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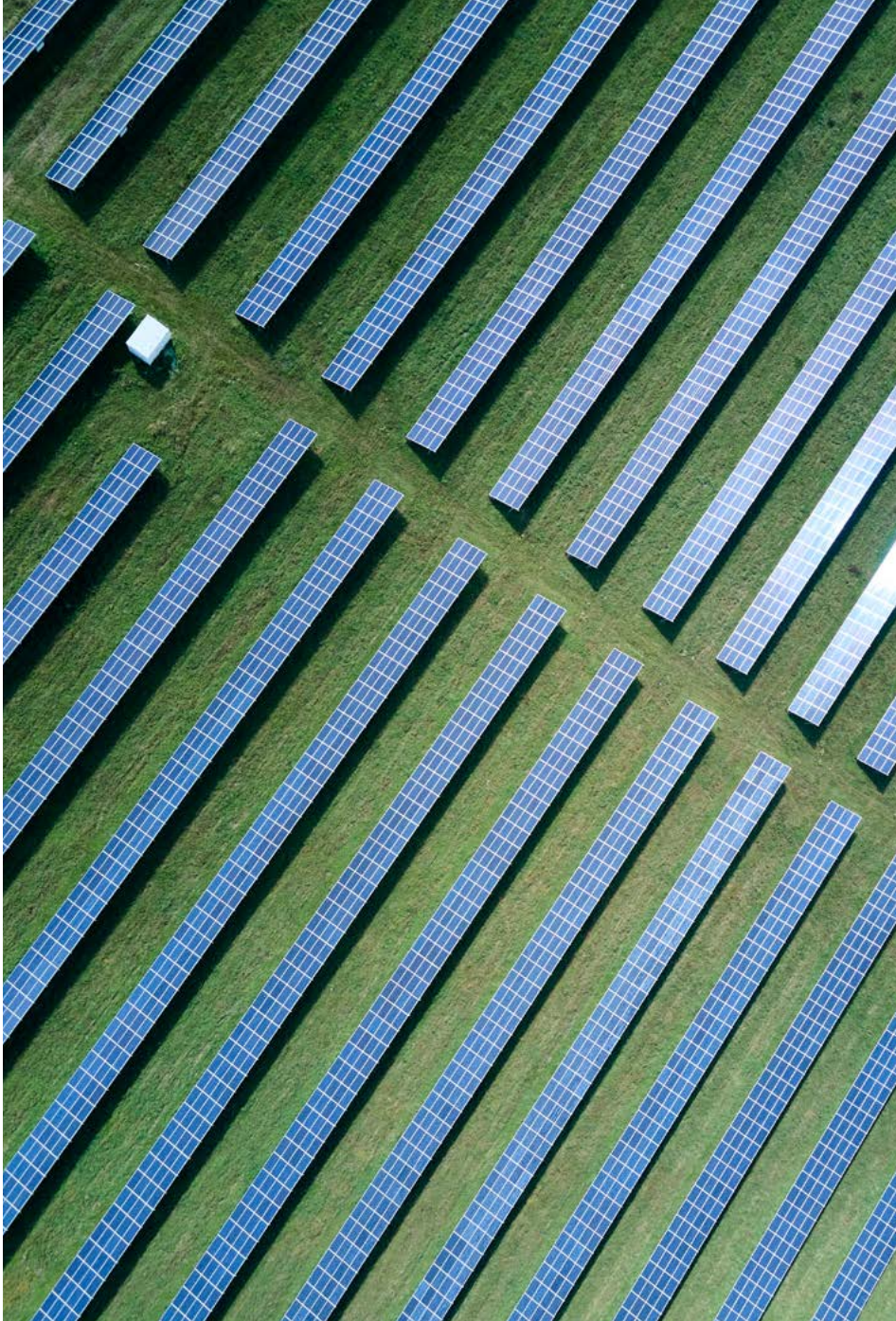


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FORWARD

Every cloud has a silver lining. “Certification”, “Standards”, “Conformity”, for the first time, people are using our vocabulary, and understand what it means. National authorities and the general audience strongly need transparency and want to understand where products are coming from and their compliance to applicable legislations and standards.

Meanwhile, the EU Court of Justice confirmed the significance and the application of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008, and decided that, in the European Economic Area (EEA), accreditation can only be carried out by the National Accreditation Body.

One of the biggest tasks of 2021 was the evolution of the EA Articles of Association and Rules of Procedure, in order to allow UKAS to remain an EA Member after the Brexit, but also to open EA a bit further, and welcome National Accreditation Bodies from the European continent.

The COVID-19 crisis is a business-changing experience and a turning point for EA Members, Stakeholders, Evaluators, and the Secretariat. Working remotely in the cloud has allowed EA and its members to develop new techniques for trainings and peer evaluations, and accelerate the use of digital tools. These valuable assets will help EA to enter this new era, to fulfil one of its objectives to reduce EA's Carbon footprint, and support the objectives set by the European Green Deal.

Let's hope that 2022 will be the year when we will all meet again.

Dr Andreas Steinhorst, Executive Secretary



HIGHLIGHTS

New Membership rules, Rules of Procedures and Articles of Association

Due to Brexit, the National Accreditation Body of the UK (UKAS) did not meet anymore the EA membership criteria as set out in the [Articles of Association](#) (AoA) and consequently would have had to leave EA. Therefore, the General Assembly decided in May 2020 that UKAS shall remain an EA Full Member until 31 January 2022. During this transition period EA analysed together with UKAS the results of the negotiation between the EU and the UK and then revised the EA membership criteria.

The solution in this discussion was to introduce the Council of Europe as another “country” category, meaning that NABs coming from a Member State of the Council of Europe shall be entitled to become an EA member, with the condition that the NAB meets the membership criteria as set out in the [Rules of Procedure Supplement 1](#).

The General Assembly approved at its meeting on 24 November 2021 the new membership categories and accordingly the new Articles of Association.

Pursuant to the new Articles of Association an EA member shall be a NAB legally appointed by its government in:

- a Member State of the EU, or
- a Member State of EFTA, or
- a country which has been identified by the EU or EFTA as a candidate country for membership in the EU or EFTA, or
- a Member State of the Council of Europe, or
- a country identified by the EU in the European Commission’s Neighbourhood Policy as a country of particular importance.

Combined with EA’s objectives, the new membership categories reflect that EA exists to serve as a co-operative network of European National Accreditation Bodies for the furtherance of equivalence, transparency, consistency and efficiency of harmonised accreditation operated throughout Europe.



