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EUROLAB Activities in 2020

Increased reach out towards notable stakeholders & cooperation with organizations such as EURAMET, IMEKO, NCSLI and TIC Council;

Guide members through the pandemic by keeping them updated about noteworthy ongoing projects & policy developments;

Keep the continuous dialogue with the Board and TCQA - increased number of meetings and video-conferencing calls

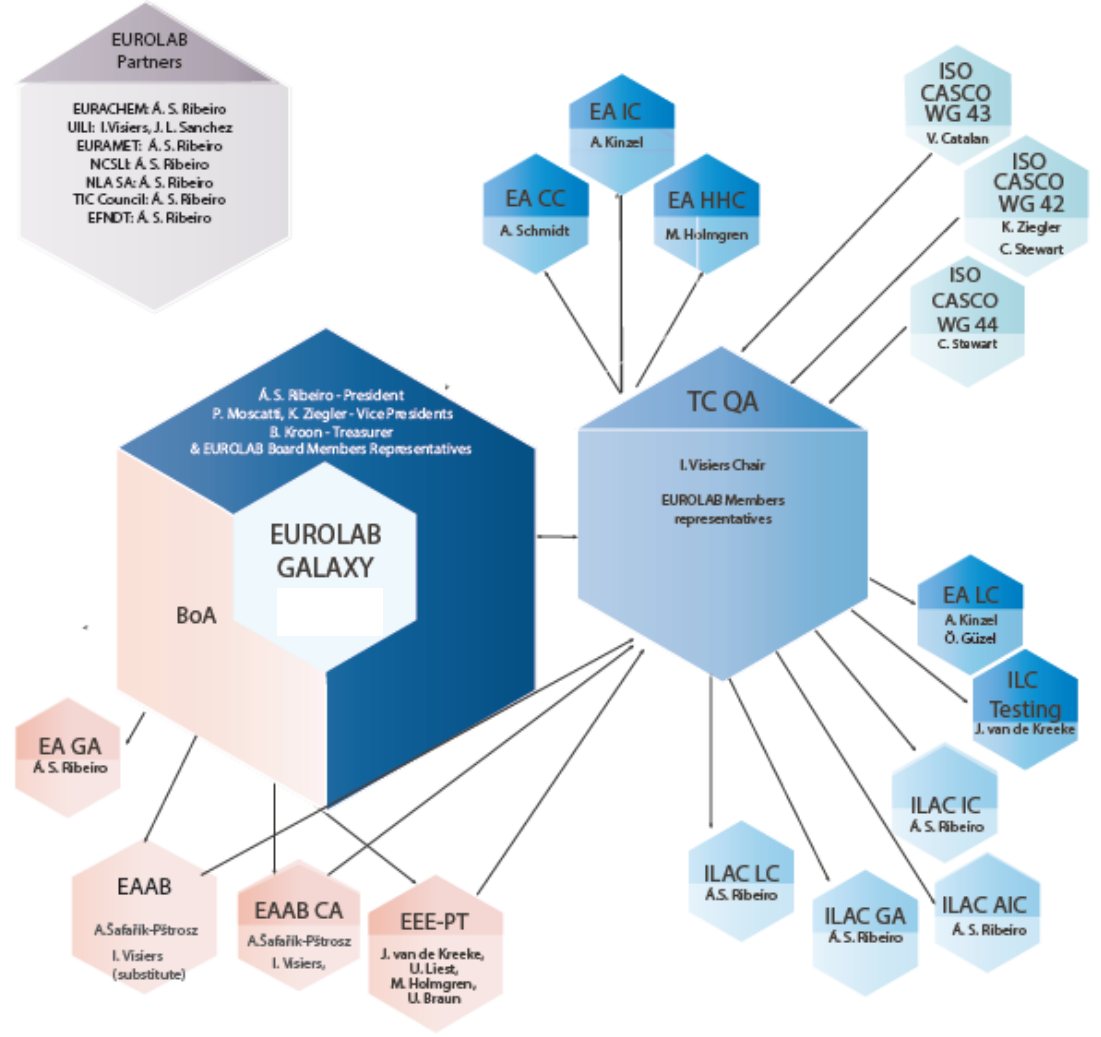
Communications: modernise our website, re-activate our LinkedIn page, publications

