I - Structural status as at December 2020

1 - EA Membership

EA has 36 Full Members and 14 Associate Members.

The EA associate membership status of SEMAC, the Moroccan Accreditation Service, has been restored after it had been suspended in June 2020 according to clause 4.1 in EA-17 S5: *Supplement 5 to EA-1/17 - EA Rules of Procedure - Levying of Membership Fees*.

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 are signatories to the EA MLA.

The individual EA Multilateral and Bilateral Agreement Signatories are listed by EA MLA scope on [EA-INF/03: Signatories to the EA Multilateral and Bilateral Agreements](#).

Recapitulative table of signatories by EA MLA scope

	Calibration	Testing	Medical Examinations	Inspection	Management Systems	Products	Persons	Validation and Verification (GHG)	Proficiency Testing Providers	Reference Material Producers
EA Members signatories to the EA MLA	41	42	37	42	36	36	32	25	20	8



3 - EA Recognised Stakeholders

EA cooperates with about 40 Recognised Stakeholders, whose complete list is available on the EA website at <https://european-accreditation.org/about-ea/ea-stakeholders/>

No new organisation was granted the EA Recognised Stakeholder status in 2020.

II - EA MLA and peer-evaluation issues

1 - Latest developments relating to the EA MLA

New and remaining signatories to the EA MLA scopes

Upon decisions made by the EA Multilateral Agreement Council (MAC) through electronic ballots carried out in July, September and October 2020 due to the remote holding of the 44th meeting on 7-8 October 2020 resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic:

- FINAS, the Finnish national accreditation body (NAB), remained an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration (EN ISO/IEC 17025), testing (EN ISO/IEC 17025) including medical examinations (EN ISO 15189), inspection (EN ISO/IEC 17020), proficiency testing providers (EN ISO/IEC 17043), certification of management systems (EN ISO/IEC 17021-1), certification of products (EN ISO/IEC 17065), certification of persons (EN ISO/IEC 17024), and validation and verification (EN ISO 14065).
- HAA, the Croatian NAB, remained an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection, certification of management systems, certification of products, certification of persons, and validation and verification.
- IPAC, the Portuguese NAB, remained an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection, certification of management systems and certification of products.

Note: IPAC is also an EA MLA signatory for certification of persons (EN ISO/IEC 17024) and Validation and Verification (EN ISO 14065). The peer evaluation of certification of persons and validation and verification is still pending due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- OLAS, the Luxembourg NAB, remained an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection and certification of management systems.

Note: OLAS is also an EA MLA signatory for certification of products (EN ISO/IEC 17065). The peer evaluation of certification of products is still pending due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- TURKAK, the Turkish NAB, remained an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection, proficiency testing providers, certification of management systems, certification of products, certification of persons, validation and verification, and reference material producers (EN ISO 17034).



2 - Latest developments relating to the EA peer evaluations

2.1 - Peer evaluations in 2020

For 2020, the EA MAC had scheduled:

- 8 re-evaluations: COFRAC (France), DANAK (Denmark), EGAC (Egypt), NA (Norway), PCA (Poland), SWEDAC (Sweden), TURKAK (Turkey) and UKAS (UK);
- 3 second and third stage evaluations: HAA (Croatia), IPAC (Portugal) and OLAS (Luxembourg);
- 1 extension evaluation: INAB (Ireland).

Due to COVID-19 outbreak, only few of the scheduled evaluations were finalised (TURKAK re-evaluation, HAA and OLAS second stage evaluations). Therefore the MAC Management Group intensified their work and played a key role by proposing solutions to maintain the peer-evaluation system operational during this period and to enable decisions to be made without delay. Everything was made in compliance with the rules and procedures to avoid stopping the peer-evaluation system and undermining both accreditation and accredited conformity assessment activities.