New EA structure in motion

The new management structure is based on the establishment of a new Executive Board and Technical Management Board to, among other things, strengthen strategic activities and to improve the management of technical issues and the decision-making process at the Committee level.

On the European level, the Executive Board worked in 2021 on the new [Articles of Association](#) and [Rules of Procedure](#), so as to keep UKAS within EA while following the request from the European Commission to not involve UKAS in any decision regarding EU issues.

As for the international level, the merge of ILAC and IAF, as well as IAF CertSearch have been greatly discussed within the Executive Board, in order to prepare a common EA position.



Update of the AfN report

The AfN (Accreditation for Notification) report was updated in September 2021 to cover two new legislations: Regulation (EU) 2019/945 – Unmanned Aircraft Systems, and Regulation (EU) 2019/1009 – Fertilizing Products.

According to Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 accreditation is defined as “an attestation by a National Accreditation Body (NAB) that a Conformity Assessment Body meets the requirements set by harmonized standards and, where applicable, any additional requirements including those set out in relevant sectorial schemes, to carry out a specific conformity assessment activity”. Therefore, NABs have to use harmonized standards for the assessment when accreditation is used as the basis for notification.

The Union Harmonization Legislations don't stipulate which harmonized standard(s) have to be used for the accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies seeking notification (Notified Bodies), which means Notifying Authorities and/or NABs may choose the appropriate harmonized standard for each of the Union Harmonization Legislations and the related modules. As a consequence, the Conformity Assessment Bodies in different Member States have to meet different requirements with the significant effects – inter alia – that:

- accreditations may not be comparable;
- the competence of the accredited bodies may be compromised;
- diversity of expenditures and hence unfair competition for the Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) in Europe;
- this could cause confusion in the marketplace.

The accreditation by NABs should be conducted in a harmonized way throughout Europe, to ensure a coherent level of outcome provided by CABs being accredited and notified by the Member State.

Therefore, the AfN report, and accordingly the mandatory document [EA-2/17 Accreditation for Notification](#), includes for each Union Harmonization Legislation and module the best suitable standard for accreditation.

The EU Court of Justice: in Europe only the National Accreditation Body can perform accreditation

The EU Court of Justice confirmed the sense of Article 4(1) and (5), and Article 7, (1) of EU Regulation 765/2008: accreditation activities cannot be conducted by bodies other than the single National Accreditation Body, designated in accordance with the same Regulation.

Other Accreditation Bodies, based in a third state, even if they guarantee compliance with international standards and demonstrate through the signing of mutual recognition agreements between Accreditation Bodies that they possess a qualification which is equivalent to that of a single National Accreditation Body, cannot issue accreditations in Europe, and national legislation cannot provide for different interpretations.

In addition to this first interpretation, the EU Court of Justice clarified that being a signatory to the non-EU international mutual recognition agreements (such as ILAC) does not ensure that the Accreditation Body fulfills the requirements contained in the EU Regulation 765/2008.

It is true that the signatories to the mutual recognition agreements must demonstrate that they comply with the international ISO standards relating to the requirements imposed on Accreditation Bodies of organizations and laboratories worldwide (17000 series), as well as the additional requirements, especially in terms of experience.

However, these requirements do not correspond to those established by the European Regulation, relating particularly to the fact that, in compliance with Article 4, paragraph 5, these National Accreditation Bodies carry out an activity of public authority in accordance with the requirements listed in Article 8 of the Regulation, in particular the requirements of independence, impartiality and competence.



EA carbon footprint

In March 2020, the European Commission set up the objective of becoming the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050 and presented the European Green Deal, the most ambitious package of measures that should enable European citizens and businesses to benefit from sustainable green transition.

The policy paper prepared by the former Executive Board on EA travels in relation to Climate Change was approved in 2021.

It consists in several measures to reduce the EA carbon footprint:

- reducing the number of Working Group and Task Force Group face-to-face meetings;
- and having every second Committee/Council meetings in central Europe and close to an international hub airport, to limit connections and flying time.

The meetings in central Europe (Belgium, France, and Germany) will be organized by the EA Secretariat starting 2023.



EA MLA Mark

Following the plan to implement the Strategy 2025 EA decided to establish an EA MLA mark as a tool to differentiate accreditation and corresponding conformity assessment results covered by the EA Multilateral Agreement of recognition (EA MLA). The General Assembly agreed to register the 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 the use of the MLA mark was submitted to the Registration authorities, in Europe the EU Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO).

The examination by the EUIPO has started in May 2021.

EA Multilateral Agreement (MLA)

For 2021, the MAC had scheduled 26 peer evaluations, out of which 8 were postponed from 2020 and carried out by end of June 2021.

Although the postponements from 2020 have a major impact on the programme of peer evaluations in 2021, no postponement from 2021 to 2022 has been planned, except the reschedule of ISAC's (Iceland) initial peer evaluation.

SCOPES	NUMBER OF MLA SIGNATORIES
Calibration	41
Testing	42
Medical examinations	38
Inspection	42
Product certification	36
Management system certification	36
Certification of persons	33
Proficiency Testing Providers (PTP)	20
Validation and Verification (GHG)	25
Reference Material Producers (RMP)	12



Suspension and reinstatement of NAAU

On 24th March 2021, NAAU (Ukraine) had its EA BLA signatory status for Inspection and Product Certification suspended, following the Peer Evaluation performed on 3-7 June 2019. After corrective actions, the status was reinstated on 6th October 2021.

Peer-evaluation reengineering project

The MAC project to re-engineer the peer-evaluation system, one of the key actions of the EA Strategy 2025, is nearing its goal. The MAC is finalising the revision of [EA-2/02: EA Procedure for the Evaluation of a National Accreditation Body](#), as well as the revision of the MAC Terms of Reference in order to include the increased role and responsibilities of the Secretariat and to annex the competence criteria for decision-makers.

Successful transition to ISO/IEC 17025:2017

By the end of the transition period, end of June 2021 for ISO/IEC 17025:2017, the MAC confirmed that almost all accreditations of laboratories successfully transitioned to the new version of the international standards. Only very few laboratories were not able to demonstrate compliance with the EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017 requirements. The accreditations of these laboratories were suspended or withdrawn by their National Accreditation Bodies.

That means in practice that over 3,200 calibration laboratories and 18,500 testing laboratories in Europe have demonstrated during the assessments by the National Accreditation Bodies that they are now meeting all the requirements of EN ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

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Remote peer evaluation

As 2020, 2021 was placed under the sign of remote work. Peer evaluations were all completed remotely.