Organise webinars and stakeholders meetings on topics of relevance to the members

External networking liaisons



- ILAC/IAF
- ISO Casco
- EA
- TIC COUNCIL
- EURACHEM
- EURAMET
- IMEKO
- UIIL
- NLA-South Africa
- NCSL int.
- AOAC Europe



External networking liaisons

- stakeholder of MathMet (the European Metrology Research Network for Mathematics and Statistics), - letter of support for this partnership, signed by our President Mr. Álvaro Ribeiro.
- increased efforts in partnership with IMEKO and participation in the Technical Committee 11 - Measurement in Testing, Inspection and Certification
- renewed Contract of Services with TIC Council and became an Associated Member, after a very fruitful and productive meeting that was held on the 5th of February, 2020, in Brussels.



Cooperation with TIC Council

In 2020, TCQA provided a joint response with TIC Council to the European Commission's request for comments to the new revision of the EU Blue Guide.

Moreover, in 2021 a new Horizontal Task Force was started by TIC Council, focusing on the issue of Remote Assessments. The Task Force includes members from several TIC Council committees, and EUROLAB was invited as an Associated Member. The Work of this HTF is currently ongoing.

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COVID Letter to the Authorities and the Members

In March 2020, following the first outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, EUROLAB and TIC Council sent a letter to the European Commission, regarding the continued operations of independent testing, inspection, and certification services and drawing the attention on their essential role during the crisis that marked this year.

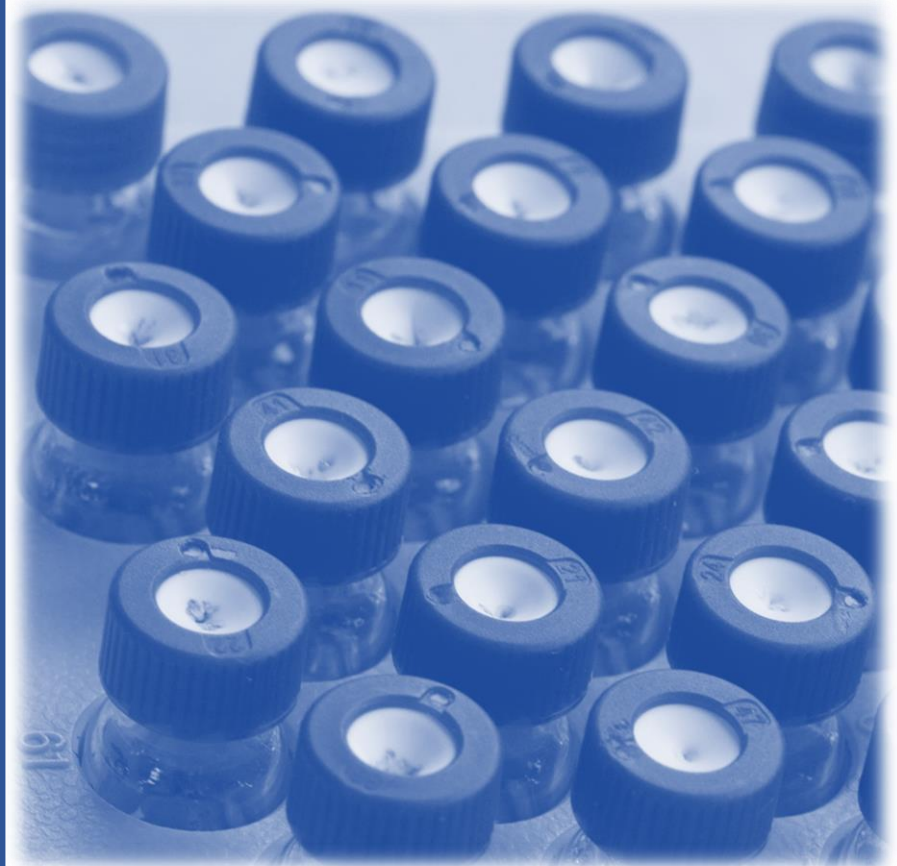
This represent an international effort that was supported by the entirety of the TIC sector.

The letter was distributed and supported by EUROLAB members.

