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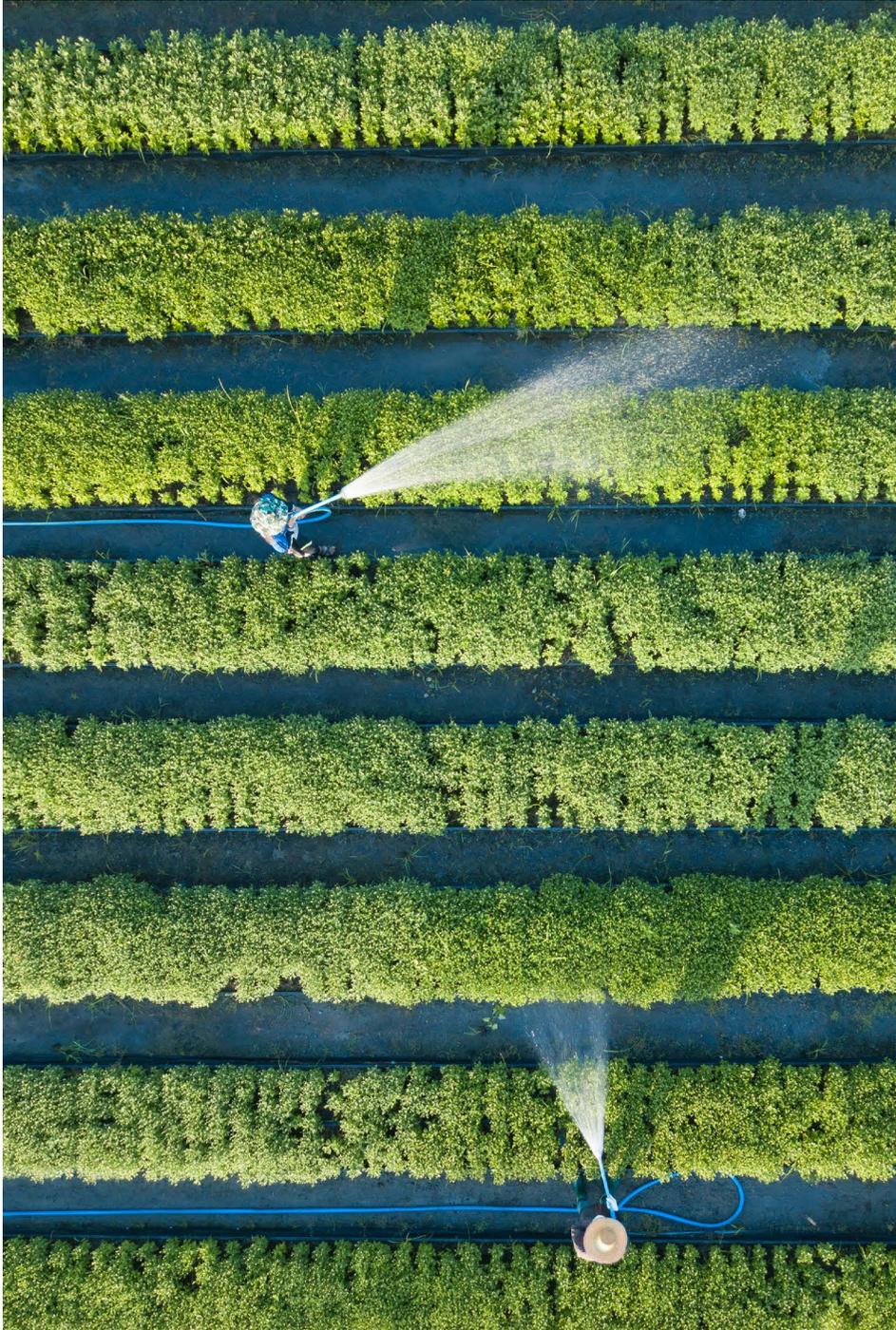


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Forward of Dr Andreas Steinhorst Executive Secretary

What would be an Annual Report in 2020 without mentioning COVID-19? Saying that it reshuffled entirely the cards is probably an understatement. EA had to adapt, and find new ways of working, assessing, and peer evaluating since it was impossible to meet except virtually. EA Members, Stakeholders, EA Evaluators and the Secretariat were equal to the challenge, and proved again that a 20 years old association has still reserve of strength.

At a time where the country of one of our founding members has left the European Union, staying together is more than an objective, it's a necessity.

Therefore, in order to adapt quicker to the market and inject fresh new ideas, the EA structure has evolved. The new management will be in charge as of January 2021 of paving the way for EA and accreditation in Europe for the next years.

One of the major steps will be the implementation of the EA MLA Mark, which will help give a better understanding and promotion of what the EA MLA value is, and the decision regarding the future membership status of UKAS inside EA.

Due to COVID-19, and its impact on face-to-face meetings, the transition to a greener way of working is now appearing easier than a few months ago. EA is willing to contribute to the European Green Deal project, initiated by the European Commission, and will set up concrete measures in 2021.

2021 will probably be as challenging as 2020, but thanks to our previous experience, we know for sure this will only lead to better mutual comprehension and collaboration.



HIGHLIGHTS

Election of the new Executive Board and Technical Management Board

During the November 2020 General Assembly, the new EA management structure was officially implemented. After approval of the revised Rules of Procedure in June 2020, the General Assembly (GA) was invited to adopt the revised Articles of Association, a necessary step for the new management structure to be able to start operating on the 1st of January 2021.