As any new ways, there are pros and cons to remote peer evaluation, pros being obviously the safety of the peer evaluators, not having to take the plane or else to go to the NABs for the peer evaluations.

Regarding the cons, assessors can't evaluate in the same depth the competence and the documents during a remote peer evaluation. It also changed the way peer evaluations were conducted, as peer evaluators had to tell in advance the NAB the documents they would look at. Peer evaluators and peer-evaluated NABs also reported that the distance forced by remote peer evaluations could sometimes be a challenge, as communications is verbal but also non-verbal, and it's easier sometimes to share a message when facing each other in the same room. Peer evaluators equally missed the off-time where they could exchange with their peers.

The lack of access to a good Internet connection at home or at the office and the different level of IT knowledge were sometimes a struggle, as peer evaluation were organised on MS Teams, and performed sometimes from home. EA Members quickly adapted and reinforced their IT services and trained accordingly their employees.



New MLA scope on biobanking

The international standard ISO 20387 *General requirements for biobanking* has been published in 2018. This standard specifies general requirements for the competence, impartiality and consistent operation of biobanks including quality control requirements to ensure biological material and data collections of appropriate quality.

Many of the National Accreditation Bodies are offering accreditation to biobanking facilities, since accreditation is the best means to demonstrate the competence of biobanks.

EA is currently in the process of extending its Multilateral Agreement to include the mutual recognition of the accredited biobanking facilities.

EA has taken the first steps towards the launching of the new EA MLA on biobanking and approved the roadmap towards the EA MLA for biobanking, which is describing the actions to be taken in order to reach this objective, such as revision of EA documents to include the activity and harmonized standard into EA MLA, training of the peer evaluators and preparation for the peer evaluation process.

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EA TRAINING

EA Refresher training

Thanks to the experience previously gathered in 2020, and the implementation of several IT tools, trainings and workshops went smoothly and produced valuable results.

To guarantee a constant level of competence and harmonization and maintain robustness of the EA MLA and the peer-evaluation process, EA organized three Refresher trainings in 2021:

- TM Refresher training on Management Systems and Person certification on 8th and 9th June
- Refresher training for Deputy Team Leaders and Team Leaders on 15th and 16th June
- TM Refresher training on Testing, Medical Examinations, and Reference Material Producers on 8th and 9th December



Webinar on Cybersecurity

Following the request from the European Commission, the EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) prepared the first candidate EU cybersecurity certification scheme – called EUCC scheme (Common Criteria based European candidate cybersecurity certification scheme).

This scheme shall be considered as a successor to the existing schemes operating under the SOG-IS MRA, the Senior Officials Group Information Systems Security Mutual Recognition Agreement.

According to the EUCC scheme, the Certification Bodies shall be accredited according to ISO/IEC 17065 and the testing laboratories (ITSEF: IT Security evaluation facility) according to ISO/IEC 17025.

On 24 September 2021, EA organised a webinar with support of ENISA. This webinar focused on the EUCC scheme and the guidelines for accreditation. It was meant to support the EA National Accreditation Bodies in the implementation of the EUCC scheme and to start with the accreditation of Certification Bodies and ITSEFs as soon as the scheme will have been published in the Official Journal of the EU presumably in 2022.

90 representatives from National Accreditation Bodies, Authorities and Stakeholders attended the EA webinar on the EU Cybersecurity Act, the EUCC scheme and the guidelines for accreditation.

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EA TRAINING

Accreditation in the sector of CSI (ENFSI)

On the 22nd of March 2021, EA organised jointly with ENFSI (European Network of Forensic Science) the Seminar on “Crime Scene Investigation Processes” and the accreditation of Forensic Laboratories in Europe.

The aim of the ENFSI project on “Accreditation of Forensic Laboratories in Europe” (AFORE) is to support forensic science laboratories across the EU Member States to move towards accreditation or expand the scope of their accreditation.

As part of the AFORE project is Work Package 2 entitled “Accreditation Model for Crime Scene Investigation”. Work Package 2 aims at creating a European model for accreditation of crime scene investigation processes to meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17020, and at promoting awareness of crime scene investigation processes towards EA. 6 speakers from ENFSI shared their experiences with almost 300 participants regarding crime scene investigation.

The seminar provided a better understanding of the whole forensic process, including crime scene investigation (CSI) and laboratory activities (e.g. logistics, search for traces, different types of traces), the different roles of personnel conducting CSI (e.g. crime scene manager, scene of crime examiner, forensic scientist), principles and importance of CSI (such as documentation of the scene, identification of the crime, etc.) and the benefits of accreditation of CSI.



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EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND STAKEHOLDERS



European Commission - Departments

Thanks to a close collaboration with the European Commission EA has been developing over the years, EU regulations have been gradually placing accreditation as a reference tool to guarantee competence, impartiality, transparency and harmonisation.

In 2021, EA supported the European Commission inter alia regarding the implementation of the following legislations:

- DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW)
 - Construction Products Regulations (CPR);
 - Fertilizing products regulation.
- DG Mobility and Transport (MOVE) / EU Agency for Railways (ERA)
 - Regulation (EU) 2020/1056 on electronic freight transport information;
 - Revision of Assessment scheme regarding Notified Bodies under the interoperability Directive (EU) 2016/797 has started on 2021.
- DG Climate Action (CLIMA)
 - EU-ETS and the Regulation (EU) No 2018/2067 on the verification of data and on the accreditation of verifiers pursuant to Directive 2003/87/EC;
 - Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/2072 on the verification activities and accreditation of verifiers pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2015/757 on the monitoring, reporting and verification of carbon dioxide emissions from maritime transport (MRV);
- DG Health and Food Safety (SANTE)
 - Flexible scopes in the field of plant health regarding Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products;
 - Regulation (EC) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products.
- EU Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA)
 - EU Cybersecurity Act: draft Common Criteria based EU Cybersecurity Certification scheme (EUCC) and the draft EU Cloud Services Certification scheme (EUCS).

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Cybersecurity Act

Two years ago, the Regulation (EU) 2019/881 on ENISA (the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity) and on information and communications technology cybersecurity certification – called Cybersecurity Act – was published.

One key element of this regulation is the establishment of the European cybersecurity certification framework. It lays down the main horizontal requirements for European cybersecurity certification schemes to be developed and allows European cybersecurity certificates and EU statements of conformity for ICT products, ICT services or ICT processes to be recognised and used in all Member States.

The purpose of European cybersecurity certification schemes is to ensure that ICT products, ICT services and ICT processes certified under such schemes comply with specified requirements that aim to protect the availability, authenticity, integrity and confidentiality of stored, transmitted or processed data or of the related functions of or services offered by, or accessible via those products, services and processes throughout their life cycle.