The MAC agreed with the contingency plan proposed by the MAC Management Group and, as a result:

- IPAC second stage evaluation, OLAS third stage evaluation and DANAK first stage re-evaluation were rescheduled for the second half of 2020. Only IPAC and OLAS re-evaluations have been completed before a decision is made in 2021;
- 7 re-evaluations (COFRAC, EGAC, NA, PCA, UKAS, SWEDAC and DANAK second stage) and 1 extension evaluation (INAB) have been postponed to 2021.

Although the postponements from 2020 to 2021 have a major impact on the programme of peer evaluations for 2021, no postponements from 2021 to 2022 have been made so far.

Further dispositions were endorsed by the MAC at its remote meeting on 7-8 October 2020: the document *EA MAC Policy and Procedure for Remote Peer Evaluations during the COVID-19 Pandemic* has been developed to support keeping the necessary level of confidence in the EA peer-evaluation system during the COVID-19 pandemic and any other potential similar unforeseen circumstances in the future, while considering that performing full remote peer evaluations is unavoidable in the short term.

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.

By the end of November 2020, the MAC confirmed that all 43 NABs signatories to the EA MLA successfully made the transition from ISO/IEC 17011:2004 to ISO/IEC 17011:2017.



2.2 - Peer-evaluator trainings

In 2020 two refresher training sessions were organised remotely due to the health and travel conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first session held on 17-18 November 2020 was dedicated to testing and calibration. The trainers were Tuija Sinervo (FINAS) for the testing group, Ilan Landesman (ISRAC) for the calibration group and Daniela Ionescu, EA MAC Secretary, for the general aspects related to the peer-evaluation process. Near 30 participants from NABs discussed harmonisation issues for clauses of new ISO/IEC 17011:2017 and new ISO/IEC 17025:2017 before gathering into two specific workshops for testing or calibration.

The second refresher training session, held on 15-16 December 2020, focused on inspection and certification of products. The trainers were Ian Ronksley (UKAS) for the product certification group, Gokhan Birbil (TURKAK) for the inspection group and Daniela Ionescu for the aspects related to the peer-evaluation process. 26 participants from NABs discussed harmonisation issues for clauses of new ISO/IEC 17011:2017 before being split into two specific workshops for inspection or certification of products.

The newcomer training session scheduled on 9-11 December 2020 should have been cancelled because training and approval of new evaluators was considered not appropriate to take place remotely. This session is postponed until 21-23 June 2021 provided that it can be held as a face-to-face training.

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.

After a commenting period at the MAC level, the papers related to the necessary competences of the MAC Secretariat to undertake more responsibilities for the operational management, the criteria for MAC Members, the tasks of the MAC Task Force Group (TFG) assigned to review the evaluation reports and the conditions to perform the witnessing in advance of the Head Office visit, were finalised and supported by the MAC at its meeting in October 2020. The MAC endorsed a new item proposal for the revision of [EA-2/02: EA Procedure for the Evaluation of a National Accreditation Body](#) in order to include the principles agreed in these papers.

Regarding the elaboration of the guidance on peer-evaluation effort, a TFG composed of members of the MAC and MAC Management Group (MG) concluded a draft document to support a risk-based approach. Since the MAC MG considered important to test the document dispositions, 4 Team Leaders were invited to perform a validation exercise for recent cases where the standard document review has already been performed. The outcome of this validation exercise will be reviewed by the MAC MG.

Another paper prepared by the MAC Management Group relating to the process to deal with technical issues raised during an evaluation was discussed at the MAC autumn meeting. The paper will be further considered by the MAC in 2021 after the commenting period is finalised in January 2021.

The few remaining topics that still need to be covered will be discussed in 2021.

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

The next re-evaluation of EA by IAF/ILAC is scheduled to begin no later than July 2022.



IV - Status of EA documents

1 - Documents published since July 2020

EA Articles of Association (AoA)

Note: published in early January 2021.

EA-1/06 *EA Multilateral Agreement. Criteria for signing. Policy and procedures for development*

EA-1/17 *EA Rules of Procedure*

Note: published in early January 2021.

