

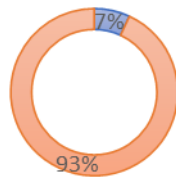
## Status on the implementation and accreditation audits ISO/IEC 17020:2017 2020

In 2020 a monitoring survey was issued to EUROLAB National Members in order to monitor the current status of the implementation and of the new version of the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standard, to identify main problems occurred during implementation and Audit.

58 answers from various countries and sectors were compiled. The number is far from being statistically representative and more analysis is recommended, but it may help in creating an initial overview of the situation.

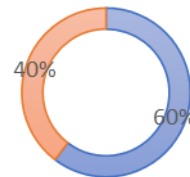
93% of the laboratories were already accredited under ISO/IEC 17025, and 40% of them have been audited with the new version of the standards more than once.

Were you already accredited before the assessment with the new ISO/IEC 17025:2017?



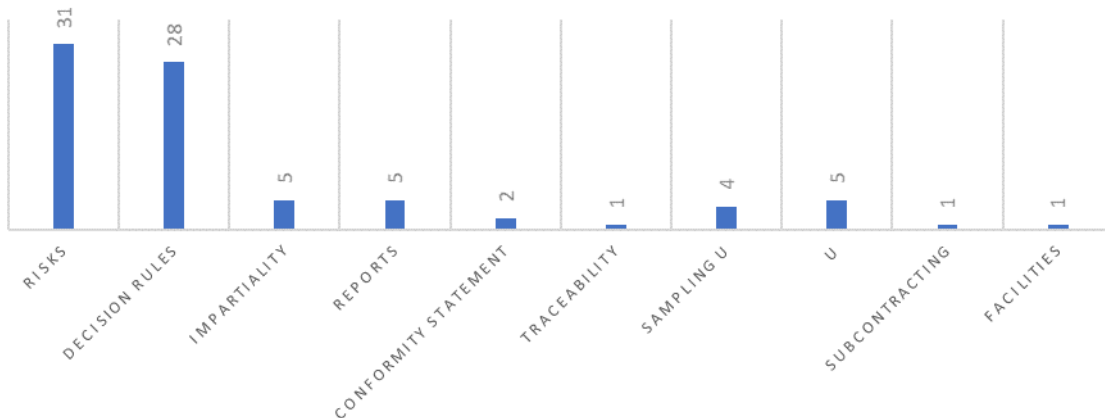
■ No ■ Yes

More than once?

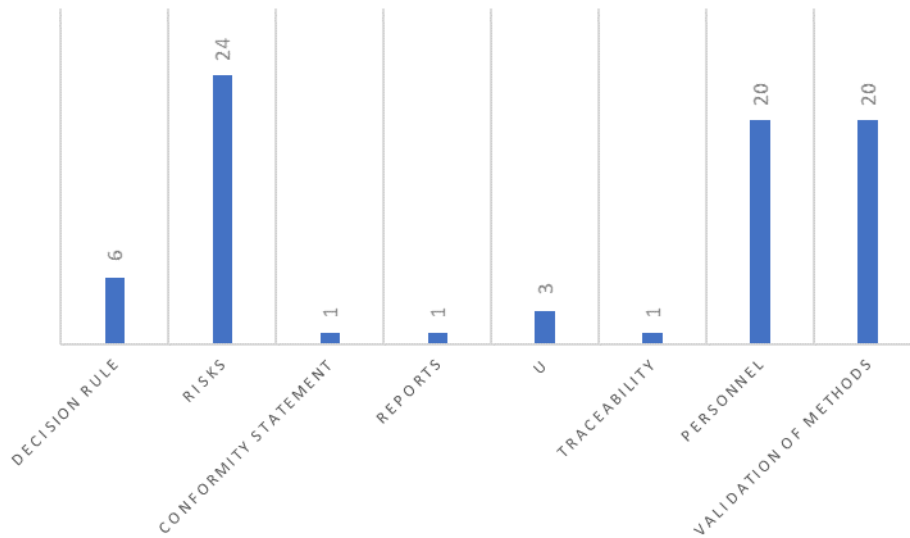


■ No ■ Yes

During the implementation stages of the new version of the standard, main problems were with the clauses of decision rules (28 labs) and risk based approach (31 labs).



During the accreditation audits, 78% of the laboratories didn't experienced major problems with the accreditation body. The 22% of laboratories that experienced any, problems were with clauses related to risk based approach (24 labs), personnel (20 labs), validation of methods (20 labs) and Decision rules (6 labs).



As a summary, we can have an overview that the accreditation audits are being carried out smoothly, but some clauses that were softly transitioned during the initial migration audits, now start having more relevancy.