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

The Executive Board (EX Board) is composed of the President, Vice-President, and four members. Its task is to implement EA governance and financial policies, and to manage the organisation (including financial management) between the meetings of the General Assembly and as directed by the General Assembly.

The Technical Management Board (TMB) is composed of the Chairs of the Technical Committees, the EA Vice-President, the Chairs of the Multilateral Agreement Council (MAC) and the Communications and Publications Committee (CPC). Its mission is to coordinate the technical activities of EA. The EA Vice-President acts as the TMB Chairman.

The detailed organization chart of the new structure is showed [page 26](#) (Chapter EA Structure)





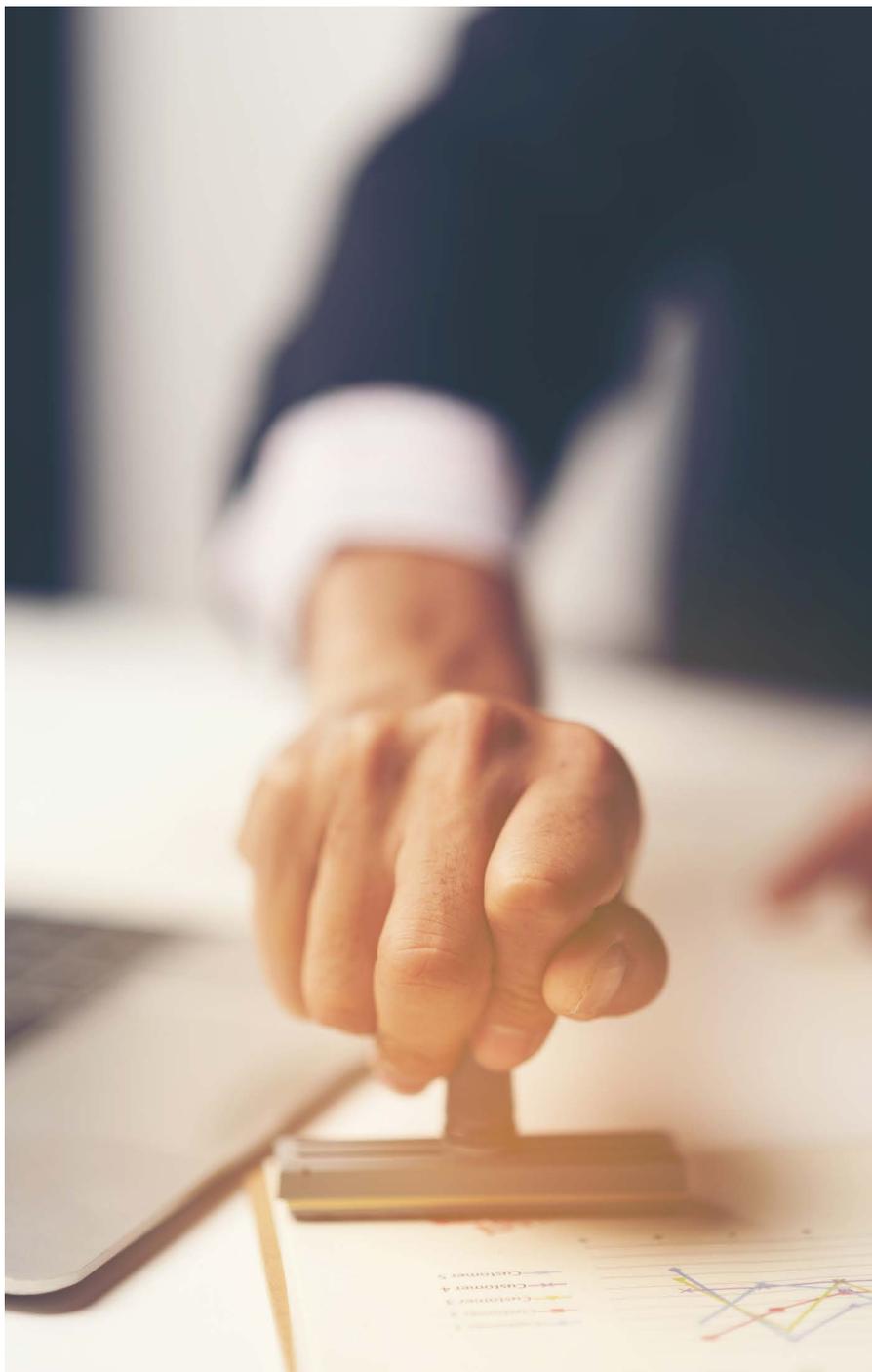
UKAS membership after BREXIT

The BREXIT transition period formally ended on 31st December 2020 meaning that European Union legislation no longer applies to the United Kingdom (UK). In this respect the UK is no longer bound by Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation in the European Union (EU) nor by Regulation (EU) 2019/515 on the mutual recognition of goods.

Consequently, UKAS accreditation certificates will no longer be considered as a proof of “accreditation” within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008. Certificates and reports issued by Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) accredited by UKAS will no longer be recognised with respect to the EU Regulatory system as of 1st January 2021, e.g. regarding Notified Bodies for the purposes of CE Marking, EU Emission Trading System, EU Food and Feed regulations, EU Cybersecurity act, and other European Union legislation.

