

List of Conclusions and Resolutions

**agreed at the 53rd Meeting of the EA Advisory Board
held on 12 May 2025 in Brussels, Belgium**

Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the meeting - Introduction of Members : roll call, modifications since last meeting

The Board:

- takes note that Andrew Evans (CAPIEL) is stepping down from the Industry College, of which he was the Chair, as well as consequently from the EAAB chairmanship;
- takes note that Jonas Gock (ORGALIM) has been nominated the new chair of the Industry College;
- takes note that the Industry College will launch a call within its constituency after the meeting in order to fill the two vacancies now left in the College; **Action Industry College**
- asks the Secretariat to launch a call for nominations of a new EAAB Chair after the meeting and, if needed, to proceed with an electronic ballot.
Action Secretariat by 16 May for the call for nominations, by end of June for possible ballot.

Action EAAB Secretariat to revise accordingly the EAAB Membership List, and the EAAB Members as listed in EA-INF/02: Contact Persons of EA Full and Associate Members, Recognized Stakeholders and Observers.

Agenda Item 3 - Key topics for discussion

Agenda Item 3.1 - Challenges for the conformity assessment infrastructure: new regulations for new technologies' implementation (Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Sustainability, etc.): update

The Board:

- takes note of EA's constant work and efforts undertaken to cope with the challenges posed by the implementation of all the regulations addressing new technologies and sustainability, especially the need for resources in national accreditation bodies and national authorities;
- acknowledges that the CAB College: reiterates its concerns over the lack of resources in conformity assessment and accreditation bodies, which are also faced with a lack of harmonised technical standards and specifications, and calls for EA to aim at improving harmonisation in conformity assessment, in particular under regulations addressing new technologies;
- acknowledges that EA: perseveres in looking at how to share resources between EA Members and in dialoguing with the various services of the European Commission and regulators to establish harmonised conditions for the implementation of the new regulations, and invites the EAAB to put any specific concern about lack of harmonisation forward to EA which agrees to consider it.

Agenda Item 3.2.1 - Forthcoming state of the revision of EA-2/17

The Board:

- takes note that revision of EA-2/17, whose first draft is expected to be distributed for comments by the next summer, is a comprehensive revision mainly aimed at giving more flexibility, clarity and simplicity to the document (in short: removal of the term “preferred” standard; addition of three supplements dedicated to non-aligned legislations and modules, expression of accreditation scopes, and specificities for the “old” Construction Products Regulation (CPR); putting together of the two tables in current Annexes A and B);
- takes note that the new CPR is covered in the updated AfN report published in April 2025, but will not be included into the revised EA-2/17 for now. Only the existing, “old” CPR will be dealt with in the third supplement to EA-2/17;
- acknowledges that the Industry College suggests that, as soon as distributed, the first draft of revised EA-2/17 should be discussed in the IMP-ACCA group;
- acknowledges the NA College’s wishes to have a minimum of clear and harmonised provisions for witnessing of the different modules in order to ensure that every conformity assessment body is witnessed, and to get EA’s vision of accreditation for notification in the future;
- acknowledges that the CAB College deplores that accreditation is not mandatory: national accreditation bodies do not accredit notified bodies, and some notifying national authorities assess them without using accreditation; EA-2/17 is only mandatory for EA Members, but not for national authorities, neither for notified bodies nor conformity assessment bodies;
- acknowledges that the CAB College: would welcome a thorough revision or update of EA-2/17 rather than the addition of supplements, and asks for the contribution of recognised stakeholders who have not been involved in the ongoing revision so far;
Action EA, which assures that stakeholders’ involvement will come in the further process when comments will be called for on the draft revised document.
- acknowledges that the CAB College deplores the lack of those harmonised standards to be normally used in accreditation, and asks for the issue to be discussed in the EAAB.
Action EAAB Chair to consider tabling the point on a next agenda

Agenda Item 3.2.2 - Definition of the expression of accreditation scope: open concerns for actual EU legislation, decision EA GA for new EU legislations

The Board:

- takes note that EA resolved in November 2024 that, upon recommendation from the Technical Management Board, EA technical committees, in which recognised stakeholders are involved, should define the content of scopes of accreditation right from the beginning of each new EU legislation for harmonisation purposes;
- acknowledges that the CAB College: claims added values for all the additional costs incurred by conformity assessment bodies, and by the industry at the end, which result from the new legislations, and asks for the issue to be discussed in the EAAB.
Action EAAB Chair to consider tabling the point on a next agenda

Agenda Item 3.3 - Accreditation policy developments: overview of EC communication channels

The Board:

- acknowledges that the EC: is unable to provide the EAAB with an overarching report giving a full overview of the relevant EC activities, and relies on the IMP-ACCA group to give relevant information;
- acknowledges that the CAB College reiterates the need for receiving from the EC relevant information on policy developments, and a written report specific for the EAAB on the developments and objectives in the area of conformity assessment and accreditation policy.

