

# **EA REPORT TO IAF/ILAC AND REGIONS**

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# I - Structural status as at June 2025

## 1 - EA Membership

Because the San Marino Accreditation Service (SMAS), the National Accreditation Body of San Marino, ceased to meet the requirements imposed for the membership in the *EA Articles of Association*, the EA Executive Board has decided on 20 June 2025 to suspend the EA Membership of SMAS until 15 September 2025.

EA has a total of 47 Members.

The complete list of EA Members together with their details and their EA Multilateral Agreement (MLA) status is available on the EA website at <https://european-accreditation.org/ea-members/directory-of-ea-members-and-mla-signatories/>

## 2 - Signatories to the EA MLA

44 Members are signatories to the EA MLA.

The individual EA Multilateral and Bilateral Agreement Signatories are listed by EA MLA scope on [EA-INF/03: Signatories to the EA Multilateral and Bilateral Agreements](#).

	Calibration (EN ISO/IEC 17025)	Testing (EN ISO/IEC 17025)	Medical Examinations (EN ISO/IEC 15189)	Inspection (EN ISO/IEC 17020)	Management System Certification (EN ISO/IEC 17021-1)	Product Certification (EN ISO/IEC 17065)	Person Certification (EN ISO/IEC 17024)	Validation and Verification (EN ISO/IEC 17029 & EN ISO 14065)	Proficiency Testing Provision (EN ISO/IEC 17043)	Reference Material Production (EN ISO 17034)
Members signatories to the EA MLA	41	42	39	43	35	38	32	27	22	14

Recapitulative table of signatories by MLA scope



### 3 - EA Recognised Stakeholders

EA cooperates with more than 40 Recognised Stakeholders, whose complete list is available on the EA website at <https://european-accreditation.org/about-ea/ea-stakeholders/>

In accordance with [EA-1/15: EA Policy for Relation with Stakeholders](#) providing for a formal review every five years, the Recognised Stakeholder agreement with ENFSI, the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes, has been renewed in May 2025 for the coming five years.

Besides, EA and the European Committee for Standardization ([CEN](#)) / European Electrotechnical Committee for Standardization ([CENELEC](#)) have renewed their strategic cooperation agreement in March 2025, thus reaffirming their commitment to advancing European standardization and accreditation for the benefit of businesses, regulators and consumers across the European market, to enhancing product and service quality, to reinforcing consumer confidence, and to supporting the competitiveness of European industries on a global scale. As part of the European Quality Infrastructure, the renewed agreement also paves the way for further collaboration in addressing emerging challenges, including sustainability, digital transformation, and regulatory developments.

## II - EA MLA and peer-evaluation issues

### 1 - New and remaining signatories to EA MLA scopes

Upon decisions made by the MLA Council (MAC) at its 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 7-8 May 2025 in Tbilisi, Georgia, and through electronic ballots carried out in the first semester 2025:

- ESYD, the National Accreditation Body (NAB) of Greece, remains an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration (EN ISO/IEC 17025), testing (EN ISO/IEC 17025) including medical examinations (EN ISO 15189), inspection (EN ISO/IEC 17020), certification of management systems (EN ISO/IEC 17021-1), certification of products (EN ISO/IEC 17065), certification of persons (EN ISO/IEC 17024), proficiency testing provision (EN ISO/IEC 17043), and validation and verification (EN ISO/IEC 17029).
- HAA, the Croatian NAB, remains an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection, certification of management systems, certification of products, certification of persons, and validation and verification.
- LATAK, the Latvian NAB, remains an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection, certification of management systems, certification of products, certification of persons, and validation and verification.
- NA, the Norwegian NAB, remains an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection, certification of management systems, certification of products, certification of persons, proficiency testing provision, reference material production (EN ISO 17034), and validation and verification.
- UKAS, the UK NAB, remains an EA MLA signatory in the fields of calibration, testing including medical examinations, inspection, certification of management systems, certification of products, certification of persons, proficiency testing provision, reference material production, and validation and verification.