On 30th December 2020, the EU, the Euratom and the UK have signed a Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) on a provisional basis. It provides for free trade in goods, ensure fair competition and limited mutual market access in services, as well as for cooperation mechanisms in a range of policy areas. However, the TCA does not change what is stated in the paragraphs above.

As signatory to the EA MLA, the accreditation system operated by UKAS continues to be accepted by the other signatories as equivalent to their own accreditation system. UKAS declares, when requested, conformity assessment results (e.g. reports or certificates) issued by CABs accredited by UKAS for the relevant scope to the EA MLA, to the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (ILAC MRA) and to the IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (IAF MLA) as reliable as those issued by CABs accredited by the other accreditation body signatories to these multilateral agreements of mutual recognition.



EA MLA Mark

Following the plan set up 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 will be submitted to the Registration authorities, in Europe the EU Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO). The Horizontal Harmonization Committee (HHC) developed EA-3/01: *EA Conditions for the use of Accreditation Symbols, Logos and other claims of accreditation and reference to the EA MLA Signatory status, Supplement 1 Rules for use of the EA MLA mark* which was approved by the General Assembly in October 2020.

Signatory National Accreditation Bodies (NABs) will be entitled to use the MLA mark in combination with their logo and Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) accredited by a signatory NAB will have the right to use the MLA mark in combination with the NAB accreditation symbol.

The basic principle is that the mark can only be used in a country where it has been properly registered. It means that the mark will have to be registered (in a first stage) in all the countries of the EA MLA/BLA signatories before it can be used.

The registration process has just started formally and is currently ongoing.

Carbon footprint and EA initiatives

COVID-19 has highlighted EA's ability to maintain its activities and develop new ways of working with success.

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 former Executive Committee prepared a policy paper on EA travels in relation to Climate Change, outlining a number of proposals aiming to contribute to the European Green Deal and suggesting concrete measures for reducing the EA carbon footprint, such as:

- 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.



Laboratory and Certification Committee FAQs

The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) answered by the Laboratory Committee (LC) are available on the EA website, so are the CC FAQs since May 2017. Questions come directly from the practice, and gather concrete experiences and difficulties sometimes faced by EA Members to apply the standards' requirements. Thanks to this entire system, based on exchanges and sharing of experiences, a knowledge database is built.

EA committees are all considering publishing their FAQs, in response to a real need expressed largely by the members in the committees. The Technical Management Board (TMB) is currently discussing on the elaboration of a common, more user-friendly tool for FAQs, especially regarding search features and presentation of query results.

Impact of COVID-19 on NABs' activities

Nothing proves better the adaptability of a system than submitting this system to a crisis. EA has been showing since March 2020 that, even though EA Members can be far apart and with different problems to take care of, they were able to act together, and progress on all the ongoing projects.

Thanks to a long term relationship, virtual meetings were in many cases as fruitful as face-to-face meetings, so were trainings and workshops (more information [page 11](#)), and remote peer evaluations (more information [page 10](#)).

Lockdown and subsequent recourse to home office, remote assessments, new ways of working for the teams, identification of counterfeit certificates and products coming on the market with unverified provenance, etc., since the early beginning of 2020, the COVID-19 crisis has been the occasion to test internal and external communications.

This period has been lived differently depending first on the size of the National Accreditation Body (NAB) and second on the level of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. Some NABs had to face abrupt lockdown and got only few weeks to entirely reorganize their services: choose which tools to use to communicate within their teams and with the Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs), write new procedures, train the assessment teams through webinars, develop online work and interaction to support continuation of activity, etc.

On the information front also, EA NABs have been active. Fake news have also been legion since March 2020, with a recrudescence of “scientific” articles on the uselessness of masks, how to use them, and how the virus is spreading, etc. NABs had to find new ways to communicate clearly on the benefits of accreditation in particular in the area of face masks testing (find more information [page 18](#)), and medical examinations.



EA Multilateral Agreement (MLA)

SCOPES	NUMBER OF MLA SIGNATORIES
Calibration	41
Testing	42
Medical examinations	37
Inspection	42
Product certification	36
Management system certification	36
Certification of persons	32
Proficiency Testing Providers (PTP)	20
Validation and Verification (GHG)	25
Reference Material Producers (RMP)	8



Update on Peer evaluation reengineering project

The Multilateral Agreement Council (MAC) project to reengineer the peer evaluation system, one of the key actions of the EA Strategy 2025, has been much progressing in 2020 and is nearing its goal.

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

Regarding the elaboration of the guidance on peer-evaluation effort, a TFG composed of members of the MAC and MAC Management Group (MG) completed a draft document based on a risk-based approach. The guidance is a document which defines specific indicators with regard to complexity and stability of NABs (risk indicators) and help analyse if these indicators apply to a specific NAB or not. Depending on the result of this analysis (risk assessment) the framework conditions of peer evaluations will be determined individually, as the actions to mitigate the risks. This will enable the Team Leaders to define the most suitable evaluation plan for the peer evaluation of a specific NAB.

Another paper prepared by the MAC Management Group relating to the process to deal with technical issues raised during an evaluation was discussed at the Autumn MAC meeting and will be further considered by the MAC in 2021. The document describes the process to follow in case of disagreement between the Peer Evaluation Team and the NAB about the interpretation of technical requirements.

