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FOREWORD

What a roller coaster of a year.

Harmonization and collaboration were at the center of 2022. EA launched the EA MLA for EN ISO 20387 (Bio-banking) and for EN ISO/IEC 17029 (Validation & Verification) and organized 7 training sessions and webinars to inform about new standards and train EA evaluators.

EA renewed the partnership agreement with the European Commission and EFTA, strengthening the existing relationships. End of 2022, EA is involved in over 25 new or revised legislations in progress with the European Commission, to make sure that accreditation is used according to the European principles set out in Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 on accreditation.

EA prepared the One Voice report, aiming to harmonize accreditation throughout Europe to ensure trust in certificates issued by accredited conformity assessment bodies, and published the Guidance on Remote assessment.

The EA MLA mark was formally registered with the EU Intellectual Property Office as a collective mark of the EU and shall be used as soon as it is registered in the countries of all EA MLA signatories.

Finally, we met in person for the Autumn meetings, which was not certain until the end of the COVID-19 crisis. We proved that we could carry on our tasks, thanks to a close collaboration established throughout the years. Now it's time to get the best out of this experience and work together, physically and remotely, from a meeting room or just an office, from Europe or any other country in the world.

2023 is already full of opportunities and challenges, that EA is more than willing to take on, all together.

Dr Andreas Steinhorst, Executive Secretary

WAR IN UKRAINE

EA and its members stand for democracy, transparency, and partnership. Hence, EA strongly condemns the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. This is a clear violation of international law and poses a real threat to peace and security in Ukraine, Europe, and beyond.

In solidarity with Ukraine, EA supports the strong measures of the European Union and its European and international partners to defend international rules and to support Ukraine and its people.

EA received a letter from Ms. Kerstin Jorna (European Commission, Director-General of DG GROW), which is important for the accreditation and conformity assessment community. The letter includes the following (excerpt):

National Accreditation Bodies and Conformity Assessment Bodies established in a Member State of the EU must comply with EU sanctions against Russia and Belarus (www.sanctionsmap.eu).

In this respect, EA Members established in a Member State of the EU cannot offer accreditation services to Conformity Assessment Bodies established in Russia and Belarus if these bodies are listed in the EU sanctions list.

Moreover, we recommend to the EU based National Accreditation Bodies in the current circumstances to terminate their accreditation services to Conformity Assessment Bodies established in Russia and Belarus.

The above refers not only to new accreditations but also to the renewal of existing accreditations and to the monitoring of Conformity Assessment Bodies. Conformity Assessment Bodies cannot assess and certify products of operators established in Russia and Belarus if:
  a) these operators are listed in the EU sanctions list;
  b) these products are subject to an import ban in the EU.

Considering the information from the European Commission, the EA General Assembly agreed that all EA members shall comply with the EU sanction regulations. Accordingly, EA members cannot offer accreditation services to Conformity Assessment Bodies in particular established in Russia and Belarus if these bodies are listed in the EU sanctions list.

GOODBYE DANIEL

One of the greatest personalities of EA has gone. Daniel Pierre passed away on 4th November 2022.

He served as the EA Chair from January 2000 – the 1st Chairman of the newly established EA – to December 2006 and the EA Vice Chair from January 2010, during the setting up of the Secretariat in Paris, until December 2013 when he stopped his professional activities. Daniel was also the Vice Chair of ILAC between 2001 and 2004 and the ILAC Chair from 2005 to 2010.

He was proud of what had been achieved with all his colleagues on the Executive Committee, in the General Assembly, and in the Secretariat. From the merger of EAC and EAL to the setting up of EA in June 2000, Daniel has also been very much involved in the preparation of Regulation 765/2008.

Daniel was happy to recall the vivid discussions in the EA meetings, the good times spent on the margins of the meetings, and very often said how lucky he had been to have been given the opportunity to have a leading role in such a time, in such a field. He was proud and committed to the values of accreditation and fully devoted to promoting and continuously reinforcing the European model, on every occasion.

Daniel was an exceptional professional, he was the image of energy, a very good and humane man also, with his family and friends. Having a sense of people, he was a solicitous person, and, despite all his achievements, he always remained humble.

HIGHLIGHTS

GUIDANCE ON REMOTE ASSESSMENT

NABs have noted the benefits and the limitations of remote assessment techniques. EA published a general framework to provide guidance and improve harmonization among EA Members. The document includes the basic requirements, elements for the preparation and the conduct of the remote assessment, the reporting, and circumstances where remote assessments may not be appropriate.

Each NAB has the sole responsibility for designing the most appropriate assessment process, taking into account the phase of the accreditation cycle, the objective of the assessment, and the relevant risk factors, and ensuring that the same objectives and outcomes have been achieved. If the assessment is for initial accreditation, then the assessment will, under normal circumstances, have to include on-site elements.

FIRST CEO MEETING

Roeland Nieuweboer, CEO of the Dutch National Accreditation Body RvA and member of the Executive Board, organised a meeting for CEOs/Heads of NABs, the day after the EA November General Assembly. This new kind of meeting, exclusively about strategic matters, dealt with matters not on EA's regular agenda.

Topics such as Digitalisation and Sustainability in the context of National Accreditation Bodies' activities have been discussed. Participants were enthusiastic about this initiative and are looking forward to participating in this new type of meeting.