## 2 - Latest developments relating to EA peer evaluations

### 2.1 - Peer evaluations in 2025

For 2025, the MAC scheduled 16 peer evaluations.

8 of those peer evaluations were carried out by the end of June 2025 as follows:

- 6 re-evaluations: BAS (Bulgaria) first stage, DPA (Albania), EAK (Estonia), LA (Lithuania), NAB-MALTA (Malta) first stage, RENAR (Romania) first two stages;
- 1 re-evaluation with extension to RMP and PTP: AA (Austria);
- 1 second stage for RMP: COFRAC (France).

The remaining peer evaluations to be performed in 2025 concern the following:

- 6 re-evaluations: ATS (Serbia), BAS to be continued, BATA (Bosnia and Herzegovina), NAB-MALTA to be continued, RENAR to be continued, RvA (The Netherlands);
- 1 initial evaluation: ARMNAB (Armenia);
- 1 extension evaluation to management system certification: ALGERAC (Algeria);
- 2 extraordinary evaluation: ACCREDIA (Italy), HAA (Croatia);
- 2 progress reports dedicated to inspection: ISAC (Iceland).

### 2.2 - Peer-evaluator trainings

#### Newcomer training sessions

The next newcomer training session will take place in 2026.

#### Refresher training sessions

Three refresher training sessions should take place in 2025.

The first of them, held remotely on 23-24 June, was targeted at Team Members authorised in product certification and inspection.

The second refresher training session will gather on 5-6 November 2025 Team Members authorised in medical examination and proficiency testing provision.

The third session will put together Team Leaders and Deputy Team Leaders on 10-11 December 2025.

## 3 - EA MLA for biobanking

The General Assembly approved in May 2025 that EA Resolution 2023 (53) 14 on the EA MLA for biobanking comes into immediate effect, based on the recent confirmation of EN ISO 20387:2018 *Biotechnology – Biobanking – General Requirements for Biobanking* as the harmonised standard.

The MAC Secretariat is ready to start with the peer evaluations for biobanking: since 2023, evaluators have been trained and the system is in place for extension of the EA MLA to the new scope. A survey carried out in June 2025 has showed that at least 9 NABs are willing to be peer evaluated for biobanking in 2026.

The EA MLA for biobanking will be launched when a minimum of two members are successfully peer evaluated.

EA will also apply to ILAC for the scope extension as a recognised region for the scope “Biobanking – ISO 20387” as soon as the EA MLA for biobanking is launched.

## III - Status of EA's recognition in IAF/ILAC

The next re-evaluation of EA by IAF/ILAC is scheduled to begin no later than July 2026.

On 7 May 2025, EA was recognised by IAF for the extension to the following sub-scopes:

### Level 3 standard: ISO/IEC 17065

#### - IFS Logistics

Level 4 - IFS Logistics, Part 1, Part 3, Sections 2 and 3 and Part 4 (Note 1)

Level 5 - IFS Logistics, Part 2 (Note 1)

Note 1 - This scope adds requirements at Level 1 - IFS Logistics Part 3, Section 1

#### - IFS Broker

Level 4 - IFS Broker, Part 1, Part 3, Sections 2 and 3 and Part 4 (Note 2)

Level 5 - IFS Broker, Part 2 (Note 2)

Note 2 - This scope adds requirements at Level 1 - IFS Broker, Part 3, Section 1

#### - IFS PACsecure

Level 4 - IFS PACsecure, Part 1, Part 3, Sections 2 and 3 and Part 4 (Note 3)

Level 5 - IFS PACsecure, Part 2 (Note 3)

Note 3 - This scope adds requirements at Level 1 - IFS PACsecure, Part 3, Section 1

On 10 June 2025, EA applied to IAF for the extension to the following sub-scopes:

