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List of Conclusions and Resolutions

agreed at the 54th Meeting of the EA Advisory Board held remotely on 4 November 2025.

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

The Board takes note that Omar Dhaher (DigitalEurope) and Marielle Fayol (NA France) have been nominated as new members of the Industry College and the National Authorities (NA) College, respectively.

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, Recognised 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, others): update

The Board:

- takes note of EA's still constant work and efforts undertaken to cope with the challenges posed by the implementation of all the regulations addressing new technologies and sustainability, and suggests that EA should provide the EAAB either with a brief summary of the information given orally at the meeting or, preferably, with some more detailed information to be added as an enclosure to the minutes of the meeting; ***Action up to EA***

- acknowledges that the Industry College advocates that: EA, while fully supporting the implementation of the EC legislation, should have a clearer role, in close coordination with the national authorities, to also support the harmonisation of practices for the implementation of these pieces of regulation; and the role of EA and its members should not be limited to supporting the EC or whoever in the evaluation of the appropriateness of certain schemes, but should also include setting up of harmonised schemes in support of the implementation of these legislations;

- acknowledges that the Chair raises the issue of how EA, the industry, the national authorities and the CAB associations can altogether cooperate with the EC to improve the content of standardisation requests for harmonisation purposes.

Agenda Item 3.2.1 - Revision of EA-2/17: update

The Board:

- takes note that the first draft of revised EA-2/17, distributed to all interested parties including notified bodies during the summer, has given rise to a large number of comments which are now considered by the *ad hoc* TFG, and may lead to another draft and round of comments in the first semester of 2026 before it may be finalised in the second semester 2026, expectedly;

- acknowledges that the NA College: deplores that the schedule of the revision of EA-2/17 is too large and unspecified while the harmonised implementation of the new CPR is desirable as soon as possible; requests that any other comment round should be also targeted to stakeholders and the EAAB; deplores the lack of traceability of changes and asks for more transparency in the new draft sent out for comments; requests EA to improve the inconsistencies and confusing terminology; and finally advocates that one single document would be clearer and easier to be used and to look at requirements for each legislation;

- acknowledges that the CAB College calls for a pragmatic update of EA-2/17 until a more thorough revision is made in two-year time after the achievement of the new NLF;

- acknowledges that the Industry College would appreciate some planning and deadlines for the next steps of the revision of EA-2/17;

- requests EA to provide the EAAB with a clear timetable for the revision of EA-2/17, which should reflect the valid EU legislation. ***Action EA***

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:

- is recalled that EA resolved in November 2024 that EA technical committees should define the content of scopes of accreditation right from the beginning of each new EU legislation for harmonisation purposes, and is informed that the current Supplement 2 of draft revised EA-2/17 sets out how to express accreditation scopes;

- advises EA, which agrees, to pursue its efforts to harmonise the approach of NABs with regard to the expression of accreditation scopes in order to improve the situation,

- acknowledges that the national authorities regret that accreditation scopes sometimes deviate from the tasks laid down in the legislations and to be carried out by the notified CABs (NANDO scope), and that the NA College encourages discussion within the groups of notifying authorities to be set up by the EC;

- decides to table the issue as a stable agenda item for the next EAAB meetings.
  Action EAAB Chair for the next agendas

Agenda Item 3.3 - Revision of the New Legislative Framewotrk (NLF)
Agenda Item 5.1.2 - Evaluation of the NLF: next steps, what about a "NLF 2.0"

The Board:

- thanks the EC very much for the clear and exhaustive presentation on the main findings of the evaluation of the NLF performed in 2022 and the objectives of the NLF revision, and asks the EC to provide the EAAB with it for its publication together with the minutes of the meeting;
  Action EC - Done / EAAB Secretariat

- requests the EC to give an update on the revision process of the NLF at the next EAAB meeting in order to follow up the development of the new NLF in which all EAAB Members are directly interested. ***Action EC***

Agenda Item 3.4 - Accreditation policy developments: overview of EC communication channels
Agenda Item 5.1.1 - Conclusion from any EU coordination meetings regarding accreditation and conformity assessment matters (experts' group)

The Board:

- thanks the EC very much for the clear and exhaustive presentation on the state-of-play of the revision of the EU Market Surveillance Regulation (MSR), and asks the EC to provide the EAAB with it for its publication together with the minutes of the meeting;
  Action EC - Done / EAAB Secretariat