PUBLICATION OF THE ONE VOICE REPORT

The harmonisation of accreditation throughout Europe is essential to ensure trust in certificates issued by accredited conformity assessment bodies by regulators, industry, consumers, and other parties using conformity assessment results.

Harmonisation of accreditation is also important for conformity assessment bodies for having a level playing field in Europe when offering conformity assessment services. The harmonisation of accreditation starts with the selection of the best suitable accreditation standard for a specific conformity assessment activity. It is one important pillar regarding the EA Policy on "One Voice" set out in document EA-1/23.

EA has identified the following sectors, where EA NABs are using for the same activity different standards for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies:

- Medical examination: EN ISO 15189 vs EN ISO/IEC 17025

- Sampling as a stand-alone activity: EN ISO/IEC 17025 vs EN ISO/IEC 17020

- Forensic activities/autopsy: EN ISO/IEC 17020 vs EN ISO/IEC 17025

- Clinical pathology: EN ISO 15189 vs EN ISO/IEC 17020

- Reference Material Producers: EN ISO 17034 vs EN ISO/IEC 17025

- Legal metrology: EN ISO/IEC 17025 (calibration) vs EN ISO/IEC 17025 (testing) vs EN ISO/IEC 17020

- Non-destructive testing: EN ISO/IEC 17020 vs EN ISO/IEC 17025

- Food and feed sector: EN ISO/IEC 17065 vs EN ISO/IEC 17021-1

- Forrest schemes: EN ISO/IEC 17021-1 vs EN ISO/IEC 17065

These cases have been evaluated by EA to decide whether one specific standard shall be applied by EA NABs and if agreed, which shall be the best suitable standard for the accreditation.

It is expected that the results will be published beginning of 2023.

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ACCREDITATION OF ORGANIC PRODUCTION CERTIFICATION

European Union organic farming rules in Regulation (EU) 2018/848 cover agricultural products, including aquaculture and yeast.

They encompass every stage of the production process, from seeds to the final processed food. This means that there are specific provisions covering a large variety of products, such as:

- seeds and propagating material such as cuttings, rhizomes, etc. from which plants or crops are grown;

- live or unprocessed agricultural products;

- feed;

- processed agricultural products for use as food.

To ensure that organic production complies with the EU rules, Regulation (EU) 2018/848 includes specific provisions for the certification of organic production and the accreditation of the Certification Bodies (control bodies) by a National Accreditation Body (NAB) according to Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 on accreditation.

Based on Regulation (EU) 2018/848, the European Commission adopted in 2020/2021 further detailed secondary acts. These secondary acts cover inter alia the following issues:

- Details of organic production rules;

- Rules concerning groups of operators ;

- Harmonised method of inspection (traceability, mass balance);

- Rules for certifying in third countries (outside the EU), under the compliance system;

- Rules for importing products in the EU;

- In third countries, a transition from the current equivalency recognition to compliance recognition.

For the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 regarding the accreditation of control bodies, EA published the document EA-3/12 *EA Policy for the Accreditation of Organic Production Certification*. Due to the secondary acts, EA-3/12 has been revised in 2022.

DECISIONS ON THE APPLICATION OF EA-2/17, THE MANDATORY DOCUMENT ON ACCREDITATION FOR NOTIFICATION PURPOSES

To ensure that the notified bodies are accredited throughout Europe (EU, EFTA, and Türkiye) in a harmonised way, EA published the document on Accreditation for Notification Purposes (EA-2/17). The application of this document is mandatory for all NABs when accrediting a conformity assessment body to become a notified body. EA-2/17 also applies to bodies performing assessment and verification of constancy of performance under the Construction Products Regulation.

The main purpose of the April 2020 revision was the definition of the so-called preferred harmonised standard(s) for the accreditation of notified bodies for each Union Harmonisation Legislations and the related modules.

Within three years from publication, all accredited notified bodies shall comply with EA-2/17:2020. But what happens if a CAB seeking notification does not meet the requirements set out in EA-2/17: 2020 after the transition period in April 2023?

For this case, the Technical Management Board approved a resolution to ensure a consistent and unified implementation of EA-2/17:

> The NAB shall withdraw (if necessary, after a suspension) any accreditation for those conformity assessment activities not based on the preferred standard after the deadline established by EA-2/17 (17th of April 2023). The only case when no sanction is required to be applied for the CABs accredited by a different standard is when the notifying and/or regulatory authority has published a requirement (see EA-2/17 §4.2), binding to the CAB, not to accept the preferred standard, but a different one, as far as, for an aligned Directive/Regulation/Conformity Assessment Module, the nationally appointed standard fits with table 3 of Annex B and the 1+ approach is applied accordingly.

However, in case the CAB already applied for the preferred standard, but the accreditation procedure is not yet finalized by the deadline, the NAB can choose to suspend instead of withdrawing any accreditation for a different standard, for a limited period until the accreditation procedure is completed.

Another important issue was the witness activities during the assessment. This has been addressed in EA-2/17 Annex C. But what happens if the witnessing cannot be performed, but the CAB shall be accredited and notified?

> The Technical Management Board approved the following resolution when the NAB accepts to postpone the witnessing and grant the accreditation under the condition that the CAB makes sure that the NAB can witness its first customer:

> The witnessing shall be carried out within a maximum of 18 months after receiving the accreditation – if, during this period, the witnessing has not been carried out, then the accreditation for that conformity assessment activity will be withdrawn (first suspended, if necessary) since the NAB is not able to fully assess the continuing competence of the CAB for all the applicable requirements.