### Level 3 standard - ISO/IEC 17065

#### - Friends of the Sea (FOS)

### Level 3 standard - ISO/IEC 17021-1

#### - Compliance Management Systems (CMS)

#### - Anti-Bribery Management Systems (ABMS)

## IV - Status of EA documents

### 1 - Documents published since January 2025

EA-0/10	<i>Procedure for EA Meetings</i>
EA-1/06	<i>EA Multilateral Agreement. Criteria for Signing. Policy and Procedures for Development</i>
EA-3/01	<i>EA Conditions for the Use of Accreditation Symbols, Logos and other Claims of Accreditation and Reference to the EA MLA Signatory Status</i>
EA-3/01 S1	<i>Rules on the Use of EA MLA Mark</i>
EA-3/01 S2	<i>Rules on the Use of EA MLA Mark in the UK</i>
EA-4/23	<i>The Assessment and Accreditation of Opinions and Interpretations using ISO/IEC 17025: 2017</i>

## 2 - Documents under revision

EA-0/08	<i>Procedure for EA Management Reviews</i>
EA-1/15	<i>EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders</i>
EA-1/21	<i>EA Internal Procedure for Liaison Activities</i>
EA-1/22	<i>EA Procedure and Criteria for the Evaluation of Conformity Assessment Schemes by EA Accreditation Body Members</i>
EA-2/02	<i>EA Procedure for the Evaluation of a National Accreditation Body</i>
EA-2/17	<i>EA Document on Accreditation for Notification Purposes</i>
EA-3/02	<i>EA Policy for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies Providing Certification of PDO (Protected Designations of Origin), PGI (Protected Geographical Indications) and TSG (Traditional Specialities Guaranteed)</i>
EA-4/14	<i>The Selection and Use of Reference Materials</i>
EA-4/20	<i>Guidance for the Assessment of Laboratories Against EN ISO 15189 and EN ISO 22870 Point-of-Care Testing (POCT)</i>
EA-4/21	<i>Guidelines for the Assessment of the Appropriateness of Small Interlaboratory Comparisons within the Process of Laboratory Accreditation</i>
EA-4/22	<i>EA Guidance on Accreditation of Pesticide Residues Analysis in Food and Feed</i>
EA-5/02	<i>Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17020 in Vehicle Inspection</i>
EA-6/03	<i>EA Document for Recognition of Verifiers under the EU ETS Directive</i>
EA-INF/04	<i>Statement on Acceptance and Recognition of Activities under the EA MLA</i>
EA-INF/14	<i>Communication with the European Commission and its DGs</i>

## 3 - New documents under development

EA-2/02 S6	<i>Guidance on File Review during a Peer-Evaluation Process</i>
EA-X/XX	<i>Guidelines for the Accreditation of Laboratories carrying out Genetic Testing using Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Techniques</i>
EA-4-XX	<i>Guidance on Flexible Scopes for Proficiency Testing Providers</i>
EA-4/XX	<i>Guidance on the Assessment of Sampling, including Stand-Alone Sampling</i>

## 4 - Documents withdrawn since January 2025

None.

## V - Activities to promote the IAF MLA and ILAC MRA

The *EA MLA Report 2024* released on 23 April 2025 highlights the outcome and actions achieved through the EA MLA during 2024, as well as EA's recognition in IAF and ILAC through their MLA and MRA, notably the continuation of the EA MLA recognition to the IAF MLA for the accreditation of management system certification bodies (QMS, EMS, FSMS, ISMS, EnMS, MDMS, OH&SMS, FAMI-QS, FSSC 22000) using ISO/IEC 17021-1, product certification bodies (including Global G.A.P. IFA General Regulations) using ISO/IEC 17065, person certification bodies (including IPC) using ISO/IEC 17024, and validation and verification bodies using ISO 14065:2013.

The report is coupled with an EA MLA 2024 Infographic stressing the main facts and figures in 2024. Both are available on this EA [webpage](#).

On 9 June 2025, EA celebrated and promoted the World Accreditation Day (WAD) 2025 entitled “*Empowering Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)*” by publishing a [news](#) on the EA Homepage, as did several EA Members through their national website.

Furthermore, EA contributed to the ILAC newsletter published on 1 May 2025 with a couple of [articles](#) about the meeting of the Laboratory Committee on 26-27 March 2025 in Bratislava, Slovakia, and the meeting of the LC Working Group Health Care on 5-6 December 2024 in Skopje, North Macedonia. The IAF newsletter published on 30 May 2025 also included a few [articles](#) about key workshops hosted by EA.

