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# **Signatories to the EA Multilateral and Bilateral Agreements**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

The EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA) main purpose is to provide confidence to the marketplace and all interested parties in reports and certificates issued by conformity assessment bodies<sup>1</sup> accredited by national accreditation bodies, who have signed the EA MLA.

## **2 EA MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT (EA MLA)**

Those EA Full Member accreditation bodies that are signatories to the EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA) have been evaluated by peers and demonstrated their competence. The specific agreement signed by each signatory accreditation body describes its scope of competence. The scopes may include accreditation of laboratories, accreditation of certification or validation and verification bodies and/or accreditation of inspection bodies.

The peer evaluation system for EA members provides confidence that accreditation is operated in a harmonized and consistent way throughout Europe.

The EA peer evaluation system is recognised by the European Commission and by EU/EFTA Member States and it is mandatory for national accreditation bodies to undergo peer evaluation according to Article 10 in Regulation (EC) No 765/2008.

## **3 EA BILATERAL AGREEMENTS**

EA Associate Members are eligible to enter into a Bilateral Agreement with the EA Full Member signatories of the EA MLA with the aim of establishing mutual confidence in the respective accreditation systems and in their accredited attestations of conformity.

Nationally recognised accreditation bodies that are not eligible to be an EA Full or Associate Member as defined in the EA Articles of Association may, under certain circumstances, be invited to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with EA. Some of these Cooperation Agreements may be extended into Bilateral Agreements with EA with the aim of establishing mutual confidence in their respective accreditation systems and in the accredited attestation of conformity.

An accreditation body, having signed a Cooperation Agreement and willing to sign a Bilateral Agreement with EA MLA signatories, will be subject to the same full EA peer evaluation process as that applied to EA Full Members.

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<sup>1</sup> Conformity assessment bodies are: calibration, testing and medical laboratories, and inspection, validation and verification and certification bodies.

#### 4 SCOPES OF THE EA MLA AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

The EA MLA and bilateral agreements cover the following scopes.

Accreditation of	Scope/Activity	Standards
<b>Laboratories</b>	Testing and Medical Laboratories	ISO/IEC 17025 ISO 15189
	Calibration	ISO/IEC 17025
<b>Certification bodies</b>	Certification of products	ISO/IEC 17065 EN 45011
	Certification of persons	ISO/IEC 17024
	Certification of management systems	ISO/IEC 17021
<b>Validation and Verification Bodies</b>	Validation and Verification of GHG emissions	ISO 14065
<b>Inspection bodies</b>	Inspection	ISO/IEC 17020
<b>Proficiency Testing Providers</b>	Organisations providing Proficiency Testing	ISO/IEC 17043

#### Annex A EA MLA and Bilateral Agreement Signatories and Scopes

**ANNEX A****EA MLA AND BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES AND SCOPES****A.1 EA MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES**

	CALIBRATION LABORATORIES	TESTING and MEDICAL LABORATORIES	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PRODUCTS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PERSONS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION BODIES	INSPECTION BODIES	PROFICIENCY TESTING PROVIDERS
ALBANIA - DPA		√**						
AUSTRIA - AA	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
BELGIUM - BELAC	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
BULGARIA - BAS	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
CROATIA - HAA	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
CYPRUS - CYS-CYSAB	√	√					√	
CZECH REPUBLIC - CAI	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
DENMARK - DANAK	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
ESTONIA - EAK	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
FINLAND - FINAS	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
FRANCE - COFRAC	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
FYROM - IARM	√	√	√				√	
GERMANY - DAKKS	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
GREECE - ESYD	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
HUNGARY - NAH	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
IRELAND - INAB	√	√	√		√	√	√	
ITALY - ACCREDIA	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
LATVIA - LATAK	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
LITHUANIA - LA	√	√	√	√	√		√	
LUXEMBURG - OLAS	√	√	√		√		√	
MALTA - NAB-MALTA	√	√**					√	
NETHERLANDS - RvA	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
NORWAY - NA	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
POLAND - PCA	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
PORTUGAL - IPAC	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
ROMANIA - RENAR	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
SERBIA - ATS	√	√	√	√	√		√	

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SLOVAKIA - <b>SNAS</b>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
SLOVENIA - <b>SA</b>	√	√ **	√	√	√	√	√	
SPAIN - <b>ENAC</b>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
SWEDEN - <b>SWEDAC</b>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
SWITZERLAND - <b>SAS</b>	√	√	√	√	√		√	
TURKEY - <b>TURKAK</b>	√	√	√	√	√		√	√
UNITED KINGDOM - <b>UKAS</b>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√

\*\* Signatory for testing laboratories only; not signatory for medical laboratories.

**ANNEX A EA MLA AND BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES AND SCOPES****A.2 EA BILATERAL AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES**

	CALIBRATION LABORATORIES	TESTING and MEDICAL LABORATORIES	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PRODUCTS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - PERSONS	CERTIFICATION BODIES - MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION BODIES	INSPECTION BODIES	PROFICIENCY TESTING PROVIDERS
BOSNIA&HERZEGOVINA – BATA	√	√ **					√	
GEORGIA - GAC	√	√**	√	√			√	
ISRAEL - ISRAC *	√	√					√	
UKRAINE - NAAU *	√	√ **	√	√	√		√	
TUNISIA - TUNAC *	√	√ **			√		√	

\* Accepted as associate member by the EA General Assembly in November 2011 (Resolution 2011(28)03).

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