UPDATE ON THE REGISTRATION OF THE EA MLA MARK

In June 2022, the EA MLA mark was formally registered with the EU Intellectual Property Office as a collective mark of the EU.

With this, EA has been able to start the stage of registration of the mark at the international level, for all non-EU MLA signatories to be able to use the mark as well. The approach consists of mapping all requirements and formalities necessary to comply with the registration rules in force in the relevant countries.

There are 44 signatories to the EA MLA. 27 are automatically eligible to use the mark through the EU registration. 17 countries are concerned with international registration. Based on the comprehensive mapping, the process will start, on the same basis as with the EU Intellectual Property Office.

The Secretariat will cooperate with the NABs for translation and assistance in the interaction with the local offices.

The General Assembly confirmed in November 2022 that the mark shall not be used until it is registered in the countries of all EA MLA signatories.

EA MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT (MLA)

For 2022, the MAC had scheduled 14 peer evaluations, out of which 13 were performed by the end of December 2022.

SCOPES	NUMBER OF MLA SIGNATORIES
Calibration	41
Testing	42
Medical examinations	38
Inspection	43
Product certification	37
Management system certification	36
Certification of persons	33
Proficiency Testing Providers (PTP)	20
Validation and Verification (GHG)	25
Reference Material Producers (RMP)	12

LAUNCH OF THE EA MLA BIOBANKING

A biobank is a facility that collects, stores and manages biological material and related data in an organized manner for research purposes. Biological material is an essential asset for the progress of biotechnology, an emerging sector on a world scale, which, according to OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) estimates, will have an impact on the world economy in 2030 and will account for 2.7% of global GDP overall.

The EA General Assembly decided to expand the EA MLA for biobanking as a level 2 conformity assessment activity using EN ISO 20387 as a new level 3 normative document.

The EA Multilateral Agreement Council concluded all arrangements, including training its members, who are making the decisions, to start with the peer evaluations of National Accreditation Bodies (NABs).

LAUNCH OF THE EA MLA FOR EN ISO/IEC 17029:2019

The Multilateral Agreement Council decided to launch the EA MLA for Validation and Verification bodies (EN ISO/IEC 17029) based on at least one successful transition to EN ISO/IEC 17029 (level 3) and EN ISO 14065:2020 (level 4), declared by a NAB, or at least one successful peer evaluation of a National Accreditation Body (NAB) against EN ISO/IEC 17029. The first signatories in 2022 were ENAC, the Spanish NAB, and TURKAK, the Turkish NAB.

In case of transition, the EA MLA signatory status for the validation and verification of the NAB will be updated by the Secretariat to include EN ISO/IEC 17029, based on the information provided by the NAB that has issued accreditation to EN ISO/IEC 17029 and EN ISO 14065:2020.

TRAININGS AND WEBINARS

MAC MEMBERS TRAINING

Training on EN ISO/IEC 17029 - Conformity assessment — General principles and requirements for validation and verification bodies (6-7 April 2022)

Nathalie Savéant (COFRAC, the French NAB) presented the clauses of the standards underlining the differences between the validation and verification under the new standard: validation involves statements and data that relate to the future while verification implies verification of results that have already been achieved, it is real data that is checked for its truthfulness. She explained the difference between validation and verification and inspection and certification.

Training on EN ISO 20387 - Biotechnology — Biobanking — General requirements for biobanking (4-5 October 2022)

Simon Herren (SAS, the Switzerland NAB) presented the structure of the standard and its history, including the difference between accreditation and certification in this field.

WEBINAR ON BREAST CANCER SERVICES WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION'S JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE (JRC)

EA organised on 28 April 2022 a webinar to give an update on the European Quality Assurance Scheme that will be underpinned by accreditation for Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) leading to accredited certification of breast cancer services and networks.

TRAINING BIOBANKING

EA organised 2 training sessions to train peer evaluators for future peer evaluations of NABs for the MLA scope biobanking.

CETA WEBINAR

The Delegation of the European Union in Canada and the Directorate-General for Trade, in collaboration with the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship, and SMEs, and the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) of the European Commission organised a webinar called 'How to make use of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) Protocol on Conformity Assessment and whether to extend its scope.

This online seminar was held on the 8th of September 2022 and was part of a series of events organised around the fifth anniversary of CETA's provisional entry into force. The Agreement remains a core driver of the EU's privileged and solid relationship with this close ally and like-minded partner. The current geopolitical context creates momentum for even closer cooperation between the EU and Canada.

During this webinar, participants learned about the CETA Conformity Assessment Protocol, its implementation, and the respective roles of the European Commission and EA.

REFRESHER AND NEWCOMER TRAINING SESSIONS

Training sessions and workshops went smoothly and produced valuable results. To guarantee a constant level of competence and harmonization and maintain the robustness of the EA MLA and the peer-evaluation process, EA organized three refresher training sessions in 2022:

- Team Member (TM) Refresher training on Calibration and Reference Material Producers on the 28th and 29th of June

- TM Refresher training on Testing, Medical Examinations, and Proficiency Testing Providers on the 15th and 16th of November

- TM Refresher training on Management System Certification, and Validation and Verification on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of November

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the Newcomer training scheduled in 2020 was postponed to 2022. Besides in 2022, EA had to face an important number of evaluators who stopped their participation in peer evaluations, for various reasons (retirements, departures from NAB, increasing workload preventing them to maintain their EA activities).