EA-INF/04 *Statement on Acceptance and Recognition of Activities under the EA MLA*

EA-INF/05 *Directory of European Legislations and EU Schemes with Provisions to Accreditation and/or Conformity Assessment*

2 - Documents under revision

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

EA-1/17 S3 *EA Procedure for the investigation and resolution of Complaints and Appeals*

EA-1/21 *EA Internal Procedure for Liaison Activities*

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

EA-3/01 *EA Conditions for the Use of Accreditation Symbols, Logos and Other Claims of Accreditation and Reference to the EA 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-4/14 *The Selection and Use of Reference Materials*

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-5/02 *EA Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17020 in Periodic Inspection of the Roadworthiness of Motor Vehicles and their Trailers*



- 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*

3 - New documents under development

- EA-3/01 S1 Rules for Use of the EA MLA Mark
Note: approved in October 2020; not to be published before the EA MLA mark is soon formally registered.

4 - Documents withdrawn since July 2020

None.



V - Activities to promote the IAF MLA and ILAC MRA

EA published a great number of information on the EA Twitter account about the IAF MLA and ILAC MRA, as well as about IAF and ILAC major activities such as meetings, elections and impact of accreditation during the second half of 2020. EA also contributed to the IAF and ILAC newsletters published in October 2020 through several articles dedicated to EA Members' actions promoting World Accreditation Day (WAD) 2020 entitled "*Accreditation: Improving Food Safety*" and general information about EA.

The EA Communication Manager, Amandine Combe, took part in the 23rd meeting of the Joint IAF Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC) and ILAC Marketing and Communications Committee (MCC) Communication Working Group held online on 2 September 2020, when the theme later agreed by IAF and ILAC for the WAD 2021, i.e. "*Accreditation: Supporting the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*", was intensively discussed and advocated.

Amandine Combe also actively participated in the two IAF CMC Task Forces led by Brahim Houla, the IAF CMC Chair, in charge of the creation of a new IAF website and dedicated to counterfeit certificates.

VI - Major other activities/developments in EA

Brand-new management structure in EA as from 2021

The implementation of [EA Strategy 2025](#) includes the establishment 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 Executive Committee, i.e. the Executive Board and the Technical Management Board.

After approval of the revised [EA Rules of Procedure](#) in June 2020, the 46th General Assembly held remotely on 25-26 November 2020 adopted the revised [EA Articles of Association](#), a necessary step for the new management structure to start operating on 1 January 2021. This new structure will pave the way for a new stage in EA development and facilitate our main objective: EA as a reference in the world of accreditation.

The Executive Board (ExB), composed of the EA President, EA Vice-President and four members, is responsible for implementing EA governance and financial policies, as well as managing the organisation between the General Assembly meetings and as directed by the General Assembly.

The Technical Management Board (TMB), composed of the Chairs of the Multilateral Agreement Council (MAC), the four EA technical committees and the Communications and Publications Committee, is in charge of coordinating the technical activities of EA. The EA Vice-President acts as the TMB Chair.



The following ExB and TMB members have been elected at the last General Assembly in November 2020 for a two-year mandate:

- Members of the Executive Board:
 - ◇ EA President: Maureen Logghe, BELAC, Belgium
 - ◇ EA Vice-President: Cecilie Laake, NA, Norway
 - ◇ Leopoldo Cortez, IPAC, Portugal
 - ◇ Adrienne Duff, INAB, Ireland
 - ◇ Roeland Nieuweboer, RvA, The Netherlands
 - ◇ Emanuele Riva, ACCREDIA, Italy

