

Memorandum of Understanding between EUROMET and EA

EUROMET (the European Collaboration in Measurement Standards) and EA (the European cooperation for Accreditation),

recognising

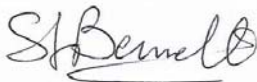
- the long history of communication and cooperation between EA and EUROMET,
- the growing links between metrology and accreditation at the regional and international levels,
- the need to strengthen the links between accreditation and metrology in Europe,
- those issues of mutual interest which need to be jointly addressed, and
- the need to coordinate their actions in respect of tasks related to national and international measurement infrastructures.

have agreed

- to continue to work together for the benefit of all their members' stakeholders,
- to ensure the timely exchange of information on matters of common interest,
- to identify opportunities for mutual representation in selected committees and working groups,
- to strive for harmonised policies on matters of common interest and concern, and
- to communicate those policies to the European Commission and other interested parties.

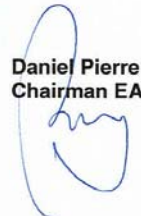
In particular EUROMET and EA will

- invite representatives or observers to each other's General Assemblies,
- meet bilaterally on at least an annual basis to discuss matters arising under this MoU,
- jointly address those aspects of metrology and the accreditation of laboratories which require common interpretation,
- encourage their members to explore cost effective arrangements for the use of each other's services in order to extend the national and international measurement systems into the broader community of users,
- cooperate closely to improve the comparability of calibration and test results, giving special attention to the concept of traceability,
- discuss the use of interlaboratory comparisons provided by EUROMET NMIs to facilitate the monitoring by EA of the comparability of results from accredited calibration laboratories,
- work together to provide guidance in the field of calibration where both organisations consider it necessary, and
- communicate joint conclusions and agreements to their members.



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