This is why the MAC Management Group (MAC MG) decided to organize a second Newcomer training session at the end of 2022 and to plan another session at the end of 2023.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND STAKEHOLDERS

RENEWAL OF THE FPA WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND EFTA

On 30 August 2022, EA signed with the European Commission (EC), represented by Dr. Andreas Steinhorst (EA Executive Secretary) and Jakub Mateusz Boratynski (DG GROW Director Network & Governance), the 4th Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) for a new four-year period. The European Free Trade Association (EFTA), represented by Henri Gétaz, signed a similar agreement with EA on the 16th of November.

The objective of the FPA is to support the realization of the Action Plan 2023-2026, under which EA makes several commitments to:

- Strengthen the EA Peer-evaluation system
- Ensure harmonization and competence when accrediting Conformity Assessment Bodies, especially in the regulated area
- Strengthen EA and its management
- Enhance cooperation with regulators and stakeholders
- Strengthen the European Quality Infrastructure
- Enhance the role of EA at the international level

With Support from the European Union

With Support from EFTA

RENEWAL OF EA/SCC AGREEMENT

The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) includes a Protocol on the Mutual Acceptance of the Results of Conformity Assessment (the CA Protocol). This Protocol establishes mutual recognition of European and Canadian National Accreditation Bodies and Conformity Assessment Bodies to accept the results of each other's conformity assessment.

To facilitate this mutual recognition, the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA) and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) signed a Bilateral Cooperation Agreement (BCA). The agreement establishes the conditions and procedures for cooperation between EA and SCC for technical support of activities aimed at mutual recognition of National Accreditation Bodies (NAB) and accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operating in the EU and Canada.

SCC and EA renewed on 29th September 2022 this agreement to strengthen the implementation of the Protocol, in particular for more product sectors.

EVALUATION OF THE NLF

The New Legislative Framework (NLF) for EU product legislation consists of Decision No 768/2008/EC, Regulation (EU) 2019/1020, and Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 aiming to improve the Internal Market for goods and boost the quality of conformity assessment of products.

Decision No 768/2008/EC can be deemed as a template and a common toolbox for Union product legislation. Currently, there are 23 pieces of legislation and a delegated act aligned with the NLF.

Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 establishes an overall framework of rules and principles related to accreditation, and CE marking.

Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 solved and tightened a number of loopholes in the legislation on market surveillance and compliance of products (amending Directive 2004/42/EC and Regulations (EC) No 765/2008 and (EU) No 305/201).

The European Commission has published the evaluation of the New Legislative Framework (NLF) for industrial products in the EU, which includes the evaluation of Decision No 768/2008/EC and Regulation (EC) No 765/2008. The main purpose of the evaluation of the NLF was to bring forward an informed analysis of the current performance of the NLF, assessing the effectiveness, efficiency, and relevance in particular given the technological development, the coherence with similar initiatives, and the overall EU added value of certain aspects of the NLF.

This evaluation conducts an evidence-based review of the performance of the NLF in the following key areas:

- Alignment of Union harmonisation legislation to the NLF's common principles and reference provisions.

- Conformity assessment rules and procedures.

- Framework and rules for the accreditation and notification of conformity assessment bodies.

- CE marking and administrative requirements.

The evaluation demonstrated the effectiveness of the NLF and emphasized that few elements of the NLF can be improved.

REPORT ON REGULATION (EC) NO 765/2008 TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND PARLIAMENT

Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 sets out the requirements for accreditation and aims to ensure that accreditation serves the public interest. The Regulation establishes a single European accreditation system that covers the regulated sector, where accreditation is required by legislation, and the voluntary (non-regulated) sector.

Article 40 of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 states that "by 1 January 2013, and every five years thereafter, the European Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, shall produce and submit to the European Parliament and the Council a report on the implementation of this Regulation".

In this respect, the European Commission published a report providing an overview of the implementation of the accreditation and CE Marking provisions of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 between 2018 and 2022.

The report confirms that the European accreditation infrastructure created by Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 proved its important role and added value, in particular in the context of EU policies regarding the:

- Single Market and Industrial Strategy;

- European Green Deal;

- Digital Transition;

- Fight against Covid-19;

- Sectoral policies (e.g. for machinery, construction products, pressure equipment, lifts, drones, fertilizers, food, and feed, emission trading system).

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NEW LEGISLATIONS PROPOSED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

EA is involved in over 25 new or revised legislations in progress, such as the Cyber Resilience Act, the Artificial Intelligence Act, the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, the Regulation on establishing a Union certification framework for carbon removals, the Ecodesign Directive, and the Construction Products Regulation. The involvement of EA and its members is crucial to ensure that accreditation and conformity assessment are being applied according to the European legal accreditation framework.

EA established a document, EA-INF/05 Directory of European legislations and EU schemes with provisions to accreditation and/or conformity assessment, which lists a comprehensive directory of published EU legislations and schemes with relation to accreditation and conformity assessment.

BLUE GUIDE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EU PRODUCT RULES

The Guide to the implementation of directives based on the New Approach and the Global Approach (the 'Blue Guide') was first published in 2000. Since then, it has become one of the main reference documents explaining how to implement the legislation(s) based on the New Approach, now covered by the New Legislative Framework (NLF).