- Members of the EA Technical Management Board:
 - ◇ EA Vice-President: Cecilie Laake, NA, Norway
 - ◇ Multilateral Agreement Council Chair: Maria Papatzikou, ESYD, Greece
 - ◇ Horizontal Harmonization Committee Chair: Gabriel Zrenner, DAkKS, Germany
 - ◇ Laboratory Committee Chair: Laurent Vinson, COFRAC, France
 - ◇ Certification Committee Chair: Kevin Belson, UKAS, UK
 - ◇ Inspection Committee Chair: Orbay Evrensevdi, TURKAK, Turkey
 - ◇ Communications & Publications Committee Chair: Lucyna Olborska, PCA, Poland

Leaving members of the Executive Committee

Further to the implementation of the new management structure as from January 2021 and the subsequent above-mentioned elections, the General Assembly in November 2020 paid a glowing tribute to the leaving members of the Executive Committee:

- Ignacio Pina (ENAC, Spain) who vice-chaired and chaired EA since January 2018;
- Paulo Tavares (IPAC, Portugal) who chaired the Multilateral Agreement Council since January 2016;
- Ed Wieles (RvA, The Netherlands) who was an additional member of the Executive Committee since January 2018;
- Jiří Růžička (CAI, Czech Republic) and Martin Sencák (SNAS, Slovakia) who sat on the Executive Committee as additional members for several years.



The impact of Brexit on UKAS's membership in EA

In May 2020, the General Assembly acknowledged that the United Kingdom (UK) left the European Union (EU) and noted accordingly that UKAS, the UK NAB, did not meet anymore the EA membership criteria as set out in Article 5 paragraph 1 of the *EA Articles of Association*. EA Members having expressed the importance of having UKAS as a member, the General Assembly has accordingly implemented Article 6 paragraph 7 of the *Articles of Association* and accepted to maintain UKAS as an EA Full Member until 31 January 2022.

EA and UKAS have been working together during this transition period to determine the future role of UKAS within EA, taking into consideration the outcome of the EU-UK trade negotiations. Both of them are keen to keep an active cooperation for the sake of the European market and in appreciation of their long-term collaboration.

At the November 2020 General Assembly meeting, UKAS' future membership status was extensively discussed — while it was recognised that any decision should be made only when the negotiations between the EU and UK would be concluded, because the result may have an impact on the future membership (category) status of UKAS in EA.

The final decision on UKAS membership status in EA shall be made by summer 2021.

Finalisation of the EA MLA mark

According to *EA Strategy 2025*, EA has been establishing a MLA mark for the purpose of identifying EA MLA signatories and their accredited CABs. After EA Members selected their preferred option for the MLA mark at the General Assembly in November 2019, the Executive Committee has been mandated to proceed with the formal registration of the MLA mark as a collective mark of the EU in a first stage, and then to extend registration at the international level based on the Madrid Agreement.

As part of the registration process, a set of rules for use of the EA MLA mark shall be submitted to the registration authorities. Accordingly, the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee (HHC) has elaborated on these rules in EA-3/01: *EA Conditions for the Use of Accreditation Symbols, Logos and Other Claims of Accreditation and Reference to the EA MLA Signatory Status - Supplement 1: Rules for Use of the EA MLA Mark*. The rules, which were approved by EA Members in October 2020, will enter into force once the MLA mark is formally registered presumably by May 2021.

The application of the EA MLA mark should remain voluntary for NABs signatories of the EA MLA, which will be entitled to use the MLA mark in combination with their logo. Conformity assessment bodies (CABs) accredited by a MLA-signatory NAB will have the right to use the MLA mark in combination with the NAB accreditation symbol. The basic principle is that the mark can only be used in a country where it has been properly registered. It means that the mark will be registered (at least) in all the countries of the EA MLA/BLA signatories.



Pandemic-boosted environmental strategy for future EA meetings

As a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EA committees' and General Assembly meetings held in autumn 2020, as well as EA trainings organised until end of 2020, should still be cancelled as physical events and take place remotely. Likewise, due to the lasting uncertainties in health and travel conditions, the Executive Committee has decided in September 2020 to cancel the in-person set of spring 2021 meetings including EA trainings and to hold them instead as a new series of virtual meetings. Committee chairs and working group conveners have been continuing to progress their work activities electronically.