The Cybersecurity certification is voluntary. But ICT products, ICT services and ICT processes that have been certified under a European cybersecurity certification scheme – prepared by ENISA and adopted by the European Commission – shall be presumed to comply with the requirements of the scheme.

As part of the Cybersecurity Act, the elaboration of the EUCC (Common Criteria based European candidate cybersecurity certification scheme) and EUCS (Cloud Services Scheme) continued in 2021. The preparation of the next candidate scheme EU 5G started in 2021.



The European Quality Assurance Scheme for Breast Cancer Services (BCS)

EA is offering its support services to the EU Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC, Healthcare Quality Group) regarding the accreditation aspects of the project on the European Quality Assurance Scheme for Breast Cancer Services (the European QA Scheme). The contract between EA and the European Commission was signed already in 2014, but the project was on hold since 2017 until the medical professionals had elaborated the quality requirements for the scheme. In 2020, the project continued again and during 2021 EA has supported JRC in the project according to the agreed roadmap.

The European QA Scheme has been established under the auspices of the European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer (ECIBC). ECIBC encompasses two major tasks:

- the development of the European guidelines for breast cancer screening and diagnosis and the establishment of a European platform for guidelines,
- the development of a European QA Scheme, which will set out a framework under which the application of the European guidelines and other selected high-quality guidelines will be assessed and monitored.

The European QA Scheme will be underpinned by accreditation for Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) leading to accredited certification of breast cancer services and networks.

The requirements of the European QA Scheme are set out in the “Manual of the European Quality Assurance Scheme for Breast Cancer Services” and the “Scheme Owner Manual (Working Draft for Pilot)” issued by JRC in 2021. The scheme defines the quality and safety requirements for breast cancer services in Europe. The requirements have been designed to maximise the inclusion of all processes and aspects of breast cancer care. The goal for the European QA Scheme is to provide confidence and assurance in all the processes in relation to breast cancer healthcare.

Based on the contract between EA and the European Commission, represented by JRC, EA established a working group (EA WG BCS) to take care of the tasks included to the contract. The working group has representatives from the following NABs – FINAS (Finland), Accredia (Italy), DAkkS (Germany), DANAK (Denmark) and ENAC (Spain). The convener is from FINAS.

During the year 2021 the EA BCS WG contributed to those manuals, “Manual of the European Quality Assurance Scheme for Breast Cancer Services” and the “Scheme Owner Manual”, and the preparation of the pilot study of the scheme. EA BCS WG evaluated the feasibility of the scheme. The conclusion was that the scheme is generally compliant with the requirements of the applicable accreditation standards and the certification scheme framework. EA BCS WG made a guiding document giving information about the accreditation and certification process as a part of the scheme. EA BCS WG supported JRC to prepare the pilot study by collecting information about the accredited certification bodies.

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CEN/CENELEC initiative in Africa: EA with EURAMET to establish the African QI

The European Accreditation Infrastructure has been established based on Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 which strengthens the regulators' and market acceptance of certificates issued by Conformity Assessment Bodies accredited by EA National Accreditation Bodies. These certificates can be deemed as the passports for the free movement of goods throughout Europe.

What if such a concept and approach was also applied to Africa? This is the CEN-CENELEC project led by a Task Force Africa, established with the active contribution of EA, EURAMET ARSO (African Organisation for Standardisation), AFSEC (African Electrotechnical Standardization Commission) and the African quality infrastructure actors – Pan African Quality Infrastructure (PAQI), Intra Africa Metrology System (AFRIMETS), African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC) and industry partners. The objectives of this project are multiple:

- Enhance cooperation on the quality infrastructure and uptake of standards, measurement guidelines and testing practices, including from ISO and IEC;
- Contribute to existing initiatives and to shape future EU-Africa partnership projects;
- Demonstrate the benefits of standards and the quality infrastructure in trade policy;
- Share best practice with partners on an efficient quality infrastructure.

Relying on their experience of creating a Common market, CEN and CENELEC, EA, and EURAMET share their expertise and have undertaken over 150 initiatives, to support elements of the quality infrastructure (QI) implementation with African countries. A need remains for further technical assistance and support in:

- Developing the Regional Economic Committees QI policy frameworks;
- Strengthening institutional infrastructure and individual capacity building, including digitalisation;
- African interests in the continuous development of the African quality infrastructure system to achieve “one standard, one test, one certificate”;
- Implementing the QI system and measuring progress.

QI creates the passport to trade in Africa – enabling Africa to be safe, sustainable, fair and to prosper, which was developed through collaboration with the European QI partners (CEN-CENELEC, EURAMET and EA) based on the needs of our African QI peers (PAQI, AFSEC, ARSO, AFRIMETS, AFRAC) ; along with expert thought leadership from the European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM); the ambitions and experiences from ISO, IEC and UNIDO and the direction needed from the European Commission and EFTA.

The concept note highlights the various elements needed to support the quality infrastructure system for the full creation of an African single market.

SCC recognised under CETA

SCC (Standards Council of Canada) demonstrated that it meets the requirements of Article 12 of the CETA Protocol on the mutual acceptance of the results of conformity assessment and its ability to accredit Conformity Assessment Bodies for the Directive 2014/34/EU on the equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (ATEX). Accordingly, a positive recommendation was made to the European Commission to recognize SCC for ATEX pursuant to Article 12 of the CETA Protocol.

CETA is the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement designed to strengthen the economic relations and to develop business between the EU and Canada. It includes a Protocol on the Mutual Acceptance of the Results of Conformity Assessment.

This Protocol establishes the mutual recognition of European and Canadian Accreditation Bodies and Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) in order to ensure the acceptance of results of each other's conformity assessment certificates in product sectors such as electrical equipment, construction, toys, machinery or measuring equipment. This means that a Conformity Assessment Body located in the EU can test products for export to Canada according to Canadian rules and vice versa.

The application of SCC for recognition has been reviewed by the EU, considering the recommendation made by the EA - SCC CETA Steering Committee, and finally the EU recognized SCC for the relevant technical regulations of the EU within the ATEX equipment product sector for the purposes of the CETA Protocol.

Find more information about [CETA](#), and the [CETA Protocol on conformity assessment](#).



Stakeholders

Thanks to the participation of EA Recognized Stakeholders to all the technical committees, EA ensures a close relationship with all interested parties, so to remain connected to the reality of the market, and reactive to technological, legislative and societal changes. It also creates a link enabling EA Members to adapt their accreditation services on a continuous basis, avoiding creating an unnecessary burden on Conformity Assessment Bodies and businesses.