The Blue Guide has the ambition of explaining the different elements of the NLF, including the European model of accreditation and conformity assessment, as well as market surveillance.

The new version of the Blue Guide was published in the Official Journal of the EU in June 2022.

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UPDATE ON THE EAAB ACTIVITIES

Miruna Dobre remains the EAAB Chair until the next term of the Board starting in autumn 2023.

Starting in 2023, the EAAB Chair, Vice-Chairs, and EA President will meet once in between the two annual meetings of the Board to improve the communication and interaction between the EAAB and EA.

Regarding the challenges for the conformity assessment infrastructure (new regulations for new technologies' implementation - Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Sustainability), the CAB and Industry Colleges highlighted the issue of the availability of sufficient experts and required competences to continue performing conformity assessment activities. They stressed the need for a harmonised approach to the implementation of these regulations, especially when no harmonised (technical) standards exist, and the need to monitor the market situation and ensure the readiness of harmonised implementation to the market.

NATIONAL AUTHORITIES
(members of the EA Advisory Board 2022)

Due to a change in the composition of the college of National Authorities in 2022, the college is now composed of:

BELGIUM - Federal Public Service Economy, Metrology

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

GERMANY - ZLS - Central Authority of the Federal States for Safety

ITALY - Administrative Officer at Department VII Notified Bodies and Accreditation Systems DG Market, Competition, Consumer protection and Technical legislation

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

THREE NEW EA RECOGNIZED STAKEHOLDERS

By EA-1/15 *EA policy for relations with stakeholders* providing for a formal review every five years, the Recognised Stakeholder agreements with FSSC 22000 (Food Safety System Certification) and UILI (International Union of Independent Laboratories) have been renewed in November 2022 for the coming five years.

Moreover, three organisations and groups were granted the EA Recognised Stakeholder status in November 2022, i.e.:

- the Comité Européen des Constructeurs d'Instruments de Pesage (CECIP), the European weighing industry association;

- the Recreational Craft Sectoral Group (RSG), a Notified Body Coordination Group under Article 42 of Recreational Craft Directive (RCD) 2013/53/EU;

- the EU FPR Notified Body Coordination Group under Article 36 of the Fertilising Products Regulation (FPR) 2019/1009/EU.

EA has 41 Recognized Stakeholders representing European regulators, industry, conformity assessment bodies, consumers and standardization and metrology organizations.

The organisations listed on page 19, whose full details are in EA-INF/02: *Contact Persons of EA Full and Associate Members, Recognized Stakeholders and Observers*, are part of EA Recognized Stakeholders.

LIST OF EA RECOGNIZED STAKEHOLDERS

ANEC — European Consumer Voice in Standardisation

BIOENERGY — European trade association open to national biomass associations and bioenergy companies active in Europe

BUSINESS EUROPE — Confederation of European Business

CECIP — Comité Européen des Constructeurs d'Instruments de Pesage, the European weighing industry association

CEN-CENELEC — European Committee for Standardization (CEN) - European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC)

CEOC INTERNATIONAL — International Confederation of. Inspection and Certification Organisations

E3S — European Sensory Science Society

EC - DG GROW — European Commisson - Directorate-General (DG) for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

EDQM — European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines and Healthcare of the Council of Europe

EFAC — European Federation of Associations of Certification Bodies

EFLM — European Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine

EFNDT — European Federation for Non-Destructive Testing

EFTA — European Free Trade Association

EGOLF — European Group of Organisations for Fire Testing, Inspection and Certification

ENFSI — European Network of Forensic Science Institutes

EOQ — European Organization for Quality

EPPO — European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization

ERA — European Union Agency for Railways

ETSI — European Telecommunications Standards Institute

EU FPR — Notified Body Coordination Group under Article 36 of the Fertilising Products Regulation (FPR) 2019/1009/EU

EURACHEM — Network of organisations in the international traceability of chemical measurements

EURAMET — European Association of National Metrology Institutes

EUROCER BUILDING — Association of Product Certification Bodies in Europe active in the Construction sector

EUROLAB — European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories

EUROVENT — Europe's Industry Association for Indoor Climate (HVAC), Process Cooling, and Food Cold Chain Technologies

ETICS — European Testing Inspection and Certification System

EWF — European Federation for Welding, Joining and Cutting

FAMI-QS — The Quality and Safety System for Speciality Feed Ingredients asbl (withdrawal formalised in July 2022)

FSSC 22000 — Food Safety System Certification

GAMBICA — Association for Instrumentation, Control, Automation & Laboratory Technology

GLOBALG.A.P. — GLOBAL Good Agricultural Practice

IFS — International Featured Standards

IIOC — Independent International Organisation for Certification

IQNet — International Certification Network

NB-RAIL Association — International non-profit organization of the Notified Bodies for Interoperability in the Railway Sector

ORGALIME — European Engineering Industries Association

PEFC — International Certification Network - Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes

RSG — Recreational Craft Sectoral Group

TIC COUNCIL — International Association representing Independent Testing, Inspection and Certification companies

UILI — Union Internationale des Laboratoires Indépendants

WELMEC — European Cooperation in Legal Metrology

COOPERATION WITH IAF AND ILAC

EVALUATION OF EA BY IAF AND ILAC

The re-evaluation of EA by IAF/ILAC started in early September 2022 with the evaluation of the EA Secretariat and continued with the evaluation of the scopes of medical examinations, inspection, person certification as well as validation and verification in three National Accreditation Bodies.