For further information, please see EA's website and social media which have been reporting on the latest developments in EA.

## VI - Major other activities/developments in EA

### The EA MLA mark in the starting blocks

According to the *EA Strategy 2025*, EA has been establishing a [MLA mark](#) for the purpose of identifying EA MLA signatories and their accredited CABs. After EA Members selected their preferred option for the MLA mark at the General Assembly in November 2019, the previous Executive Committee has been mandated to proceed with the formal registration of the MLA mark as a collective mark of the European Union (EU) in a first stage, and then to extend registration to non-EU countries at the international level based on the Madrid Agreement.

The formal registration as a collective mark of the EU was completed in June 2022.

Further to EA's formal application to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the EA MLA mark has been successfully registered dated 12 April 2023 as an international collective mark with the WIPO. On 16 June 2025, 43 out of 44 countries of the MLA signatories have accepted to register the mark. The last national office is expected to give a positive response to EA's application by the end of 2025.

Even if the registration process is not completed in all MLA signatory countries, the EA General Assembly has approved on 21-22 May 2025 that the EA MLA mark can be used from 1 September 2025 in those countries where the mark is registered. Requests for use shall be submitted to the Secretariat.

The application of the EA MLA mark should remain voluntary for NABs signatories of the EA MLA, which will be entitled to use the MLA mark in combination with their logo. Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) accredited by a MLA-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.



The *Rules on the Use of EA MLA Mark*, EA-3/01 Supplements 1 and 2, have been published in June 2025. A dedicated webpage will be developed by 1 September 2025 to explain the whys and wherefores of the mark, including what it means on a report or certificate.

### **Renewal of the EAAB chairmanship**

The EA Advisory Board (EAAB) gives continuous support to the EA work and provides advice to EA on a broad range of issues relating to policy and harmonisation on accreditation.

The Board's composition constitutes a well-balanced representation of the parties which rely on and contribute to the European accreditation system. It is composed of representatives from: the conformity assessment community; industry, services and trade; the EU Member States' national authorities; European private scheme owners; the consumer associations; the European metrological institutions; the European standardisation organisations; the European Commission and European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

Further to Andrew Evans' (CAPIEL) stepping down from the EAAB Industry College and chair position for which he had been elected in November 2024, the EA Secretariat launched a new call for nominating a new Chair further to the meeting held on 12 May 2025. As a result, Alexander Šafařík-Pštrosz (EUROLAB), the CAB College Chair, has been elected as the EAAB Chair for the term of the Board terminating in November 2027. He will be supported by two Vice-Chairs, i.e. Ariane Van Cutsem (Belgium), the National Authority College Chair, and Jonas Gock (ORGALIM), the new nominated Industry College Chair.

### **From one strategy to another: EA continues paving the way for the future**

The *EA Strategy 2025*, concluded in May 2024, has produced the following achievements:

- the implementation of the 'One Voice' principle to strengthen harmonisation of accreditation throughout Europe;
- the establishment of a new leadership structure to strengthen strategic matters and coordinate technical activities efficiently;
- the strengthening of the EA Secretariat to provide the best service to its members and stakeholders, including the European Commission;
- the reengineering of the peer evaluation process towards an efficient and effective system that meets the expectations in the European accreditation system;
- the strengthening of the cooperation with the European Commission, EFTA and stakeholders;
- the promotion and application of accreditation in new (regulated) sectors;
- the establishment of the EA MLA mark.

Satisfied with these important accomplishments, EA has already initiated a reflection on its strategy for the coming years, taking into account the evolution of conformity assessment activities with regard to the development of new sectors (cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, eco-design/sustainability and data protection). As for any organisation, digital transformation has become a key strategic priority for EA and its members, and the new *EA Strategy 2030* shall tackle the related challenges.