Reorganization in DG GROW and joint meeting with TIC Council and EUROLAB

On the 19th of April, TIC Council and EUROLAB held a joint meeting with the new **D3 Market Surveillance Unit** of the European Commission in DG GROW, led by Mr. Matthias Schmidt-Gerds as Head of Unit.

The purpose of the meeting was to present to the new Unit both TIC Council and EUROLAB, their its activities in the EU and across the world, and to understand the priorities of the D3 Unit for the months to come.

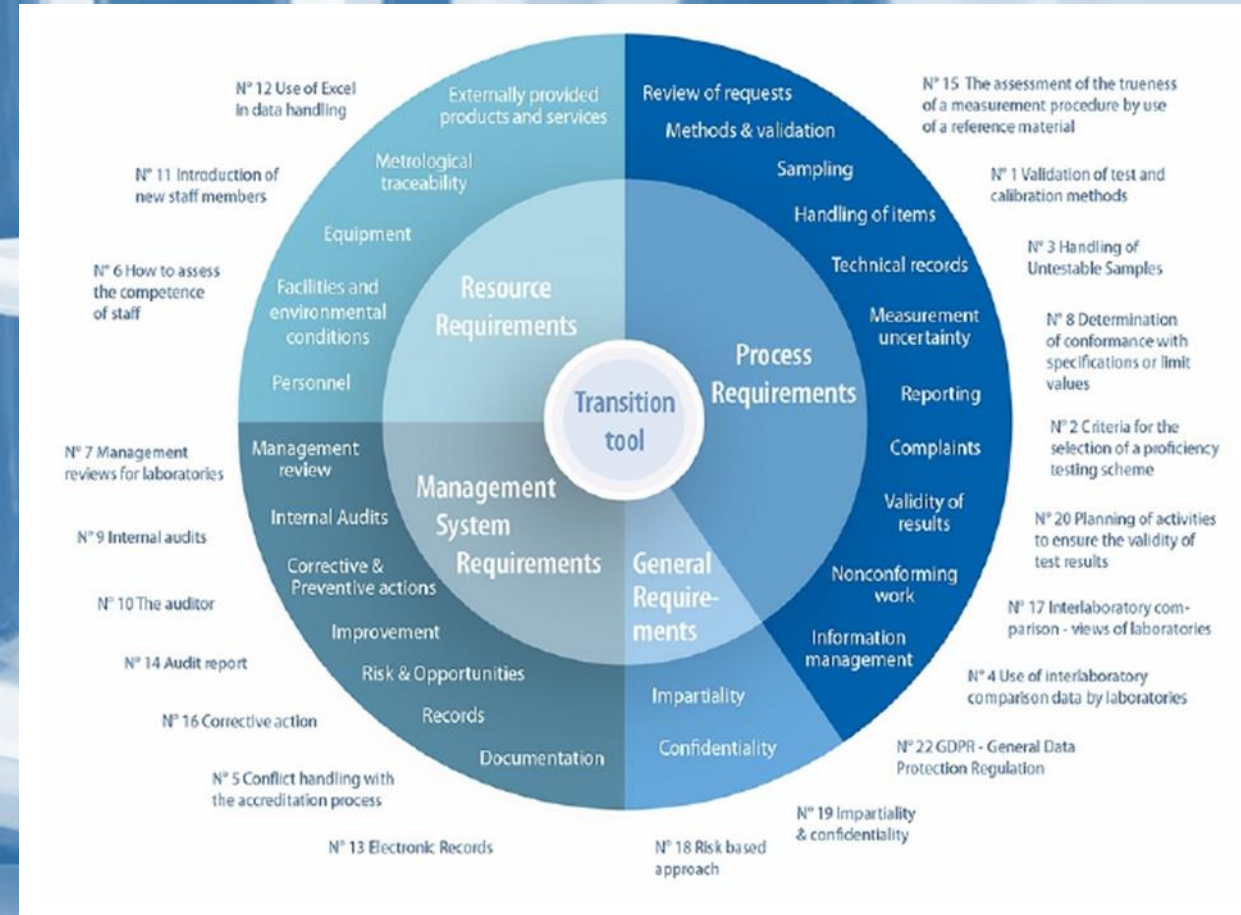


Capacity building

Several different CookBooks
revised & updated
E.g. Cookbook N. 18 on Risk-
Based Approach, revised within
the Working Group on Risk
Analysis

All the Cookbooks are available on
the EUROLAB website:

<https://www.eurolab.org/copy-of-publications>



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Involvement in EU projects




CASP project - Coordinated activities for the safety of products in the EU/EEA/EFTA countries, a large-scale project on product safety supported by the European Commission.