Furthermore, IAF/ILAC evaluated the MAC decision-making process when they participated remotely in the MAC meeting held on 4-5 October in Turin, Italy.

The final IAF/ILAC decision on the re-evaluation of EA is awaited in 2023.

NEW SINGLE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR ACCREDITATION (NEW BODY)

In October 2019, ILAC and IAF agreed to establish a single international organisation for accreditation, which shall replace the two organisations ILAC and IAF.

End of 2021, a survey with key questions on the New Body was circulated to ILAC and IAF members. The responses have been evaluated in 2022. One of the key issues is the voting rights of stakeholders in the New Body. The majority of ILAC and IAF Accreditation Bodies, who expressed clearly their position, are against the voting rights of stakeholders. That is also the EA position because the Accreditation Bodies must have their voice, in the same way as any other international body or community.

It is planned to have a decision on the Articles of Association and Bylaws for the New Body in 2023.

IAF CERTSEARCH DATABASE

IAF CertSearch is a database that allows users to verify the validity of management system certifications issued by certification bodies accredited by IAF MLA signatory accreditation bodies.

In 2022, IAF decided on new principles which are obligatory for accreditation bodies and their accredited conformity assessment bodies. First, it was mandatory for accreditation bodies only, to upload information on the accredited certification bodies for management systems. In 2022, it was decided that certification bodies will need to upload their information on issued management system certificates to the database.

EA, supported by the EA Advisory Board, was not in favor of these new mandatory principles.

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.

- 109 Full Members;

- 18 AB 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.

- 96 Accreditation Bodies Members;

- 28 Association Members;

- 5 Recognised Regional Accreditation Groups (AFRAC, APAC, ARAC, EA, IAAC).

Emanuele Riva
IAF Chair

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COMMUNICATIONS

WAD 2022

On the 9th of June, we celebrate World Accreditation Day, and the 2022 year's theme was Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment. EA prepared an article covering sectors where accreditation is protecting the environment while supporting economic growth:

- EU ETS
- On the way to PlanetProof, a voluntary quality label launch by the Dutch government and RvA
- Sustainability and social responsibility claims with the first accreditation of a Swedish packing manufacturer
- Energy efficiency conditions of cogeneration plants
- Microgeneration certification scheme
- Ship recycling

UN INTERNATIONAL DAYS

EA reacted to several UN International Days, to promote the role and the benefits of accreditation and reach a wider audience. For instance, EA and PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification) produced together a video on the occasion of World Forest Day, on 21 March. The video was promoted it on the website and Twitter. Thanks to the collaboration, the tweet, and the videos were in our most popular tweets for 2022 and highlighted EA and PEFC's relationship to a different audience.

EA BROCHURES UPDATE

EA updated three brochures, providing information and concrete examples to support EA Members in promoting the benefits of accreditation:

- A Briefing for European Commission Officials

- Accreditation in Europe – Facilitating regulatory compliance and international trade

- The European co-operation for Accreditation – Who we are

LINKEDIN PAGE

EA launched a LinkedIn page in October 2022, as the LinkedIn platform is used widely by EA Members, Stakeholders, and our target audience. As the reach on Twitter is unpredictable, due to several changes in the algorithm and instability in its Directory Board, the LinkedIn page offers a new way for EA to communicate about EA's activities and promote accreditation.

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR 2022

From January to December 2022: +900 followers in one year.

| | 138,454 Tweet impressions | 4,983 Followers | 153,313 Profile visits |

From October to December 2022: the LinkedIn page was launched in October 2022.

| | 1043 Organic followers | 1865 Overview page views — 820 Overview page visitors | 2,473 Total page views |

WEBSITE NUMBERS FOR 2022

+3,3%
Average session duration

(Time spent by visitors)
(02:13 session duration)

+5,4%
Session per user

(number of time visitors are coming
on EA's website - 1,50 session per user)

-3,6%
Bounce rate

(visitors quit less our website
after landing on EA's website - 57,26% bounce)

+2,3%
Pages per session

(Number of pages consulted by visitors)
(2,17 pages per session)

-0,4%
Page views

(total number of pages consulted by visitors)
(372,999 pages)

+6%
Users

(number of visitors on EA's website)
(114,725 visitors)

PUBLICATIONS

NEW AND REVISED DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED IN 2022

Governance and Policy documents

EA-1/17   *EA Rules of Procedure*

EA-1/17 S1 A+AB Supplement 1 - Criteria for Membership

EA-1/17 S3   *Supplement 3 - Procedure for the investigation and resolution of Complaints and Appeals ules of procedure - complaint and appeal procedures*

EA-1/17 S4 A   Supplement 4 - Proxy procedure

EA-1/17 S5 A+AB Supplement 5 - Levying of Membership Fees

EA-1/19 A   *Rules for use of EA logo*

EA-1/20 A   *EA Procedure for the control of expenditures and preparation of budgets*

EA-1/20 S1 A+AB *Supplement 1 - Terms and conditions for financial compensation from the operating grant to an EA National Accreditation Body*

Information documents

EA-INF/11   *Scope of the EA MLA and the application of an EA MLA signatory to join the IAF MLA for a specific main scope/sub-scope and/or the ILAC MRA for a specific activity*