[EA-1/15 EA policy for relations with stakeholders](#) sets out the policy for the relations with stakeholders. EA has 39 Recognized Stakeholders representing European regulators, industry, conformity assessment bodies, consumers and standardization and metrology organizations.

The organisations listed on [page 16](#), whose full details are in [EA-INF/02: Contact Persons of EA Full and Associate Members, Recognized Stakeholders and Observers](#), are part of EA Recognised Stakeholders.



Renewal of the Recognised Stakeholder agreement with ETICS

In accordance with EA-1/15: *EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders* providing for a formal review every five years, the Recognised Stakeholder Agreement with ETICS (The European Testing, Inspection and Certification System) has been reviewed and renewed in May 2021 for the coming five years.

LIST OF EA RECOGNIZED STAKEHOLDERS

ANEC	Confederation of Inspection and Certification Organisations	EUROCER BUILDING	Association of Product Certification Bodies in Europe active in the Construction sector
BUSINESS EUROPE	Confederation of European Business	EUROLAB	European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories
CEN-CENELEC	European Committee for Standardization (CEN) - European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC)	EUROVENT	Europe's Industry Association for Indoor Climate (HVAC), Process Cooling, and Food Cold Chain Technologies
CEOC INTERNATIONAL	International Confederation of. Inspection and Certification Organisations	ETICS	European Testing Inspection and Certification System
E3S	European Sensory Science Society	EWF	European Federation for Welding, Joining and Cutting
EC - DG GROW	European Commission - Directorate-General (DG) for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	FAMI-QS	The Quality and Safety System for Speciality Feed Ingredients asbl
EDQM	European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Healthcare of the Council of Europe	FSSC 22000	Food Safety System Certification
EFAC	European Federation of Associations of Certification Bodies	GAMBICA	Association for Instrumentation, Control, Automation & Laboratory Technology
EFLM	European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine	GLOBALG.A.P.	GLOBAL Good Agricultural Practice
EFNDT	European Federation for Non-Destructive Testing	IFS	International Featured Standards
EFTA	European Free Trade Association	IIOC	Independent International Organisation for Certification
EGOLF	European Group of Organisations for Fire Testing, Inspection and Certification	IQNet	International Certification Network
ENFSI	European Network of Forensic Science Institutes	NB-RAIL Association	International non-profit organization of the Notified Bodies for Interoperability in the Railway Sector
EOQ	European Organization for Quality	ORGALIME	European Engineering Industries Association
EPPO	European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization	PEFC	International Certification Network - Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes
ERA	European Union Agency for Railways	TIC COUNCIL	International Association representing Independent Testing, Inspection and Certification companies
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute	UILI	Union Internationale des Laboratoires Indépendants
EURACHEM	Network of organisations in the international traceability of chemical measurements	WELMEC	European Cooperation in Legal Metrology
EURAMET	European Association of National Metrology Institutes		

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EAAB – Elections in November 2021

The EA Advisory Board (EAAB) gives continuous support to EA's 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; 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 European Free Trade Association (EFTA). Further to an EA Secretariat's call for nominations closed on 4 October 2021, the whole EAAB membership was formally renewed for the next 3-year term at the 46th EAAB meeting held remotely on 10 November 2021. The Board unanimously re-elected Miruna Dobre (National Authorities College - Federal Public Service (FPS) Economy of Belgium) as the EAAB Chair, as well as Bruce McGill (CAB College - TIC Council) and Martin Stadler (Industry College - BusinessEurope) as the EAAB Vice-Chairs.



NATIONAL AUTHORITIES *(members of the EA Advisory Board 2021)*

BELGIUM - Federal Public Service Economy, Metrology

CZECH REPUBLIC - Administrative Activities Unit, Testing Department, Czech Office For Standards, Metrology And Testing

GERMANY - BAM Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing

ROMANIA - Ministry of Economy of Romania, Department Industrial Policies and Competitiveness

TURKEY - Head of Department of Quality Infrastructure and Market Surveillance, DG Product Safety and Inspection, Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Turkey

COOPERATION WITH IAF/ILAC

IAF CertSearch Database

IAF CertSearch is an online database containing the largest and most up-to-date collection of accredited certificates in the world. It allows users to validate any individual accredited Management System certification from any economy in any language in real time.

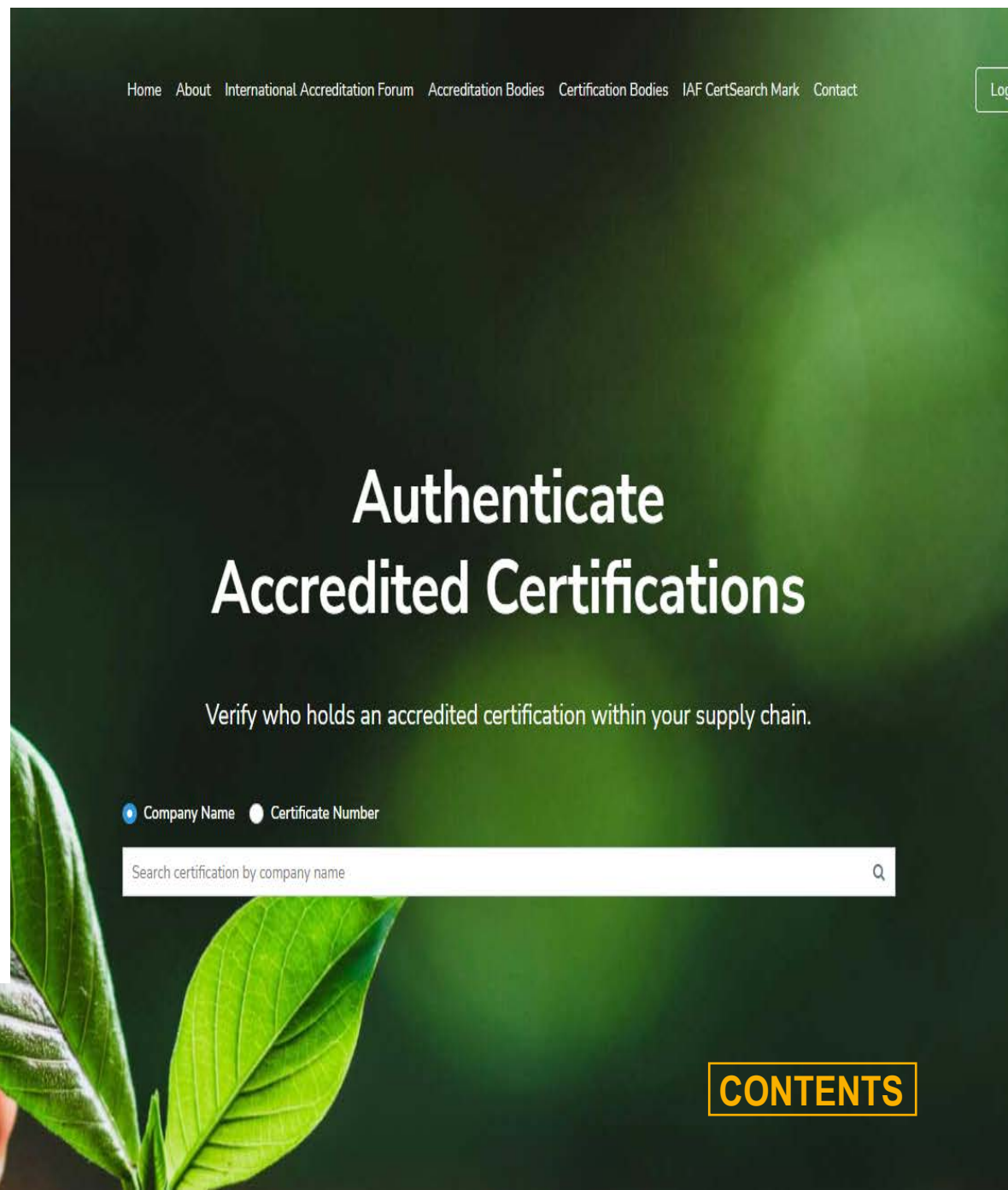
The Database Management Committee (DMC) that reports to the IAF Board of Directors is the key oversight and management body for IAF CertSearch and monitoring the contractual arrangements with QualityTrade, the technology company with responsibility for the IT infrastructure. The DMC is representative of IAF Membership, including regional accreditation groups. The EA liaison to the DMC is Dr Adrienne Duff (INAB, Ireland).