EA Members attended several meetings over the past months to define the future EA's mission, vision and values, especially a dedicated workshop which took place before the General Assembly in May 2025 in Istanbul, Türkiye, where the strategic objectives were discussed. The results will be consolidated and fine-tuned by the established EA Working Group Strategy 2030 in order to have a mature draft of the *EA Strategy 2030* for final discussion at the General Assembly in November 2025. The new strategy is expected to be agreed by the end of 2025.

## Supporting EA NABs to use and accredit Artificial Intelligence

Further to the EA Resolution adopted in November 2024 to consider the best structure for EA to discuss and collaborate on topics concerning the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by National Accreditation Bodies, as well as the formal structure entitled to define and decide on the harmonised approach for EA-Member NABs accrediting CABs using Artificial Intelligence and performing conformity assessment activities of AI systems, the General Assembly has decided in November 2025 that:

- the outset activity is to provide workshops on AI technology, tools, challenges and benefits for NABs to incorporate it into their operations. AI experts will present suitable AI tools and practical examples of AI applications by EA Members during a first workshop which should take place before the end of 2025;
- a specific Working Group AI should be established under the Horizontal Harmonisation Committee (HHC) to address the accreditation of CABs using AI. A HHC TFG has been set up to specify the WG purposes and draft the WG Terms of Reference, which should be ready after the summer 2025.

## Membership applications to the Global Accreditation Cooperation

The International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) initiated steps to merge into a unified organisation, called Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated. The Global Accreditation Cooperation has been established and registered in New Zealand.

By the end of October 2025, membership applications from EA and its members shall be submitted to the Global Accreditation Cooperation. Several legal issues related to the new international organisation should still be evaluated by EA before its willingness to apply is confirmed.

## Rolf Straub's farewell to EA

The 57<sup>th</sup> EA General Assembly held on 21-22 May 2025 in Istanbul, Türkiye, was the last EA meeting attended by Rolf Straub from SAS, the Swiss NAB. A warmest tribute was paid to this key figure who was very much involved in EA as Inspection Committee Chair from 2012 to 2019, as Laboratory Committee WG Health Care Convener for about 15 years, as MAC Management Group member from 2017 to 2025, and as Team Member/Leader from 2002 to 2025. On behalf of EA, the President thanked Rolf for his continuous commitment and the great work he achieved over the years.

## EA virtual workshops

A couple of workshop were organised by EA during the first semester of 2025:

- a remote workshop on the Implementing *Regulation (EU) 2024/2981 laying down rules for the application of Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 as regards the certification of European Digital Identity Wallets*, and the state of play regarding the EU Digital Identity Wallet certification scheme, organised on 27 February 2025 with the support from the European Commission and the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA);
- a remote workshop on IT systems for the operation of a National Accreditation Body, held on 11 April 2025, which aimed to present EA Members IT systems conceived by 3 EA NABs, i.e. HAA (Croatia), TURKAK (Türkiye) and UKAS (UK).

Furthermore, EA representatives joined a one-day hybrid workshop focused on *Notified Bodies Monitoring - Return of Experience* organised by the European Union Agency for Railways (ERA) on 18 February 2025 in Brussels. This event brought together key stakeholders in the railway sector and the relevant European Commission Directorate-General (DG MOVE) to share insights and experiences related to the monitoring of Notified Bodies regarding the Directive (EU) 2016/797 on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union.

## VII - EA meetings

Please visit the EA website <https://european-accreditation.org/information-center/newsroom/events-2/>

## VIII - EA representatives in IAF and ILAC Committees

### IAF Committees

General Assembly (GA)  
Executive Committee (EX)  
Technical Committee (TC)  
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Development Support Committee (DSC)  
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### ILAC Committees

General Assembly (GA)  
Executive Committee (EX)  
Accreditation Committee (AIC)  
Marketing & Communications Committee (MCC)  
Arrangement Committee (ARC)  
Arrangement Management Committee (AMC)  
  
Arrangement Council (AC)  
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### Joint IAF/ILAC Committee meetings

Joint Executive Committee (JEX)  
Joint Management Committee (JMC)  
  
JWG Communications and Marketing (JCMC)  
JWG Developing Countries  
JWG A-series

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