EA-INF/15   *Joint EA-EDQM Communication regarding Cooperation when carrying out (joint) audits/assessments in Official Medicines Control Laboratories*

Members' Procedural documents

EA-1/06 A+AB   *EA Multilateral Agreement. Criteria for signing. Policy and procedure for development.*

EA-1/13 A   *EA's Relationship with Accreditation Bodies of Countries Not Being Members of the EU or EFTA*

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

EA-2/19 INF   *List of risks for accreditation processes and operation of national accreditation bodies*

EA-3/02   *EA policy for the accreditation of Certification Bodies providing certification of PDO, PGI and TSG*

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

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

EA-4/09 G   *Accreditation for sensory testing laboratories*

EA-4/17 M   *Description of scopes of accreditation for medical laboratories*

EA-6/02 M   *EA Guidelines on the use of ISO/IEC 17065 and ISO/IEC 17021-1 for Certification to EN ISO 3834*

EA-6/03 M   *EA document for accreditation of Verification Bodies for the purpose of EU ETS Directive*

Peer evaluation process documents

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

EA-2/02 S1 M   *Description of competence criteria of the EA Secretariat personnel involved in the management of the peer evaluation process*

EA-2/02 S2 M   *Circumstances and process of involving EA Technical Committees in peer evaluation issues*

EA-2/02 S3 M   *Risk-based approach for the planning of a peer evaluation*

EA-2/02 S4 G   *Procedure for remote peer-evaluations during the COVID-19 pandemic*

EA-2/02 S5 M   *Multilateral Agreement Council Procedure for making the EA MLA decisions by online ballot, in between meetings*

PUBLICATIONS

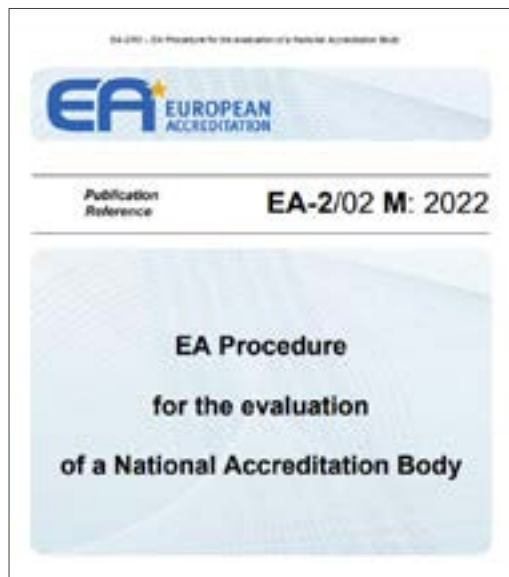## NEW DOCUMENTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN 2022

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 formally registered.

EA-X/XX EA Code of Conduct

EA-X/XX Guidelines for the Accreditation of Laboratories carrying out Genetic Testing using Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) / Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) Techniques

EA-X/XX Guidance Document on Transfers of Certificates under ISO/IEC 17024

DOCUMENTS UNDER REVISION AT END 2022

EA-0/06	*Format & Layout of EA Documents*
EA-1/06	*EA Multilateral Agreement. Criteria for Signing. Policy and Procedures for Development*
EA-1/22	*EA Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members*
EA-2/02 S4	Supplement 4: *EA Procedure for the Evaluation of a National Accreditation Body. Procedure for the Management of the Peer Evaluations in case of Extraordinary Circumstances*
EA-2/15	*EA Requirements for the Accreditation of Flexible Scopes*
EA-4/14	*The Selection and Use of Reference Materials*
EA-6/03	*EA Document for Recognition of Verifiers under the EU ETS Directive*
EA-INF/04	*Statement on Acceptance and Recognition of Activities under the EA MLA*
EA-INF/14	*Communication with the European Commission and its DGs*

DOCUMENTS WITHDRAWN IN 2022

EA-2/18 INF	*Guidelines for Accreditation Bodies on the content of the scopes of accreditation for proficiency testing providers*
EA-6/04 M	*EA Guidelines on the Accreditation of Certification of Primary Sector Products by Means of Sampling of Sites*

EA STRUCTURE

EXECUTIVE BOARD
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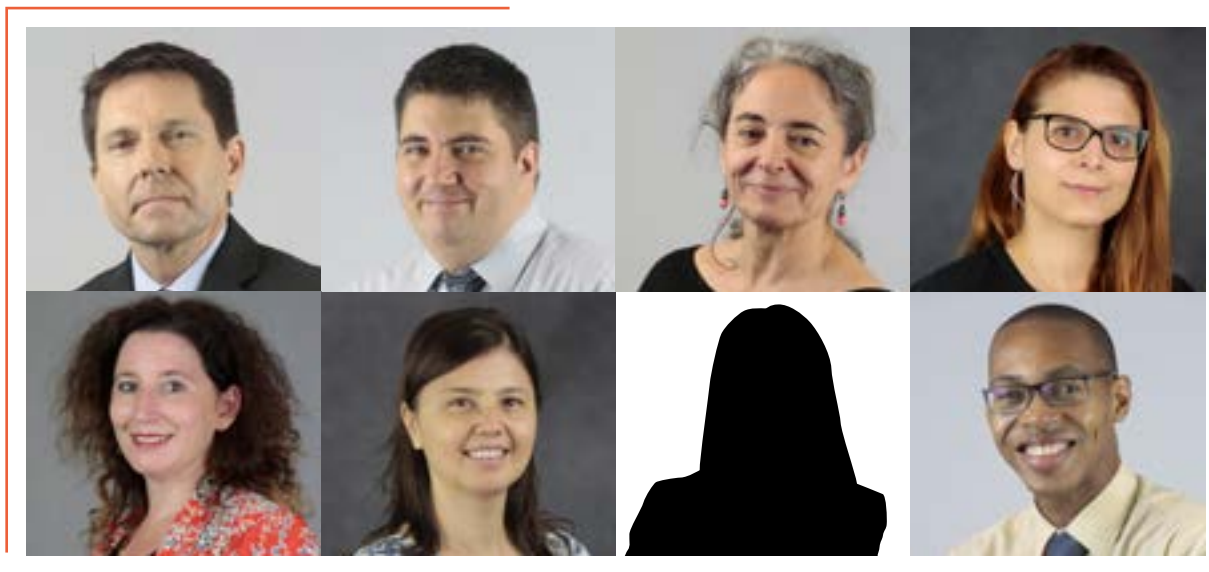### Term of office 2021-2022

