

List of Conclusions and Resolutions

agreed at the 36th Meeting of the EA Advisory Board
held on 29 April 2016

Agenda Item 3 - Key topics for discussion

Agenda Item 3.1 - Review of role of EAAB and interaction with EA (updated draft of EAAB document *Role of the EAAB and Interaction with EA*)

The Board:

- agrees upon the following final comments made at the meeting:
 - ⇒ **Composition of the Board**, 2nd §: delete “*market surveillance*”
 - ⇒ **Management of the Board**: add “*meetings*” at the end of the title
 - ⇒ **Management of the Board meetings**, 2nd §: reformulate the sentence into: “*It is an EA responsibility to ensure that the appropriate strategic issues are tabled. It is the EAAB Chair’s responsibility to ensure that the necessary time for discussion is allocated...*”
 - ⇒ **Management of the Board meetings**, 4th §, last bullet point: delete last sentence beginning with “*Nevertheless the RoP...*”.
- asks the Secretariat to modify the document accordingly, to clean it and to publish it on the EAAB internet page.
Action EAAB Secretariat

Agenda Item 3.2 - Project on EA Strategy 2025

The Board:

- thanks Peter Strömback from SWEDAC for his presentation of the *EA Strategy 2025* project, to be published on the EAAB intranet by the Secretariat (done);
- agrees that the project as progressed so far is an excellent starting point for the next stages of the work. There is consensus within the Board that EA should be as proactive as possible to further consolidate the European accreditation network based on Regulation (EC) 765/2008 in order to improve consistency and harmonisation at the European level;
- asks EA to actively involve the EAAB in the further development of the Strategy, notably to ensure that the Board can send written comments on the current, next and final drafts of the Strategy. **Action EA**

Agenda Item 4 - EAAB matters

Agenda Item 4.1 - Reports from the EAAB HHC and MAC observers

The Board:

- thanks Andrew Evans for his detailed written report on the EA HHC meeting held on 12-13 April 2016, and takes note of the various issues addressed in it;

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- thanks Maureen Maria Logghe for her comprehensive oral report on the EA MAC meeting held on 20-21 April 2016, noting that she will send a written report for circulation to the Board after the meeting.

Agenda Item 4.2 - Report on the joint EURAMET – EA LC meeting regarding closer future cooperation and coordination

The Board thanks Janko Drnovsek for presenting the draft minutes of the EURAMET – EA LC meeting held on 18 March 2016, and for demonstrating the mutual benefits of the cooperation between EURAMET and EA, which should be further intensified.

Agenda Item 4.3 - Application of Regulation (EC) 765/2008 presumption of conformity – Validity of a certificate after the conditions as defined in Regulation (EC) 765/2008 are not met anymore (i.e. the CB is no longer accredited, the CB doesn't exist anymore, the AB is no longer signatory to the EA MLA or the AB doesn't exist anymore)

The Board:

- thanks EA for having given EAAB members background information on how to deal with National Authorities' acceptance of certificates that may no longer be valid, and the consequences for the EA MLA;
- asks EA to seek ways to ensure that in such cases CABs are informed as soon as possible.

Agenda Item 4.4 - Transition to new ISO 9001 and ISO 14001

The Board:

- recognizes that EA has responded to the Board' concerns over inconsistency of the procedure of transition and the need for a harmonized approach within EA and globally;
- asks EA, in future, to give early consideration to similar matters coming up in IAF with a view to build up a more coordinated approach between EA NABs, as well as between EA and the international level, to avoid any recurrence.

Agenda Item 4.5 - EAAB Work Programme

The Board agrees to remove from the WP the item indicated on Page 1 regarding “*Resources and competences of NABs in areas with a limited number of CABs*”.

Action EAAB Secretariat

Agenda Item 4.6 - Consistency and harmonisation among ABs

The Board agrees that the CAB College should draft a paper that shows the actual need for consistency and harmonisation between NABs, to be shared and discussed as a key topic at the next EAAB meeting.

Action CAB College for October 2016 meeting

Agenda Item 5 - EA matters

Agenda Item 5.1 - Relations with stakeholders

The Board takes note that:

- IFIA has applied for the EA Recognised Stakeholder status; and
- ETICS' Recognised Stakeholder agreement is being updated from EEPKA's one.

Agenda Item 5.2 - New EA projects and work items

The Board endorses the proposed new work items for revision of:

- EA-1/17 Supplement 3 - *EA Procedure for the Investigation and Resolution of Complaints and Appeals*;
- EA-1/17 Supplement 5 - *Levying of Membership Fees*;
- EA-2/17: *EA Document on Accreditation for Notification Purposes*;
- EA-3/01: *EA Conditions for the use of accreditation symbols, text reference to accreditation and reference to EA MLA signatory status*.

Agenda Item 5.6 - Certificates issued to European CABs by non-European ABs

The Board asks EA to stick to the previous decision made by the EAAB, and supports the wording of the draft document as revised in March 2016 and published under Agenda Item 5.6.

Agenda Item 6 - Items for information

Agenda Item 6.1 - Information to the EAAB

The Board thanks EA for the oral reports provided under this item and agrees to reconsider the bullet points under this item to the next EAAB meeting if they are still relevant.

Action EAAB Secretariat for agenda planning

Agenda Item 6.2 - Report on complaints and appeals

Agenda Item 6.3 - Accreditation on the international level

Agenda Item 6.4 - Draft Agenda of the 37th EA GA on 25-26 May 2016 in Windsor, UK

The Board thanks EA for the oral and written reports provided under these items.

Agenda Item 8 - Selection of dates and places of next meetings

The Board:

- confirms the next EAAB meeting on **Wednesday 12 October 2016** at 10 a.m. at the EFTA Secretariat.
- due to the low number of attendants at the end of the meeting for transport reasons, agrees to ask EAAB members electronically after the meeting whether the Spring 2017 meeting, initially set on 25 or 26 April 2017 when the EA MAC meeting has just been confirmed, can be moved to **25 or 28 April 2017**.

Action EAAB Secretariat (in progress)

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