EUROLAB was identified by EY as an important member of the product testing eco-system, and following an approval by the Board Members is cooperating actively with CASP for dissemination and support.




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EUROLAB Newsletter

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Dear EUROLAB members,

Please find below the second EUROLAB newsbriefing of 2020 with information regarding the actions carried out by EUROLAB and developments relevant to the Laboratory community.



EUROLAB celebrated its 30th anniversary in 27th of April, in unexpected and unique times. In this moment, on behalf of the EUROLAB community, I would like to express our gratitude to all professionals and persons that are in the front-line resisting and fighting this disease, doing their best to overcome this critical challenge for mankind.

In the present days, testing has become a widespread word. This brings the opportunity to remember that testing is what Laboratories do every day, using scientific knowledge, competence and technology in order to assure safety and the quality of goods and services to all of us and to the market, from healthcare to medical devices, from agriculture to water and food industry, from energy to communications.

These are challenging times for laboratories and for EUROLAB, requiring to adapt to new circumstances regarding performing activities, connecting people and providing capacity building through digital channels. EUROLAB is already working to follow these new trends and will promote the use of digital tools to increase the link with our members, hoping to contribute to the needs and expectations of the community.

EUROLAB is a European project created in 1990 to network laboratories. Today we are proud to represent and voice more than 9 000 laboratories and 150 000 high skilled professionals of the large community of Laboratories in Europe, believing that Laboratories are key to develop a better future based on Quality and Innovation.

Thank you for your time and keep safe and healthy!

EUROLAB President
Álvaro Silva Ribeiro



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Summary - Eurasia Group Top Risks 2021 Report

Background

In their *Top Risks for 2021* Bremmer and Kupchan (Eurasia) explore the key geopolitical challenges facing us this year, a year which they believe is to be characterised by the echo to the pandemic and by the key factors hindering the prospected recovery, namely: a leadership on political models, trade standards, and international architecture to follow.

The political situation

The US would traditionally have been central to restoring predictability in times of crisis burdened with structural and legitimacy challenges, widespread division, a hefty port issues to address and the need to find alignment between Republicans and Democrats of US foreign policy, of which the credibility will be strongly tested this year.

Whilst vaccines are providing hope to the international community, they are not the current woes. Indeed, "countries will struggle to meet vaccination timelines, and the past a legacy of high public debt, displaced workers, and lost trust". For both developed and emerging markets alike a K-shaped recovery is predicted, by which some groups will thrive, and other suffer.

Europe's recovery fund will only provide meaningful support from late 2021. Should that deteriorate sharply, calls for accelerated spending from the recovery fund and relief for weaker EU member states can be expected, although this is likely to be met with countries such as Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Sweden. Moreover, with the political arena, Macron - who is already preoccupied with domestic affairs - will be leading the EU.

Recovery is likely to vary significantly from country to country, although a general trend whereby Latin America, the Middle East and Southeast Asia will be hit harder than eastern Europe and Northeast Asia.

Regarding how other nations will fare this year, it is predicted that:

- Turkey will remain dependent on predominantly Western financing despite efforts

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Summary: McKinsey Global Institute - The postpandemic economy and the future of work after COVID-19

Background

This independent report is the first of three to be published by the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI) to examine the post-pandemic economy, specifically; the future of work, consumption, and the potential for a broad recovery led by enhanced productivity and innovation. This first publication examines the long-term impacts of COVID-19 on work across activities used in 800 occupations throughout 10 different work arenas. Eight different countries with diverse labour landscapes and characteristics are examined, namely: China, Germany, India, Japan, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States, which account for almost half the global population and 62% of GDP. It also attempts to assess the lasting impact of the pandemic on labour demand, the mix of occupations and work required, as well as the implications for business leaders, policy makers and workers.