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MEMBERSHIP

ALBANIA - Directorate of Accreditation (DPA)
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Activities under the EA MLA: Testing, Management Systems Certification, Inspection Bodies, Certification of Persons
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: 104
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ALGERIA - Organisme algérien d'accréditation (ALGERAC)
Status: Public
Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing, Inspection
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: 21
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ARMENIA - Armenian National Accreditation Body (ARMNAB)
Status: Governmental
Activities under the EA MLA: /
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: /
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armnab@armnab.am - www.armnab.am

AUSTRIA - Akkreditierung Austria (AA)
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 2022: 480
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akkreditierung@bmwfw.gv.at - www.bmdw.gv.at/Services/Akkreditierung.html

AZERBAIJAN - Azerbaijan Accreditation Centre (AzAK)
Status: Public
Activities under the EA MLA: /
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: /
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azac@accreditation.gov.az - www.azstand.gov.az

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 2022: 2,347
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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 2022: 595
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BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA - Institute for Accreditation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BATA)
Status: Governmental
Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing, Medical examination, Inspection, Product certification
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: 117
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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 2022: 614
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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 2022: 441
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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 2022: 120
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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 2022: 1,097
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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 2022: 324
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MEMBERSHIP

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Activities under the EA MLA: Proficiency Testing Providers
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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 2022: 224
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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 2022: 263
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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 2022: 3,575
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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 2022: 100
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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 2022: 4,714
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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 2022: 883
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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 2022: 647
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ICELAND - Icelandic Board for Technical Accreditation (ISAC)
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Activities under the EA MLA: Inspection
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: 12
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IRELAND - Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB)
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Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and Medical examination, Product certification, Management Systems Certification, Inspection
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: 239
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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 2022: 275
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www.israc.gov.il

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 2022: 2,636
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MEMBERSHIP

JORDAN - Jordan Accreditation & Standardization Systems – Accreditation Unit (JAS-AU)
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Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: /
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KOSOVO - Kosovo General Accreditation Directorate (DAK)
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Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: /
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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 2022: 307
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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 2022: 243
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LUXEMBOURG - Office Luxembourgeois d'Accreditation et de Surveillance (OLAS)
Status: Governmental
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Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: 64
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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 2022: 30
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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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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, Reference Material Producers
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: 252
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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 2022: 1,672
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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 2022: 856
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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 2022: 106
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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 2022: 278
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MEMBERSHIP

ROMANIA - Romanian Accreditation Association (RENAR)
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Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: 1,235
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SERBIA - Accreditation Body of Serbia (ATS)
Status: Public
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Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: 767
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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 2022: 572
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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 2022: 246
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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 2022: 1,866
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SWEDEN - Swedish Board for Accreditation and Conformity Assessment (SWEDAC)
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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 2022: 1,396
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SWITZERLAND - Swiss Accreditation Service (SAS)
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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 2022: 724
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THE NETHERLANDS - Raad voor Accreditatie (RvA)
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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 2022: 847
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TUNISIA - Tunisian Accreditation Council (TUNAC)
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Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing, Management Systems Certification, Inspection
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2022: 111
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TÜRKIYE - Turkish Accreditation Agency (TURKAK)
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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 2022: 2,085
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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 2022: 1,126
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UNITED KINGDOM - United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS)
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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 2022: 2,865
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FINANCES

ASSETS (€ X 1,000)

	2021	2022
Fixed assets	35	35
Current assets	919	990
Liquid assets	1022	985
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	50	52
TOTAL	**2,026**	**2,062**

LIABILITIES (€ X 1,000)

	2021	2022
Reserves	622	637
Provisions for liabilities and charges	42	47
Payables	662	678
Accrued expenses and deferred income	700	700
TOTAL	**2,026**	**2,062**

EXPENDITURES (€ X 1,000)

	2021	2022
Staff costs	700	696
Office rent and maintenance	145	145
Communications and publications	87	65
Other operating costs	160	204
Compensation of EA members' activities	404	410
Reserves	44	15
TOTAL	**1,540**	**1,535**

INCOME (€ X 1,000)

	2021	2022
Membership fees	731	700
Operating Grant EC/EFTA	737	740
Miscellaneous	3	1
Operanting Grant BCS	69	94
TOTAL	**1,540**	**1,535**

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