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



Peer-evaluation activities

For 2020, the MAC had scheduled 12 peer evaluations:

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

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, only few of the scheduled peer evaluations could be finalized:

- TURKAK re-evaluation;
- HAA second stage evaluation;
- OLAS second stage evaluation.

The MAC Management Group intensified their work and played a key role by proposing solutions to maintain the peer-evaluation system operational during this period and to enable decisions to be taken without delay. Everything was made in compliance with the rules and procedures to avoid stopping the peer-evaluation system and undermining both accreditation and accredited conformity assessment activities.

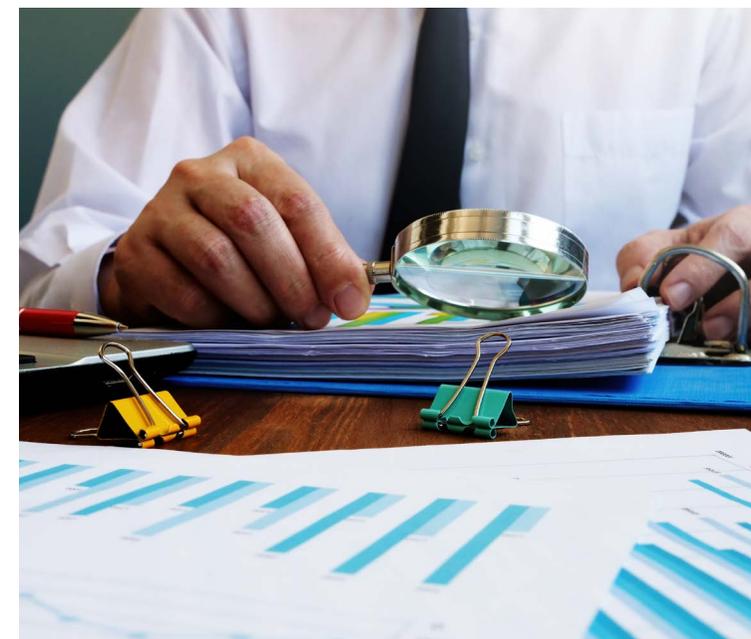
The MAC agreed upon the contingency plan proposed by the MAC Management Group and, as a result:

- IPAC second stage evaluation, OLAS third stage evaluation and DANAK first stage re-evaluation have been rescheduled for the second half of 2020. Only IPAC and OLAS re-evaluations were eventually completed before a decision to be made in 2021;

- 7 re-evaluations (COFRAC, EGAC, NA, PCA, UKAS, SWEDAC and DANAK second stage) and 1 extension evaluation (INAB) have been postponed to 2021.

During 2020 the MAC secretariat received two new applications from ISAC, the Icelandic NAB, and ATCG, the Montenegrin NAB for signing the EA MLA.

During its remote meeting on 7th and 8th October 2020, the MAC endorsed the policy and procedure for remote peer-evaluations during the COVID-19 pandemic which will allow the performing of peer evaluations remotely. The document is also a guidance which has to be considered when planning and performing remote peer evaluations.



Transition to ISO/IEC 17011:2017 completed for all EA Members

By 30 November 2020, all the National Accreditation Bodies signatories of the EA MLA/BLA had completed the transition to ISO/IEC 17011:2017, according to the transition plan approved by the MAC. The transition to the new standard has been specifically evaluated by the MAC.

That means that all EA National Accreditation Bodies have successfully demonstrated that they fulfil the new requirements of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 *Conformity assessment - Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies*.

EA TRAINING

EA Refresher training

2020 impacted every aspect of EA's work, training and workshops made no exceptions. EA had to find quickly new ways to pass and share information, enhance group work, and carry on all the ongoing projects. Thanks to strong relationships already built between EA Members, a great collaboration, and reliable IT tools, trainings and workshops went smoothly and produced very valuable results.

How to maintain robustness of the EA MLA and the peer-evaluation process? By working together, sharing knowledge, building up common understanding and developing consistent approach to peer evaluation. To guarantee a constant level of competence and harmonization, EA organized two Refresher trainings for Team Members (TM) authorised in Testing and/or Calibration, and in Products certification and Inspection.

- TM Refresher training on testing and calibration on 17th and 18th November 2020
- TM Refresher training on inspection and product certification on 15th and 16th December

Train-the-trainer workshop

It is essential that National Accreditation Bodies (NABs) deliver accreditation in a harmonized way, including for new or updated standards and fields. This is the reason why EA organized the second edition of the train-the-trainer workshop on ISO/IEC 17029 *Conformity assessment — General principles and requirements for Validation and Verification bodies* on 29th January 2020. The aim was to help NABs better apprehend the requirements and characteristics of the new standard and its impact on the Validation and Verification activities.

EA's first eLearning

A first eLearning platform was developed for training on the procedure of Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) under EU Emission Trading (EU ETS) system. The platform was developed by the Secretariat in close cooperation with Niels-Christian Dalstrup, former EA expert from DANAK (Denmark), and EA members involved in the scheme. It took 6 months to design and fine-tune the final eLearning which presents 100 pages with questions at the end of 4 out of the 7 chapters meant for users to self-evaluate their understanding of the topic.