The pandemic situation has been highlighting EA's ability to maintain its activities and develop new ways of working with success. EA Members have been learning from this unexpected crisis to build up new remote processes in the future, including rethink peer evaluations in a remote perspective. The success of both General Assembly remote meetings in May and November 2020, as well as the increasing number of EA online events such as trainings, workshops, seminars and conferences, is much encouraging EA to build up a strategy for the future EA meetings.

EA has been working for the past year on a plan to reduce its environmental impact and the current pandemic has only emphasised the growing need for such a strategy. EA has been actively thinking about how to contribute to the EU Green Deal, the most ambitious package of measures presented by the European Commission that should enable European citizens and businesses to benefit from sustainable green transition, and what measures EA could take to reduce its carbon footprint. For this purpose, EA is developing concrete measures for future EA travels taking into account climate change.

Boom in EA virtual trainings and events

The pandemic has not been preventing EA to maintain its series of trainings and other educational events. The activities planned in the second half of 2020 took place remotely with great success and satisfaction of both participants and trainers or speakers. The virtual conditions made necessary by the pandemic have even triggered some events with a far much larger audience.

A train-the-trainer workshop jointly organised on 7 October 2020 by the EA Harmonisation (HHC) and Certification (CC) Committees was dedicated to the evaluation of schemes. A morning session focused on revised [EA-1/22: Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members](#), whereas an afternoon session considered a document developed by the EA CC on selection of standards between ISO/IEC 17021-1 and ISO/IEC 17065. Each half-day session included a plenary introduction and a breakout session, followed by feedback from the groups and a final conclusion. Some 80 persons from EA NABs' staff in charge of sector schemes and representatives from EA Recognised Stakeholders, such as Bioenergy Europe, the Independent International Organisation for Certification (IIOC), the International Certification Network IQNet and NB-Rail, took part in this remote training, whose trainers were Gabriel Zrenner (HHC Chair), Sjaak Hendriks (HHC Vice-Chair), Kevin Belson (CC Chair) and Casper van Erp (RVA, CC WG Environment convener).

Another online training on revised [EA-2/17: EA Document on Accreditation for Notification Purposes](#) was organised by the HHC on 3 December 2020. This training enabled near 80 participants from EA NABs and TIC Council, the Association of the global independent Testing, Inspection and Certification (TIC) industry, to get familiar with the content of the new version of EA-2/17 including the concept of the preferred standard and its usage, as well as to be able to introduce the new document in their respective NAB



including informing their colleagues and assessors. The trainers were Gabriel Zrenner, Leopoldo Cortez (IPAC, Portugal), Sjaak Hendriks (RvA, Netherlands), Yannick Le Tallec (Group of Notified Bodies regarding the Construction Products Regulation), Maria Papatzikou (ESYD, Greece) and H el ene Tagzout (COFRAC, France), who led several plenary introductions, including a presentation of the Accreditation for Notification (AfN) project, and concrete group exercises in breakout sessions.

An *EA Workshop on the Accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) in the Regulated Railway Sector* was also targeted on 8 December 2020 at EA members and stakeholders of the EA Certification and Inspection Committees. Several speakers from the European Commission, ERA (EU Agency for Railway), NB-Rail and EA made presentations about assessment of CABs in the railway sector, accreditation of Notified Bodies regarding the Interoperability Directive (IOD), accreditation of CSM (Regulation on the common safety method for risk evaluation and assessment) assessment bodies, accreditation and recognition of ECM (Regulation on a system of certification of entities in charge of maintenance for freight wagons) certification bodies under Regulation EU 779/2019. Andreas Steinhorst, the EA Executive Secretary, introduced and concluded the workshop which gathered 47 participants from EA NABs and Recognised Stakeholders such as CEN/CENELEC, IIOC, IQNet and TIC Council.

