The EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA) is a signed agreement between EA National Accreditation Bodies (EA Members) whereby the signatories recognize and accept the equivalence of the accreditation systems operated by the signing members, and also the reliability of the conformity assessment results provided by Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) accredited by the signing members. It makes the objective ‘Accredited once, accepted everywhere’ effective.

**MLA scopes and accreditations delivered by EA MLA signatories**

- **ISO/IEC 17025 - Calibration**: 41 signatories - 3,277 accredited Calibration laboratories
- **ISO/IEC 17025 - Testing**: 42 signatories - 18,651 accredited Testing laboratories
- **EN ISO 15189 - Medical Examinations**: 37 signatories - 3,831 accredited Medical laboratories
- **EN ISO/IEC 17065 - Products Certification**: 36 signatories - 2,062 accredited Certification bodies for products
- **EN ISO/IEC 17021-1 - Management Systems Certification**: 36 signatories - 1,436 accredited Certification bodies for management systems
- **EN ISO/IEC 17024 - Persons Certification**: 33 signatories - 812 accredited Certification bodies for persons
- **EN ISO/IEC 17029 & EN ISO/IEC 14065 - GHG Validation & Verification**: 25 signatories - 146 accredited Validation & Verification bodies
- **EN ISO/IEC 17020 - Inspection**: 42 signatories - 6,252 accredited Inspection bodies
- **EN ISO/IEC 17043 - Proficiency Testing**: 20 signatories - 226 accredited Proficiency Testing Providers
- **EN ISO 17034 - Reference Material Production**: 12 signatories - 72 accredited Reference Material Producers

**Key facts**

- 25 peer evaluations (PE) performed
- 13 PE reports discussed
- 1,764 man-days for evaluation
- 3 refresher trainings for peer evaluators
- Roadmap towards the EA MLA for biobanking
- IAF MLA: Extension of EA’s MRA signatory status to FSSC 22000

**Peer evaluators per qualification**

- Team Leaders: 23
- Deputy Team Leaders: 32
- Team Members: 97
- Trainee Team Members: 8

**Peer evaluators per scope**

- Inspection: 56
- Validation and Verification: 22
- Persons Certification: 36
- Products Certification: 51
- Management Systems Certification: 48
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