The objective is to make the eLearning modules available online for all involved in accreditation in the field of EU ETS second quarter of 2021.

EA workshops

Even apart, EA members maintained all year long a close collaboration, working together to get closer and closer to the ultimate goal: speak with one voice.

On 7th October, EA organised a training to discuss the revision of [EA-1/22 Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members](#), and how to choose the most suitable standard between ISO/IEC 17021-1 (Certification bodies for management systems) and ISO/IEC 17065 (Certification bodies for products, processes and services).

EA organised on 3rd December 2020 an online training on the new version of the document [EA- 2/17 Document on Accreditation for Notification purposes](#). 6 trainers from NABs and the Group of Notified Bodies on Construction Products Regulation (CPR) shared their views and understanding on the application of the new document. The ultimate aim of this training was for participants to be able to introduce the new version in their National Accreditation Bodies when accrediting notified bodies.

Finally, EA organised on 8th December a workshop in which speakers from EA (DAkKS, RvA and PCA), ERA (European Union Agency for Railways), European Commission, and NB-Rail provided a general update regarding the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in the regulated railway sector.



EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND STAKEHOLDERS

European Commission

In 2020, the list of schemes owned by the European Commission (EC) which are not based on legislation was updated:

- Breast Cancer Services, drafting stage;
- ERA (European Union Agency for Railways) scheme for accreditation of ECM (Entity in Charge of Maintenance) certification bodies under Regulation (EU) 2019/779;
- ERA certification scheme for ECM and outsourced maintenance functions under Regulation (EU) 2019/779;
- ERA Technical document - Assessment scheme regarding Notified Bodies under the Interoperability Directive (EU) 2016/797;
- EGNOS (European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service) Enabled Label - Certification Rules;
- GALILEO (European Union's Global Satellite Navigation System (GNSS)) Enabled Label Scheme.



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 2020, EA supported the European Commission inter alia regarding the implementation of the following legislations:

- DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (GROW)
 - Regulation (EU) 2018/858 on approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles;
- DG Mobility and Transport (MOVE) / EU Agency for Railways (ERA)
 - Workshop on the Accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) in the Regulated Railway Sector, 8th December 2020;
 - Regulation (EU) 2020/1056 on electronic freight transport information;
- 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;
- DG Defence Industry and Space (DEFIS)
 - Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/945 on unmanned aircraft systems and on third-country operators of unmanned aircraft systems;
- 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).



Breast Cancer Services

The Executive Board agreed on request by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) to continue with the Breast Cancer Services (BCS) project. The future activities will focus on the development of a comprehensive certification scheme for ECIBC (European Commission Initiative on Breast Cancer) following ISO/IEC 17065 where breast cancer services will have to comply with ECIBC performance criteria covering the entire pathway of care from screening until end-of-life care, including pathology and imaging services.

The subject of the BCS project, covered in the service contract between EA and JRC, is the "European voluntary Quality Assurance scheme for Breast Cancer Services underpinned by Accreditation".

In August 2020, EA and JRC signed the third amendment to the service contract, which includes a revised roadmap for the period 2020-2023.

CETA

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.

For the purpose of implementing the CETA Protocol on Conformity Assessment, EA and SCC (Standards Council of Canada) signed a Bilateral Cooperation Agreement. Pursuant to this cooperation agreement, EA and SCC established a procedure to review that the requirements of Article 12 of the CETA Protocol are fulfilled by the applicant Accreditation Bodies. That includes the ability of the Accreditation Bodies to accredit Conformity Assessment Bodies for the specific product sector requirements of the other party.

Based on a positive review, the Steering Committee recommends the recognizing parties of the EU and Canada, to recognize the Accreditation Body for a specific product sector.

This review is being performed by the EA – SCC Steering Committee, which is composed of high-level representatives and experts from both parties.

Now SCC has demonstrated to the Steering Committee that it meets the requirements of Article 12 and its ability to accredit Conformity Assessment Bodies for the technical regulations of the EU within the ATEX equipment product sector. Accordingly, the Steering Committee made a positive recommendation to the European Commission/EU to recognize SCC for ATEX pursuant to Article 12 of the CETA Protocol.

The application of SCC for recognition will be reviewed by the EU in 2021, considering the recommendation made by the Steering Committee.



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.



Cooperation agreement with CEN-CENELEC

Signed on 25th August 2020, the three-year renewal agreement contributes to the continued strong and consistent cooperation between EA and CEN-CENELEC for the development and review of standards for accreditation and conformity assessment in support of the EU New Legislative Framework (NLF), and thus the overall functioning of the European Quality Infrastructure.

A specific Implementation Plan to support the Cooperation Agreement has been established. It includes inter alia joint actions on specific matters, e.g.:

- collaboration regarding the (draft) standardization request on accreditation and conformity assessment;
- annual coordination meetings between CEN-CENELEC's Director General and EA's Executive Secretary;
- exchange of relevant information regarding the impact of BREXIT on the membership of the 3 organizations;
- engagement with the European Commission;
- international cooperation.



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	EFWF	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		

EAAB

The EA Advisory Board (EAAB) is the main forum for relations with stakeholders and advises EA on a broad range of political and strategic issues.

For the European Commission, the EAAB's role is clear: advise and be heard by EA on every relevant EA issues, as to enhance cooperation with stakeholders.