- takes note that the EC will report on the next IMP-ACCA meeting, whose date will be possibly set up before May 2026, at the next EAAB meeting; ***Action EC***

- takes note that the NA College will consider the need to report on the IMP-ACCA meetings, and can submit any topic to the next EAAB meeting; ***Action NA College***

- acknowledges that the NA College recognises the importance of accreditation for reports and certificates issued by CABs, even though not all legislation necessarily requires bodies to be notified;

- acknowledges that the CAB College: still deplores that the EC, composed of different units, is unable to provide the EAAB with an overarching report giving a full overview of those issues that are of the utmost complexity; advocates for more influence from the market surveillance authorities on the EU Member States, and advises EA to request the EC to make steps in that sense; and finally still advocates for better harmonised standards that are needed to test, attest and certify;

- acknowledges that the Industry College proposes strengthening the link between market surveillance and accreditation as a whole for the purposes of the enforcement of the legislation, and considering how market surveillance can reinforce the role of Regulation 765;

- agrees on the importance of market surveillance for the implementation of the entire system of the free movement of goods, and suggests that the link between accreditation and market surveillance should be strengthened.

Agenda Item 4 - EAAB Matters

Agenda Item 4.1 - Report on HHC meeting on 10-11 September 2025

The Board takes note of the information contained in the EAAB HHC Observer's report (Document EAAB(25)21), and thanks the observer for her report.

Agenda Item 4.2 - Report on MAC meeting on 30 Sept. - 1 Oct. 2025

The Board appoints Marielle Fayol (NA France), who is standing for the position, as the new EAAB MAC Observer, and thanks her very much.
Action EAAB Secretariat to inform the MAC Secretariat - Done

Agenda Item 4.3 - Statement on EA's approved schemes publicly available information

The Board:

- acknowledges the IQNet paper (Document EAAB(25)13) arguing for the publication of the list of successfully-evaluated schemes by EA for clarity, transparency and certainty purposes, which receives the full support of the CAB College and EOQ;

- supports the CAB College position, and advises EA to make the list of EA-approved schemes publicly available by restricting the information to whether schemes are accreditable or not.

Agenda Item 4.4 - EA-1/15: *EA Policy for Relations with Stakeholders*

The Board acknowledges that the NA College has not any more concerns about the revised EA-1/15 as published in September 2025.

Agenda Item 4.5 - Transparency of accreditation services : competition in internal market without competition between ABs
Agenda Item 4.6 - Harmonisation of the approach of the NABs (e.g. in performing audits, number of assessor, etc.)

The Board:

- acknowledges the Industry College's disagreement on the idea of dividing accreditation between voluntary and regulated conformity assessment schemes, and its opinion that accreditation should be maintained undivided;

- acknowledges that the CAB College: shares the Industry College's opinion and asks for more harmonisation of witness audits to strengthen the efficiency of the role and use of accreditation;

- acknowledges that EA: agrees that harmonisation is a crucial issue, and encourages EAAB Members to come up with anything that should be improved and harmonised.

Agenda Item 5 - EC Matters for information

Agenda Item 5.2.1 - ISO concerns about the copyright infringement and diversifying sources of income, and series of ISO initiatives

The Board takes note that the presentation proposed by ISO should be postponed until the next meeting, when the issue will be discussed.
Action EAAB Secretariat to inform C. Draghici from ISO of the next EAAB meeting - Done

Agenda Item 6 - EA Matters for information

Agenda Item 6.1 - EA New work items (NWIs) emerging from EA autumn meetings

The Board endorses the new work item proposed for the revision of EA-2/02: *Procedure for the Evaluation of a National Accreditation Body* according to the rationale set out in Document EAAB(25)12.

Agenda Item 6.6 - Relations with stakeholders

The Board asks the Secretariat to send a call for the endorsement of Eurocer Building application for EA Recognised Stakeholder status (Document EAAB(25)19) by email within a couple of days.
Action EAAB Secretariat - Done (call to be replied by 11 November 2025)

Agenda Item 6.7.1 - Single international accreditation organisation: update

The Board acknowledges that the issue regarding the engagement in trade of the new international accreditation organisation according to its existing constitution is currently addressed, and should be solved in a rephrased constitution to be approved in April 2026.

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

The Board agrees to hold the next meeting on **Tuesday 12 May 2026** in Brussels in a physical manner with remote possibilities.
Action EAAB Secretariat to ask whether EFTA can host the meeting at the EFTA House - Done

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