The DMC is proposing to update the operating model for the database. The proposed model is based on a mandatory database, with a voluntary “user pays” provision, a contractual link between CB’s and IAF, as well as an updated contract with QualityTrade, the host of the database.

The proposed model is the subject of extensive consultation in the early months of 2022, leading to final vote by IAF members on changes to the database principles (IAF PL1), anticipated for May 2022. DMC representations and regional accreditation group liaisons have presented information on the proposed model to various stakeholder groups to ensure transparency on the proposed changes.

The EA membership has discussed the proposed model extensively and has an opportunity to convey their views during the consultation process. In this process, EA expressed its significant concern regarding the proposed mandatory nature of this database. The mandatory nature means that the Accreditation Bodies shall oblige their accredited Certification Bodies for Management Systems to upload their certificates into the database. Currently, only around one third of the accredited Certification Bodies uploaded their management system certificates voluntarily.

Further information on IAF CertSearch and the process are available [here](#)





ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation) is the international organization on laboratory, inspection body, reference material producer and proficiency testing provider accreditation in accordance with ISO/IEC 17011. Its membership consists of Accreditation Bodies and stakeholder organizations throughout the world.

- 104 Full Members;
- 18 Associate Members;
- 5 recognised Regional Cooperation Bodies (Arab Accreditation Cooperation (ARAC), European co-operation for Accreditation (EA), Inter American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC), Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC), African Accreditation Cooperation (AFRAC));
- 22 Stakeholder Members.



Etty Feller
ILAC Chair



The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) is the world association of Accreditation Bodies (AB) interested in conformity assessment in the fields of management systems, products, services, personnel, validation and verification, and other similar programs of conformity assessment.

- 88 Accreditation Bodies Members;
- 24 Association Members;
- 5 Recognised Regional Accreditation Groups (AFRAC, APAC, ARAC, EA, IAAC).



Xiao Jianhua
IAF Chair

COMMUNICATIONS



Launch of the eLearning platform with first eLearning session

As part of the EA Strategy 2025, EA developed a service concept, the “EA Training Academy”, for training and benchmarking purposes. Part of this Training Academy is the eLearning platform, where EA Members will find comprehensive eLearning sessions, prepared by EA Members and experts, and the Secretariat.

The platform is mainly dedicated to EA Members and will be enhanced regularly with new eLearning sessions. The first eLearning is about the EU MRV Regulation; it has been drafted in cooperation with Niels-Christian Dalstrup (DANAK, Denmark).

WAD 2021

The theme of the World Accreditation Day (WAD) 2021 was Accreditation: Supporting the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For this edition, several examples were published on EA's website:

- Offer greater clarity to investors in their investment choices in favor of the development of a sustainable economy (COFRAC, France);
- Tax incentives for R&D&i¹, a leverage for Spanish investment in science (ENAC, Spain);
- Responsible Consumption and Production (TURKAK, Turkey);
- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all (ACCREDIA, Italy);
- Accreditation and conformity assessment support clean drinking water (HAA, Croatia).

¹ Research, development and innovation



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CIM 2021

On 8th September, Maureen Logghe, the EA President, participated as key speaker to the roundtable on “The Role of Metrology and Quality Infrastructures in the Transition to Industry 4.0” during the International Congress of Metrology (CIM) 2021, together with representatives of ILAC (International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation), OIML (Organisation Internationale de Métrologie Légale), Industry, ISO and UNIDO.

EA has been a partner of the Congress for 20 years, systematically present on the roundtables.

The format of the meeting was hybrid: speakers were all together, in front of the audience, in the room and online.

Developing use of digital technologies, Artificial Intelligence (AI) in particular in the many areas of metrology, calibration or in decision-making processes gives rise to new challenges for conformity assessment and accreditation. All involved have to keep up with innovation and technology. EA and its members have proved to be innovative, developing use of technologies in their operations and taking up the new questions arising from use and exchange of personal data. Remote assessments have been implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic.



IT security audit of EA

In December 2020, EA conducted a security audit of its information system, supplemented by penetration tests of its website, public and restricted areas.

As a result, a follow up project was set up in 2021 aiming to implement the recommendations arising from the audit.

Apart from the purely technical measures concerning the public and intranet websites, the project led to establish and reinforce a set of internal procedures e.g. for the strengthening of best practice in the use of IT tools or the management of security incidents or the activation of a recovery plan subsequent to a cyberattack. Actions were taken to raise the Secretariat team awareness on cybersecurity issues and risks at a time when, due to the pandemic crisis and the development of home office, in particular cyberattacks have been reported to increase considerably.

