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# **Signatories to the EA Multilateral and Bilateral Agreements**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

The EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA) main purpose is to provide confidence to the marketplace and all interested parties in reports and certificates issued by conformity assessment bodies<sup>1</sup> accredited by national accreditation bodies, who have signed the EA MLA.

## **2 EA MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT (EA MLA)**

Those EA Full Member accreditation bodies that are signatories to the EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA) have been evaluated by peers and demonstrated their competence. The specific agreement signed by each signatory accreditation body describes its scope of competence. The scopes may include accreditation of laboratories, accreditation of certification or validation and verification bodies and/or accreditation of inspection bodies.

The peer evaluation system for EA members provides confidence that accreditation is operated in a harmonized and consistent way throughout Europe.

The EA peer evaluation system is recognised by the European Commission and by EU/EFTA Member States and it is mandatory for national accreditation bodies to undergo peer evaluation according to Article 10 in Regulation (EC) No 765/2008.

## **3 EA BILATERAL AGREEMENTS**

EA Associate Members are eligible to enter into a Bilateral Agreement with the EA Full Member signatories of the EA MLA with the aim of establishing mutual confidence in the respective accreditation systems and in their accredited attestations of conformity.

Nationally recognised accreditation bodies that are not eligible to be an EA Full or Associate Member as defined in the EA Articles of Association may, under certain circumstances, be invited to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with EA. Some of these Cooperation Agreements may be extended into Bilateral Agreements with EA with the aim of establishing mutual confidence in their respective accreditation systems and in the accredited attestation of conformity.

A national accreditation body, having signed a Cooperation Agreement and willing to sign a Bilateral Agreement with EA MLA signatories, will be subject to the same full EA peer evaluation process as that applied to EA Full Members.

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<sup>1</sup> Conformity assessment bodies are: calibration, testing and medical laboratories, and inspection, validation and verification and certification bodies, proficiency testing providers and reference material producers.

#### 4 SCOPES OF THE EA MLA AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

The EA MLA and Bilateral Agreements cover the following scopes.

<b>Accreditation of</b>	<b>Scope/Activity</b>	<b>Standards</b>
<b>Laboratories</b>	Testing and Medical examinations	ISO/IEC 17025 ISO 15189
	Calibration	ISO/IEC 17025
<b>Certification bodies</b>	Certification of products	ISO/IEC 17065
	Certification of persons	ISO/IEC 17024
	Certification of management systems	ISO/IEC 17021-1
<b>Validation and Verification Bodies</b>	Validation and Verification of GHG emissions	ISO 14065
<b>Inspection bodies</b>	Inspection	ISO/IEC 17020
<b>Proficiency Testing Providers</b>	Provision of Proficiency Testing	ISO/IEC 17043
<b>Reference Materials Producers</b>	Production of Reference Materials	ISO 17034

**ANNEX A EA MLA AND BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES AND SCOPES<sup>2</sup>****A.1 EA MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES**

	CALIBRATION LABORATORIES	TESTING LABORATORIES	MEDICAL LABORATORIES <sup>3</sup>	INSPECTION BODIES	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PRODUCTS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PERSONS	VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION BODIES	PROFICIENCY TESTING PROVIDERS	REFERENCE MATERIAL PRODUCERS
ALBANIA - <b>DPA</b>		2 October 2015		26 April 2018		26 April 2018	26 May 2020			
AUSTRIA - <b>AA</b>	23 June 1998	6 March 1997	6 March 1997	4 November 2009	23 June 1998	12 March 2004	23 June 1998	3 October 2013		
BELGIUM - <b>BELAC</b>	28 February 1997	28 February 1997	28 February 1997	17 October 2003	24 November 1998	24 November 1998	17 October 2003	10 April 2014	5 October 2017	
BULGARIA – <b>BAS</b>	19 May 2011	19 May 2011	19 May 2011	28 April 2010	28 April 2010	18 March 2005	18 March 2005	31 December 2014		
CROATIA – <b>HAA</b>	29 April 2010	29 April 2010	29 April 2010	29 April 2010	29 April 2010	29 April 2010	29 April 2010	3 October 2014		
CYPRUS – <b>CYS-CYSAB</b>	10 April 2014	19 October 2011	19 October 2011	19 October 2011	26 May 2020					
CZECH REPUBLIC - <b>CAI</b>	24 November 1998	24 November 1998	24 November 1998	17 October 2003	24 November 1998	24 November 1998	24 November 1998	3 October 2013	27 April 2017	9 May 2019
DENMARK - <b>DANAK</b>	13 December 1990	13 May 1992	13 May 1992	23 September 2004	26 November 1996	23 June 1998	26 November 1996	3 October 2013	27 April 2017	
ESTONIA - <b>EAK</b>	12 March 2004	12 March 2004	12 March 2004	12 March 2004	18 March 2005	18 March 2005	18 March 2005	10 April 2014		
FINLAND - <b>FINAS</b>	1 December 1989	17 May 1993	17 May 1993	17 October 2003	21 November 1994	23 June 1998	16 November 1995	3 October 2013	27 April 2017	
FRANCE – <b>COFRAC</b>	1 December 1989	13 May 1992	13 May 1992	17 October 2003	26 November 1996	23 June 1998	26 November 1996	3 October 2013	27 April 2017	
GERMANY - <b>DAkKS</b>	1 December 1989	30 November 1995	30 November 1995	18 March 2005	16 November 1995	18 May 1995	18 November 1995	3 October 2014	26 April 2018	3 October 2019
GREECE - <b>ESYD</b>	12 March 2004	12 March 2004	12 March 2004	12 March 2004	18 March 2005	18 March 2005	18 March 2005	3 October 2014	27 April 2017	
HUNGARY – <b>NAH</b>	6 October 2016	6 October 2016	6 October 2016	27 April 2017	6 October 2016	6 October 2016	6 October 2016	6 October 2016	9 May 2019	
IRELAND - <b>INAB</b>	17 June 1993	17 June 1993	17 June 1993	5 October 2006	15 October 2002	23 June 1998				9 May 2019
ITALY - <b>ACCREDIA</b>	7 October 2010	17 May 1993	17 May 1993	23 June 1998	18 May 1995	18 May 1995	18 May 1995	3 October 2014	27 April 2017	9 May 2019
LATVIA - <b>LATAK</b>	15 October 2002	15 October 2002	15 October 2002	4 April 2006	15 October 2002	15 October 2002	15 October 2002	10 April 2014		
LITHUANIA - <b>LA</b>	15 October 2001	15 October 2001	5 October 2017	14 October 2005	15 October 2001	14 October 2005	14 October 2005			
LUXEMBURG - <b>OLAS</b>	19 April 2012	14 April 2011	14 April 2011	14 April 2011	14 April 2011	14 April 2011				
MALTA – <b>NAB-MALTA</b>	19 April 2012	2 April 2008		3 October 2014						
NORWAY - <b>NA</b>	15 January 1993	14 December 1993	14 December 1993	17 October 2003	21 November 1994	23 June 1998	21 November 1994	3 October 2014	27 April 2017	
POLAND - <b>PCA</b>	23 September 2004	23 September 2004	23 September 2004	14 October 2005	23 September 2004	23 September 2004	23 September 2004	10 April 2014	27 April 2017	
PORTUGAL - <b>IPAC</b>	26 November 1997	26 November 1997	26 November 1997	4 April 2006	4 April 2006	4 April 2006	4 April 2006	3 October 2014		
REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA - <b>IARNM</b>	19 April 2012	19 April 2012	23 April 2015	19 April 2012	19 April 2012	3 October 2018				