In order to fulfil its role, the EAAB's main objective has remained for the past years to achieve a consolidated position based on a balanced approach, taking into account of the various interests represented. In 2020, the EAAB worked on the following topics:

- Transition to ISO/IEC 17025;
- BREXIT;
- [*EA-2/17 EA Document on Accreditation for Notification purposes;*](#)
- [*EA-2/20 Consultancy. and the Independence of Conformity Assessment Bodies;*](#)
- EA MLA mark ;
- Multi-site certification around IAF MD1:2018 IAF Mandatory Document for the Audit and Certification of a Management System Operated by a Multi-Site Organization.



NATIONAL AUTHORITIES (*members of the EA Advisory Board 2020*)

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 AND ILAC

Re-evaluation of EA and recognition extended to Reference Material Producers

Started in 2018, the IAF/ILAC evaluation of EA was concluded: in May 2020 EA was confirmed to remain a recognized regional cooperation body of ILAC and IAF. Moreover, the ILAC recognition was extended for accreditation of Reference Material Producers (RMP, ISO 17034).

Along with EA's recognition, the EA National Accreditation Bodies which have applied for, are automatically recognized by ILAC for scope extension for RMP.

As of 5th February 2020, EA has been recognized by IAF for scope extension for the following sub-scopes:

- Level 4: ISO/IEC TS 17021-10 *Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 10: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of occupational health and safety management systems*;
- Level 5: ISO 45001 *Occupational health safety management systems — Requirements with guidance for use*.

Together with EA's recognition, the National Accreditation Bodies which have applied for, are recognized by IAF for scope extension for the sub-scope ISO 45001. The full list of scopes, for which EA and its members are recognised, is available on IAF's website.

Contribution to the IAF/ILAC peer-evaluation system

EA continued to ensure appropriate and active contribution to the IAF/ILAC peer-evaluation system, including for peer evaluation.

EA members provided peer-evaluation resources as showed below:

- 1 Team Leader from IPAC (Portugal) participated in the extraordinary evaluation of the merger between Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (PAC) and Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APAC), which was completed in 2020. The region is now called Asia Pacific Accreditation Cooperation (APAC);
- 1 Team Leader from ESYD (Greece) and 1 Team Member from ENAC (Spain) participated in the extraordinary evaluation of APAC for the extension in the field of Reference Material Producers, that was completed in July 2020;
- 1 Team Leader from TURKAK (Turkey), 2 Team Members from CAI (Czech Republic) and COFRAC (France) participated in the re-evaluation of IAAC (InterAmerican Accreditation Cooperation) that was completed in June 2020;
- 1 Team Member from ESYD (Greece) is included in the team for IAAC extraordinary evaluation for the scope extension in the fields of greenhouse gases and persons certification, which is currently on hold;
- 1 Team Member from EAK (Estonia) participates in ARAC (Arab Accreditation Cooperation) evaluation team, which is currently in progress.





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.

- 102 Accreditation Bodies (AB) Full Members (signatories to the ILAC MRA), including 39 EA Members
- 14 AB Associate Members, including 5 EA Members
- 8 AB Affiliate 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)), and Southern African Development Community Cooperation in Accreditation (SADCA, regional cooperation body member with their MLA is not yet recognised)
- 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.

- 86 Accreditation Bodies Members and 74 MLA signatories, including 35 EA Members
- 23 Association Members
- 5 Recognised Regional Accreditation Groups (AFRAC, APAC, ARAC, EA, IAAC)
- 6 Regional Accreditation Groups (AFRAC, ARAC, APAC, EA, IAAC, SADCA)



Xiao Jianhua
IAF Chair

COMMUNICATIONS



New video about the EA MLA

In Europe, we expect to have the guarantee that every product from a European country placed on the market has been checked by a competent and impartial body, and is safe for consumers. To achieve this goal, a system entirely dedicated to build confidence and facilitate the circulation of safe products within the European Union has been implemented: it is based on the EA multilateral agreement of mutual recognition or in short the EA MLA.

EA has released in December 2020 a video to help citizens and companies better apprehend the EA MLA, its impact and how it works.

Click [here](#) to watch the video.

COVID-19: Accredited laboratories for face masks testing

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, there has been a huge demand for masks. It was critical to guarantee that appropriate masks ensuring adequate protection could be made available swiftly to those who needed it most.

In Europe, masks shall be tested in order to ensure that the essential requirements are met. The specific requirements are set out in the following European Standards: EN 14683:2019 *Medical face masks – Requirements and test methods*, and EN 149:2001 + A1:2009 *Respiratory protective devices – Filtering half masks to protect against particles – Requirements, testing, marking*.

Tests of masks are performed by accredited laboratories. EA has been publishing since March 2020 a regularly updated list of laboratories for face masks testing which are accredited for the scope EN 14683 and/or EN 149. The objective is to help citizens, companies and regulators get a clear idea of the accredited laboratories' map in Europe: help manufacturers and importers comply with the applicable requirements before masks can be put on the market, give Regulators a means to check that the testing competence are available to meet the industry and market needs, and ensure citizens that the masks effectively comply with the standards.



5 reports released in 2020

EA started in 2014 the so-called 'Accreditation for Notification' (AfN) project with the aim to harmonize the accreditation requirements used as basis for notification by defining the preferred harmonized standards for each Union Harmonization Legislation. The AfN project has been concluded beginning of 2020 with the evaluation of 27 legislations. For these 27 legislations and the related modules, the preferred harmonized standards for accreditation have been defined and published in a [comprehensive report](#) in April 2020.