At last but not least, EA organised the first *Virtual Conference on Accreditation in light of Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Digitalisation* on 26 November 2020. 2020 caught up all forward-looking expectations about the future of accreditation and conformity assessment to become more digital. Both national accreditation and conformity assessment bodies had not thought that they would need to adapt so quickly. This digital challenge aiming to maintain employment, services and business includes not only how to assess a laboratory when travelling is impossible, but also how to guarantee the security of data, transactions and processes when services are entirely externalized and internet-based.

Near 300 participants could listen to four high-profile speakers from the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA), the European Commission DG CONNECT, DNV GL Business Assurance and UKAS, the UK NAB, sharing the state of play and the latest developments in the areas of cybersecurity and artificial intelligence, as well as the impact of digitalisation on conformity assessment and accreditation. Participants greatly appreciated the interaction with the speakers, which directly answered over 30 questions from the audience.

Digitalisation is becoming increasingly crucial in our work, and EA and its members have been proving that they are ready to face this challenge.

The full conference can be replayed from the following EA webpage:

<https://european-accreditation.org/great-success-for-the-first-ea-virtual-conference/>

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>



Cooperation with the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)

EA is a permanent member of the Stakeholder Cybersecurity Certification Group (SCCG), composed of 40 members. The SCCG's role, defined in the EU Cybersecurity Act (CSA) published on 17 April 2019, is to advise on strategic issues regarding cybersecurity certification. The most important issue is the preparation of the Union Rolling Work Programme (URWP) for European Cybersecurity Certification.

The first EU Certification Scheme (EUCC) has been prepared by ENISA, with support of the SCCG. The EUCC shall be published as a legal act in 2021.

Furthermore, the second scheme under the CSA will be for Cloud Service Providers. This scheme shall be available in the second semester of 2021.

According to the CSA, both schemes include the accreditation of certification bodies and laboratories by EA national accreditation bodies.

Further information is available on ENISA's website: <https://www.enisa.europa.eu/>

Cooperation with CEN/CENELEC

Further to the renewal of their cooperation agreement, EA and CEN/CENELEC held a remote high-level meeting in July 2020 to discuss policy and strategic priorities in European standardisation and accreditation. There are good perspectives for future cooperation and joint actions.

In particular, together with about 20 organisations such as the EC, EFTA, EURAMET, BusinessEurope and others, EA supports CEN/CENELEC regarding how to assist Africa in developing Africa's quality infrastructure and enhance the dialogue with the Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI).

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

EA and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) renewed in June 2019 a bilateral cooperation agreement, which enables 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 aims to facilitate trade and open doors for EU and Canadian companies.

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)
Executive Committee (EX)
Technical Committee (TC)
MLA Committee (MLAC)
MLA Management Committee (MLA MC)

Communications and Marketing Committee (CMC)
Development Support Committee (DSC)

Andreas Steinhorst (EA Executive Secretary)
Maureen Logghe (EA President)
Kevin Belson (UKAS, UK)
Maria Papatzikou (ESYD, Greece)
Karine Vincent (COFRAC, France),
Rolf Straub (SAS, Switzerland)
Amandine Combe (EA Communication Manager)
Andreas Steinhorst

ILAC Committee meetings

General Assembly (GA)
Executive Committee (EX)
Accreditation Committee (AIC)
Marketing & Communications Committee (MCC)
Arrangement Committee (ARC)
Arrangement Management Committee (AMC)
Arrangement Council (AC)
Inspection Committee (IC)

Andreas Steinhorst
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Laurent Vinson (COFRAC, France)
Amandine Combe
Andreas Steinhorst
Maria Papatzikou, Andreas Steinhorst
Andreas Steinhorst
Orbay Evrensevdi (TURKAK, Turkey)

Joint IAF/ILAC Committee meetings

Joint Executive Committee (JEX)
Joint Management Committee (JMC)

JWG Communications and Marketing (JCMC)
JWG Developing Countries
JWG A-series

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