All measures were implemented in light of GDPR requirements to ensure consistency and compliance with regards to personal data processing in EA's operations.



EA Documentation System

In July 2021, the new EA documentation structure came into force. This project had started in June 2020 for the elaboration of a comprehensive documentation system and was supported by an external expert, monitored by the Secretariat. The purpose of the new documentation structure is to cover and control documents which are not published on EA's website in a comprehensive EA documentation system, ensuring that those documents are well controlled and applied in a systematic manner. The documentation system is relevant for internal (EA Secretariat) purposes only with no impact on the documents published on EA's website according to EA-1/14 *Procedure for development and approval of EA documents and the adoption of ILAC/IAF documents*. All relevant documents were collected and transferred into the new structure divided in 6 main chapters:

- 1) Application - Introduction;
- 2) Organisation;
- 3) Resources requirements;
- 4) Management System requirements;
- 5) External documents;
- 6) IT System.

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Social Media for 2021



2,2%
engagement rate

1,781
link clicks

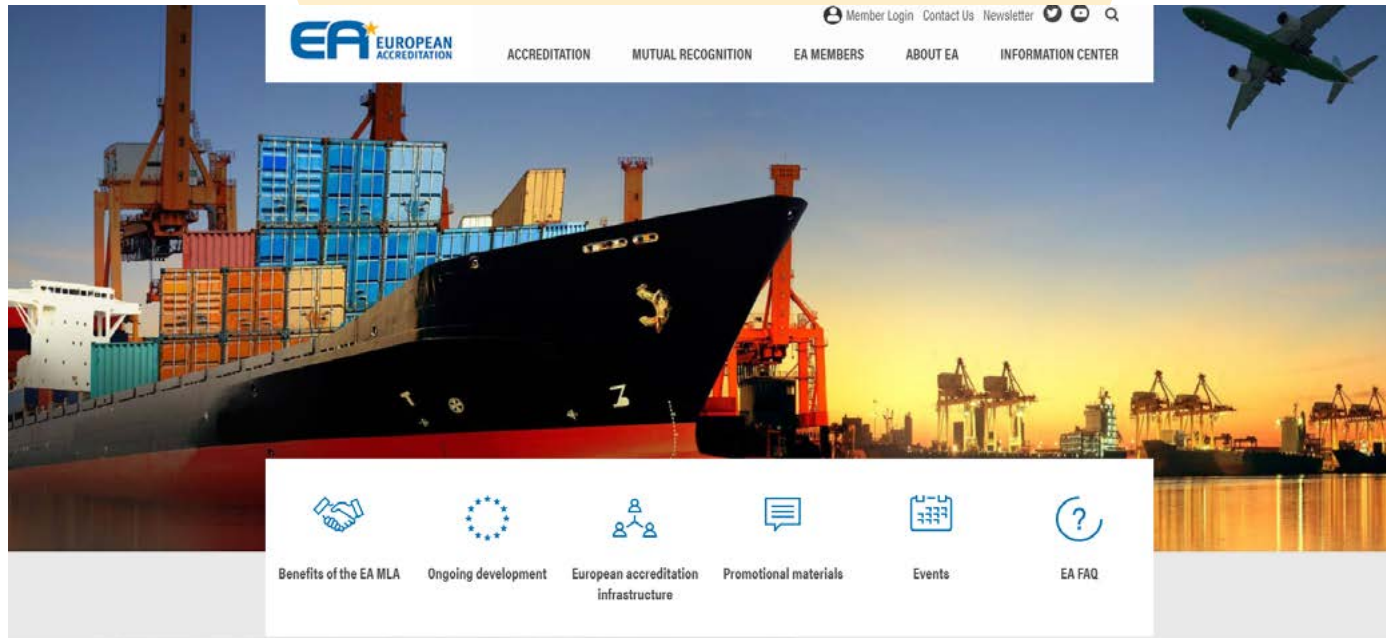
752 retweet
without
comments

Tweet impressions
368,8K

1,942 likes

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Website for 2021



Average session duration



00:02:06



1,42 Sessions per User

124,096



users



2,12

pages per sessions



121,922
new users

59,36%
bounce rate



374,496
pages view



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PUBLICATIONS

Documents published in 2021

Governance and Policy documents

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

EA-1/17 • EA Rules of Procedure



**Publication
Reference**

EA-1/17 A: 2022



Information documents

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

EA-INF/09 *Guide on the Publication of Data on Accredited Verifiers according to Article 76 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2018/2067*

EA-INF/10 *Guide on the Content of the Accreditation Certificate for Verifiers Accredited for EN ISO 14065 and the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2018/2067*

EA-INF/17 *Register of EA resolutions for use by National Accreditation Bodies and EA Evaluators*

Members' Procedural documents

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-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*

Secretariat Management system and operational documents

EA-0/02 *Procedure for Document Control*

EA-0/10 *Procedure for EA Meetings*

Application documents

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

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

Documents withdrawn in 2021

EA-4/16 *EA Guidelines on the Expression of Uncertainty in Quantitative Testing*

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PUBLICATIONS

Documents under revision at end 2021

EA-0/06 *Format & Layout of EA Documents*

EA-INF/14 *Communication with the European Commission and its DGs*

EA-1/06 *EA Multilateral Agreement. Criteria for Signing. Policy and Procedures for Development*

EA-1/13 *EA's Relationship with Accreditation Bodies of Countries not being Members of the EU or EFTA*

EA-1/14 *Procedure for Development and Approval of EA Documents and Adoption of ILAC/IAF Documents*
EA-1/17 *Rules of Procedure*

EA-1/17 S1 *Criteria for Membership*

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

EA-1/17 S4 *Proxy Procedure*

EA-1/17 S5 *Levying of Membership Fees*

EA-1/19 *Rules for Use of the EA logo*

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

EA-1/22 *EA 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-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-4/09 *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-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*

New documents under development in 2021

EA-2/02 S1 *Description of Competence Criteria of the EA Secretariat Personnel Involved in the Management of the Peer-Evaluation Process*

EA-2/02 S2 *Circumstances and Process of Involving EA Technical Committees in Peer-Evaluation Issues*

EA-2/02 S3 *Risk-Based Approach for the Planning of a Peer Evaluation of a National Accreditation Body*

EA-2/02 S4 *Procedure for Remote Peer Evaluations during the COVID-19 Pandemic*
Note: approved in December 2021; to be published when the whole set of EA-2/02 and supplements is ready for publication.

EA-2/02 S5 *Procedure for Remote Decision-Making*

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.