The third edition of the [EA Annual Report](#) was released in July 2020, giving a comprehensive review of the main achievements by EA Committees, cooperation with Stakeholders, IAF and ILAC in 2019.

The [EA 2019 MLA report](#) was published in April 2020, and two Regional Reports in [July 2020](#) and [January 2021](#), to give IAF and ILAC a detailed overview of EA's activities and results in 2020.

FOCUS ON MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION

National Accreditation Bodies (NABs) **accredit** management systems certification bodies **offering** certification of management systems, **and verify their conformity** with EN ISO/IEC 17021-1 and applicable additional standards.

In 2019, 32 signatories of the EA Multilateral Agreement **delivered 1,461 accreditations** of certification bodies for management systems.

Example



Certification of the environmental management system of a company **producing chemicals**, helping to prevent pollution **and** protecting the environment.



* 1,367 in 2018

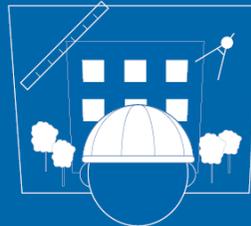
FOCUS ON CERTIFICATION OF PERSONS

National Accreditation Bodies (NABs) **accredit** certification bodies for persons, **whose purpose is** to measure the competence of individuals, working as quality or environmental management systems auditor, project manager, welder, energy auditor, **etc.**, **and assess their compliance with** EN ISO 17024.

Accredited certification of persons brings confidence to the market, authorities or employers **regarding the competence of certain professional profiles**, responds to the emergence of new job niches that require specific skills **not covered by traditional regulated training**, and provides professional service markets **with more transparent and symmetrical information**.

In 2019, 31 signatories of the EA Multilateral Agreement **delivered 727 accreditations** of certification bodies for persons.

Example



Certification bodies for persons **are able to** assess and guarantee **the** professional competence of sustainable building project advisors.



FOCUS ON REFERENCE MATERIAL PRODUCERS

National Accreditation Bodies (NABs) **accredit** reference material producers **in sectors such as** Environmental, Food and Oil, **assessing their compliance with** EN ISO 17034.

In 2019, 8 signatories of the EA Multilateral Agreement **delivered 51 accreditations** of reference material producers.

Example



Reference Material Producers, **produce** materials **that are very accurately and precisely characterised for specific properties**, for example the amount of lead in drinking water. **These** reference materials **are then used by** testing and calibration laboratories to calibrate, validate and quality control **their analytical methods**.



Examples of infographics published on Twitter in 2020

WAD 2020 - Accreditation improving food safety

On 9th of June 2020, EA promoted the World Accreditation Day (WAD) with a coordinated set of actions: publication of a dedicated article on EA website, all the literature prepared by IAF and ILAC, and a specific issue of EA newsletter. In addition, starting from February EA published several tweets on EA Twitter account.

EA Members also actively participated to WAD 2020:

- ACCREDIA (Italy) sent a special newsletter to promote the initiative and disseminate Italian data on agri-food, received by more than 10,000 users;
- ENAC (Spain) Head of Agri-food department and newly appointed member of The Global Food Safety Initiative' stakeholders forum, Elisa Gredilla, gave an interview to Agricultura magazine where Elisa pointed out the essential role of accredited certification to reduce the possibilities of providing a defective food item and increase global food safety;
- INAB (Ireland) prepared a publication dedicated to the food area;
- NA (Norway) published an interview on their website where the Director of Norwegian Accreditation and the director of the Norwegian Food Safety Authority talked about the importance of food safety and the role of accreditation in this field;
- PCA (Poland) conducted an information campaign in the media - the press release was sent to all major portals and media, including sector specific media.



EA Virtual Conference on Accreditation in light of Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Digitalisation – 26th November 2020

2020 has been a challenge on many levels, and one of them was the digital challenge with the aim to maintain employment, health, services and business. How to maintain the activity when Employees have to work from home? How to assess a laboratory when assessors can't travel? But also, how to guarantee the security of data, transactions and processes when services are entirely externalized and internet-based?

At the [virtual conference](#), four speakers shared high level information and their experience to almost 300 participants with presentations on the latest developments in the area of Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, and the impact of digitalization on conformity assessment and accreditation:

- Andreas Mitrakas, ENISA, Head of Unit Data security & standardisation
- Kilian Gross, European Commission, Head of Unit Technologies and Systems for Digitising Industry at DG CNECT
- Luca Crisciotti, CEO DNV GL – Business Assurance
- Jeff Ruddle, UKAS Strategic Development Director, Matt Gantley UKAS Chief Executive, Roeland Nieuweboer RvA Chairman of the Board

PUBLICATIONS

Documents published in 2020

Governance and Policy documents

EA Articles of Association (AoA)

Note: published in early January 2021.

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

EA-1/17 EA Rules of Procedure

Note: published in early January 2021.