<sup>2</sup> The dates of the initial decision on the MLA signatory status for each level 3 scope have been copied from the MLA signatory sheets, which have been signed between the NAB and EA.

<sup>3</sup> From 2003, the medical examinations are covered by ISO 15189

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ROMANIA - <b>RENAR</b>	28 May 2009	14 October 2005	14 October 2005	3 October 2013	28 May 2009	28 May 2009	3 October 2013	3 October 2013	5 October 2017	
SERBIA - <b>ATS</b>	19 April 2012	19 April 2012	19 April 2012	19 April 2012	19 April 2012	10 April 2014	10 April 2014			
SLOVAKIA - <b>SNAS</b>	21 March 2001	21 March 2001	21 March 2001	17 October 2003	15 October 2002	15 October 2002	15 October 2002	3 October 2014	9 May 2019	
SLOVENIA - <b>SA</b>	17 October 2003	17 October 2003	9 May 2019	4 April 2006	4 April 2006	4 April 2006	7 October 2010	3 October 2014		
SPAIN - <b>ENAC</b>	19 July 1995	30 November 1992	30 November 1992	17 October 2003	23 November 1999	23 June 1998	23 November 1999	3 October 2013	27 April 2017	9 May 2019
SWEDEN - <b>SWEDAC</b>	1 December 1989	13 May 1992	13 May 1992	17 October 2003	21 November 1994	24 November 1998	21 November 1994	3 October 2013	5 October 2017	
SWITZERLAND - <b>SAS</b>	1 December 1989	14 December 1993	14 December 1993	17 October 2003	21 November 1994	23 June 1998	21 November 1994			
THE NETHERLANDS - <b>RvA</b>	1 December 1989	13 May 1992	13 May 1992	17 October 2003	21 November 1994	24 November 1998	21 November 1994	10 April 2014	27 April 2017	9 May 2019
TURKEY - <b>TURKAK</b>	4 April 2006	4 April 2006	4 April 2006	4 April 2006	26 September 2008	26 September 2008	26 September 2008	9 May 2019	27 April 2017	15 May 2019
UNITED KINGDOM - <b>UKAS</b>	1 December 1989	13 May 1992	13 May 1992	17 October 2003	21 November 1994	23 June 1998	21 November 1994	3 October 2013	27 April 2017	9 May 2019

A.2 EA BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES<sup>4</sup>

	CALIBRATION LABORATORIES	TESTING LABORATORIES	MEDICAL LABORATORIES <sup>5</sup>	INSPECTION BODIES	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PRODUCTS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PERSONS	VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION BODIES	PROFICIENCY TESTING PROVIDERS	REFERENCE MATERIAL PRODUCERS
ALGERIA – <b>ALGERAC</b>	5 October 2017	5 October 2017		5 October 2017						
BELARUS - <b>BSCA</b>	3 October 2018	3 October 2018	26 May 2020	26 May 2020	3 October 2018	3 October 2018	3 October 2018		26 May 2020	
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA – <b>BATA</b>	26 September 2012	26 September 2012		26 September 2012						
EGYPT - <b>EGAC</b>									9 May 2019	
GEORGIA - <b>GAC</b>	27 April 2017	27 April 2017	3 October 2019	27 April 2017	27 April 2017		27 April 2017			
ISRAEL - <b>ISRAC</b>	16 October 2001	16 October 2001	16 October 2001	28 September 2007						
REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA – <b>MOLDAC</b>	5 October 2017	5 October 2017	5 October 2017	5 October 2017	5 October 2017	5 October 2017				
UKRAINE - <b>NAAU</b>	19 April 2012	19 April 2012	26 May 2020	3 October 2014 Suspended from 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	2 October 2015 Suspended from 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	19 April 2012	4 November 2009			
TUNISIA - <b>TUNAC</b>	3 April 2008	3 April 2008		3 October 2014		7 October 2010				

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