EA-3/02 *EA Policy for the Accreditation of Certification Activities under Protected Designations of Origin, Protected Geographical Indications and Traditional Specialities Guaranteed*

HHC guidance members' procedural document on remote assessment.

EA STRUCTURE

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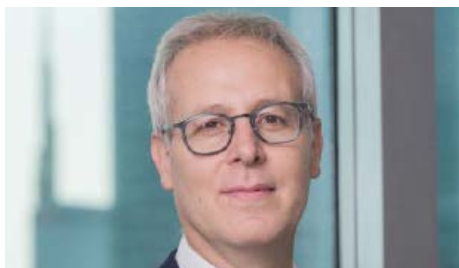
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MEMBERSHIP



ALBANIA - Directorate of Accreditation (DPA)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Testing, Management Systems Certification, Inspection Bodies, Certification of Persons

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 83

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ALGERIA - Organisme algérien d'accréditation (ALGERAC)

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Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 21

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ARMENIA - Armenian National Accreditation Body (ARMNAB)

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Activities under the EA MLA: /

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: /

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Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 477

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AZERBAIJAN - Azerbaijan Accreditation Centre (AzAK)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: /

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: /

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BELARUS - Belarusian State Centre for Accreditation (BSCA)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing, Medical examination, Inspection, Product Certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 2,398

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BELGIUM - Belgian Accreditation Council (BELAC)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 580

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BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA - Institute for Accreditation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BATA)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 111

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BULGARIA - Bulgarian Accreditation Service (BAS)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 637

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CROATIA - Croatian Accreditation Agency (HAA)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 436

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CYPRUS - Cyprus Organization for the Promotion of Quality (CYS-CYSAB)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Inspection, Product certification

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 106

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CZECH REPUBLIC - Czech Accreditation Institute (CAI)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers, Reference Material Producers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 1,095

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DENMARK - Den Danske Akkrediteringsfond (DANAK)

Status: Private

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 331

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MEMBERSHIP



EGYPT - Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: /

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ESTONIA - Estonian Accreditation Centre (EAK)

Status: Private

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 233

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FINLAND - Finnish Accreditation Service (FINAS)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems

Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 251

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FRANCE - Comité français d'accréditation (COFRAC)

Status: Private

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems

Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 3,561

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GEORGIA - Unified National Body on Accreditation - Accreditation Centre (GAC)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examinations, Product Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 244

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GERMANY - Deutsche Akkreditierungsstelle GmbH (DAkkS)

Status: Private

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers, Reference Material Producers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 4,355

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GREECE - Hellenic Accreditation System (ESYD)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 838

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HUNGARY - National Accreditation Authority (NAH)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 621

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ICELAND - Icelandic Board for Technical Accreditation (ISAC)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: /

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: /

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IRELAND - Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 232

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ISRAEL - Israel Laboratory Accreditation Authority (ISRAC)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 249

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ITALY - L'Ente Italiano di Accreditamento (ACCREDIA)

Status: Private

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers, Reference Material Producers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 2,307

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MEMBERSHIP



JORDAN - Jordan Accreditation & Standardization Systems – Accreditation Unit (JAS-AU)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: /

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: /

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KOSOVO - Kosovo General Accreditation Directorate (DAK)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: /

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: /

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LATVIA - Latvian National Accreditation Bureau (LATAK)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 306

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LITHUANIA - Lithuanian National Accreditation Bureau (LA)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 227

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LUXEMBOURG - Office Luxembourgeois d'Accreditation et de Surveillance (OLAS)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and

Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 58

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MALTA - National Accreditation Board (NAB-Malta)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 28

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MONTENEGRO - Accreditation Body of Montenegro (ATCG)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: /

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2020: /

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SEMAC membership was withdrawn in 2021

MOROCCO - Moroccan Accreditation Service (SEMAC)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: /

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: /

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NORWAY - Norsk akkreditering (NA)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 245

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POLAND - Polskie Centrum Akredytacji (PCA)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 1,623

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PORTUGAL - Instituto Português de Acreditação, I.P. (IPAC)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems

Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 798

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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA - National Accreditation Center from Republic of Moldova (MOLDAC)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 114

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REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

Institute for Accreditation of the Republic of North Macedonia (IARNM)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Management Systems Certification, Product certification, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 246

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MEMBERSHIP



ROMANIA - Romanian Accreditation Association (RENAR)

Status: Private

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 1,260

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SERBIA - Accreditation Body of Serbia (ATS)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 728

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SLOVAKIA - Slovak National Accreditation Service (SNAS)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 556

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SLOVENIA - Slovenska akreditacija (SA)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 245

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SPAIN - Entidad Nacional de Acreditación (ENAC)

Status: Private

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers, Reference Material Producers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 1,784

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SWEDEN - Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity

Assessment (SWEDAC)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and

Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency

Testing Providers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 1,444

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SWITZERLAND - Swiss Accreditation Service (SAS)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA : Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification,

Certification of Persons, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 731

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THE NETHERLANDS - Raad voor Accreditatie (RvA)

Status: Private

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems

Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers, Reference Material Producers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 834

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TURKEY - Turkish Accreditation Agency (TURKAK)

Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management

Systems Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers, Reference Material Producers

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 1,866

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TUNISIA - Tunisian Accreditation Council (TUNAC)

Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing, Management Systems Certification, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 104

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UKRAINE - National Accreditation Agency of Ukraine

(NAAU) **Status:** Public

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing, Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems

Certification, Certification of Persons, Inspection

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2021: 1,177

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UNITED KINGDOM - United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS)

Status: Private

Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification,

Certification of Persons, Inspection, Validation and Verification, Proficiency Testing Providers, Reference Material Producers

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FINANCES

ASSETS (€ x 1,000)	2020	2021
Fixed assets	38	35
Current assets	903	919
Liquid assets	905	1022
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	50	50
TOTAL	1,896	2,026

LIABILITIES (€ x 1,000)

Reserves	578	622
Provisions for liabilities and charges	41	42
Payables	542	662
Accrued expenses and deferred income	735	700
TOTAL	1,896	2,026

EXPENDITURES (€ x 1,000)	2020	2021
Staff costs	688	700
Office rent and maintenance	144	145
Communications and publications	76	87
Other operating costs	162	160
Compensation of EA members' activities	333	404
Reserves	73	44
TOTAL	1,476	1,540

INCOME (€ x 1,000)

Membership fees	735	731
Operating Grant EC/EFTA	740	737
Miscellaneous	1	3
Operating Grant BCS		69
TOTAL	1,476	1,540



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