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

Information documents

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

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

EA-INF/07 National Accreditation Body Communication with National Regulators – Best Practice Guide

EA-INF/17 Register of EA Resolutions for Use by EA, National Accreditation Bodies and EA Evaluators

Members' Procedural documents

EA-2/17 Document on Accreditation for Notification Purposes

EA-2/19 List of Risks for Accreditation Processes and Operation of National Accreditation Bodies

EA-2/20 Consultancy, and the Independence of Conformity Assessment Bodies

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

Documents withdrawn in 2020

None

Documents under revision at end 2020

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

EA-1/21 EA Internal Procedure for Liaison Activities

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

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

EA-3/01 EA Conditions for the Use of Accreditation Symbols, Logos and Other Claims of Accreditation and Reference to the EA MLA Signatory Status

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

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

EA-4/09 Accreditation for Sensory Testing Laboratories

EA-4/14 The Selection and Use of Reference Materials

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New documents under development in 2020

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

Guidance on Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ABMS)

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 STRUCTURE

Farewell

During the 46th General Assembly, EA Members paid a glowing tribute to the leaving members of the Executive Committee:

- Ignacio Pina (ENAC, Spain) who has been vice-chairing and chairing EA since January 2018 and May 2018 after 4 years as Chair of HHC and previously Convenor of CC WG Food for 9 years;
- Paulo Tavares (IPAC, Portugal) who has been chairing the Multilateral Agreement Council since January 2016;
- and Ed Wieles (RvA, The Netherlands) who has been an additional member of the Executive Committee since January 2018 after spending 7 years as Convenor of the former MAC WG training.

The General Assembly thanked also Jiří Růžička (CAI, Czech Republic) and Martin Sencák (SNAS, Slovakia) for their work for EA, when seating on the Executive Committee and Financial Oversight Committee member for Jiří Růžička for several years.

The 46th General Assembly (GA) meeting held remotely on 25th and 26th November 2020 was the last one chaired by Ignacio Pina, whose chairmanship of EA came to a close at the end of 2020, and with his last mandate, the end of the previous management structure.



Ignacio Pina, what are the major highlights for you and EA during your last mandate as EA Chair?

Being EA Chair has undoubtedly been an outstanding honour for me, and one of the greatest achievements of my whole professional career.

Regarding my last term, I would like to highlight the new EA governance structure we successfully developed. In my opinion, this new structure will provide EA with a more flexible and efficient responsiveness, essential to face challenges in Europe, a region that is increasingly relying upon accreditation and its international infrastructure. Handling BREXIT and its consequences and fostering the new terms of EA - UKAS relationship while enhancing EA regional 'character' has also been a key element of my last chairmanship term.

Finally, I would like to express my warmest thanks to all EA Secretariat and Executive Committee members for their commitment and determined work, that have been essential to build the foundations of EA as the organisation we all know today. I will always be committed to continue being actively involved within the framework of EA and the international accreditation organisations.

Executive Committee until December 2020



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MEMBERSHIP

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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 2020: 83

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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 2020: 436

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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 2020: 233

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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 2020: 477

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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 2020: 106

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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 2020: 251

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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 2020: 580

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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 2020: 1,095

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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 2020: 3,561

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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 2020: 637

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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 2020: 331

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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 2020: 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 2020: 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 2020: 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 2020: /

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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 2020: 232

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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 2020: 2,307

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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 2020: 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 2020: 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 2020: 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 2020: 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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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 2020: 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 2020: 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 2020: 798

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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 2020: 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 2020: 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 2019: 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 2020: 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 2020: 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 2020: 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 2020: 731

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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 2020: 246

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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 2020: 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 2020: 1,866

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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

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2020: 2,816

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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 2020: 21

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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 2020: 111
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KOSOVO - Kosovo General Accreditation Directorate (DAK)
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Activities under the EA MLA: /
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2020: /

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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 2020: /

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EGYPT - Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC)
Status: Governmental

Activities under the EA MLA: Proficiency Testing Providers
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2020: /

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MOROCCO - Moroccan Accreditation Service (SEMAC)
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Activities under the EA MLA: /
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2020: /

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AZERBAIJAN - Azerbaijan Accreditation Centre (AzAK)
Status: Public

Activities under the EA MLA: /
Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2020: /

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

Status: Public
Activities under the EA MLA: Calibration, Testing and

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Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2020: 244
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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA - National Accreditation Center from Republic of Moldova (MOLDAC)

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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 2020: 2,398

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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 2020: 249
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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 2020: 104
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JORDAN - Jordan Accreditation & Standardization Systems – Accreditation Unit (JAS-AU)

Status: Governmental
Activities under the EA MLA: /

Number of accreditations under the EA MLA in 2020: /
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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 2020: 1,177
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FINANCES

ASSETS (€ x 1,000)	2019	2020
Fixed assets	36	38
Current assets	951	903
Liquid assets	740	905
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	55	50
TOTAL	1,782	1,896

LIABILITIES (€ x 1,000)

Reserves	505	578
Provisions for liabilities and charges	35	41
Payables	507	542
Accrued expenses and deferred income	735	735
TOTAL	1,782	1,896

EXPENDITURES (€ x 1,000)	2019	2020
Staff costs	663	688
Office rent and maintenance	146	144
Communications and publications	107	76
Other operating costs	155	162
Compensation of EA members' activities	360	333
Reserves	45	73
TOTAL	1,476	1,476

INCOME (€ x 1,000)

Membership fees	735	735
Operating Grant EC/EFTA	740	740
Miscellaneous	1	1
TOTAL	1,476	1,476



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