Agenda Item 4 - EAAB Matters

Agenda Item 4.1 - Report from the EAAB HHC Observer: 5-6 March 2025 meeting

The Board:

- takes note of the information contained in the EAAB HHC Observer's report published as EAAB(25)02, and thanks the observer for her concise report;
- acknowledges that EURAMET and the CAB College would like to be informed of the establishment of EA WGs, especially a WG dedicated to artificial intelligence, and that EA informs that there may be a future call for interest in WG participation based on the WG terms of reference which are currently defined by an *ad hoc* TFG.

Agenda Item 4.2 - Report from the EAAB MAC Observer: 7-8 May 2025 meeting

The Board takes note of the information contained in the EAAB MAC Observer's report published as an additional paper for the meeting, and thanks the observer for her comprehensive report.

Agenda Item 4.3 - Concerns on the ongoing revision of EA-1/15: contribution of (groups of) public authorities as Recognised Stakeholders, maintain of the rights of the Recognized stakeholders with the objective of EAAB to give relevant advice to EA

The Board:

- acknowledges the NA College's concern about the revised *Indicative List of Categories of European and International Organisations that may be Recognised Stakeholders* in Annex A, which does not mention anymore the "National Authorities and Regulators of the EU and EFTA Member States", and acknowledges EA's reply that the revision reflects the overall principle that recognised stakeholders signing an agreement with EA shall originate and operate at the EU level, whereas national authorities are based at the national level. Only those national authorities that are part of the EAAB can be recognised stakeholders;
- acknowledges the NA College's, the CAB Colleges' and EURAMET's disagreement on the replacement of "all" with "relevant" policy and technical documents which recognised stakeholders will be given appropriate access to and will have the opportunity to contribute to the development thereof (Point 2.3.1); acknowledges EA's clarification that "relevant" documents are those other than internal documents, such as financial papers or internal policies, which are targeted at EA Members only; and acknowledges that the NA College, the CAB College and EURAMET would appreciate that EA tries and indicates a more specific term than "relevant" documents for transparency purposes, which was acknowledged by EA.

Agenda Item 4.4 - Transparency of accreditation services : competition in internal market without competition between ABs

The Board:

- acknowledges the CAB College's concern that it would seem as if competition between national accreditation bodies would not be opposed both within and outside the EU, and its wish to receive any specific information from the EC about any strategy regarding Regulation (EC) no 765/2008;
- acknowledges the Industry College's potential doubts about whether the basic principles laid down in the Regulation, which has always been supported by the College, are still valid;
- acknowledges that the CAB college will start internal work on the costs of accreditation, value of certificates issued by EU CABs where international rules are different.

Action EAAB Chair to consider tabling the point on a next agenda

Agenda Item 4.5 - Harmonisation of the approach of the NABs (e.g. in performing audits, number of assessor, etc.)

The Board acknowledges the CAB College's reiterated request that EA should urgently look for harmonisation between the different approaches of EA Members.

Agenda Item 5 - EC Matters for information

Agenda Item 5.1 - Report from the European Commission

The Board:

- takes note that the issue whether to make accreditation mandatory or not will be considered when the New Legislative Framework (NLF) is revised, for which no timeframe is available yet;
- takes note that the NLF is still under internal discussion within the EC, that the IMP-ACCA group will be involved in any potential future revision, and that the EC invites the EAAB as a whole to contribute to the EC's public consultations until the next meeting;
- agrees to keep the NLF revision on the agenda of the Board's meeting.

Action EAAB Chair to table the point on the next agendas

Agenda Item 5.2 - Report from other EAAB members

The Board:

- acknowledges that discussions about the revision of the NLF based on hypotheses of what might come or not are premature, and agrees to postpone these discussions, supported by the Industry College's papers published for this meeting, to the next meeting.

Action EAAB Chair to table the point on the next agenda

- takes note of IQNet's information that ISO is increasingly concerned about the copyright infringement and on diversifying sources of income, and agrees to discuss the series of initiatives considered by ISO at the next meeting.

Action EAAB Chair to table the point on the next agenda

Agenda Item 6 - EA Matters for information

Agenda Item 6.5.3 - IAF CertSearch database

The Board has still concerns about which data are uploaded, how the data are stored and managed.

Agenda Item 7 - Any other business

Agenda Item 7.1 - CE marking on certificates issued by accredited notified bodies: the EA Certification Committee (EACC FAQ 41.13) does not allow CE marking on certificates (e.g. EU type examination according to module B). NAC asks for any legal reason confirmed by Commission.

The Board:

- agrees on the NA College's concern about the affixing of the CE marking on certification certificates: the CE marking shall only be used on products by manufacturers under their sole responsibility, as confirmed by the EC, so legally not on the certificates issued by CABs;
- acknowledges that the NA College would like to have EACC FAQ 41.13 clarified on the EA webpage which refers to the terms "CE mark" and "CE marking", whereas EA and IQNet agree on the FAQ's right wording and invite to put forward any problem and formal request to EA technical committees.

Agenda Item 8 - Selection of date and place of next meeting

The Board agrees to hold the next meeting on **Tuesday 4 November 2025** in a **remote** manner.

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