Summary

Prior to the pandemic, the largest disruptions to work mainly involved new technologies and growing trade links. This report highlights that COVID has elevated the importance of traditional factors; **physical proximity and level of human interactions** across different occupations and workplaces. The pandemic's short and long-term impact is concentrated



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EUROLAB Special Briefing

The current status of conformity assessment and accreditation policy in the UK

The new UK legal framework and TBTs

After 47 years, the UK has stopped being part of the EU Single Market and Customs Union, and is neither bound to EU policies nor EU international agreements. This has essentially created two distinct regulatory and legal boundaries that do not share [access to the freedoms of movement for people, goods, services, and capital](#). As a result, this has reintroduced [Technical Barriers to Trade \(TBT\)](#) in respects to goods which had not been in place for decades.

Specifically, the UK is now in the eyes of the EU a third country, where Technical Barriers to Trade matters are subject to the WTO TBT Agreement as well as the relevant provisions specified in Article 6 of the TCA. The Commission has issued extensive guidance on how best to deal with these changes (available [here](#)).

EUROLAB has just published a Position Paper on AI in Conformity Assessment

The paper aims to address the question on how to deal with AI in the context of conformity assessment and voices EUROLAB's position on the role that AI can play in accredited conformity assessment.



EUROLAB Webinars



Joint Webinar
Tuesday, 27 October
15h - 16:30h (CET)

'The Lab of the future and future of labs'

Moderator:

- Hanane Taidi, Director General, TIC Council

Speakers:

- Etty Feller, ILAC Chair
- Heinz Wilkening, European Commission, DG JRC Joint Research Centre
- Eric Roman, President & CEO at Pace Analytical Services LLC
- Álvaro Silva Ribeiro, EUROLAB President
- Betina Monika Jahn, Head of Innovative Product Management, SGS Germany GmbH

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The successful webinar had a great turnout of 230 participants, representing the wider sector of lab testing and accreditation.

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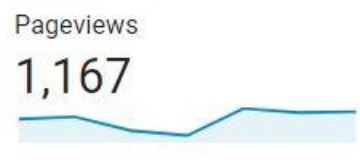
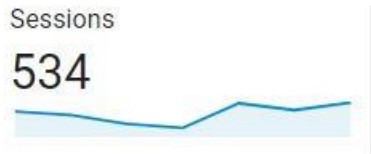
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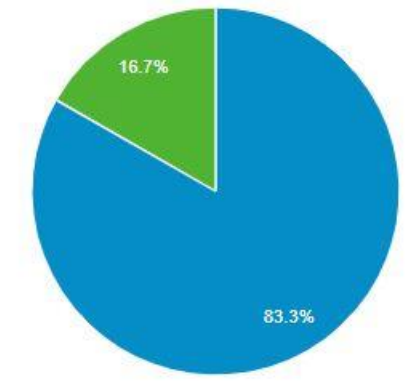
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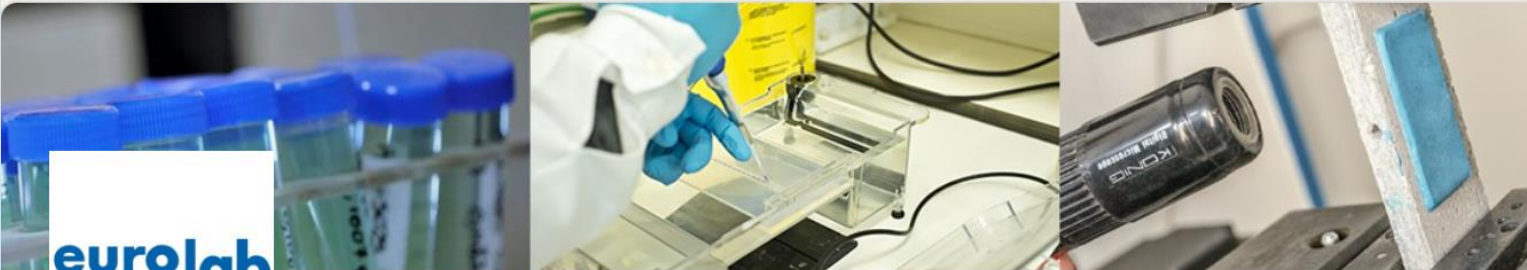
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We are happy to confirm that the **#EUROLAB** General Assembly 2021 will take place on 27 April 2021, from 12:00h – 16:00h. The meeting will be organised remotely due to the current restrictions and uncertain COVID situation.

Alongside the General Assembly, we will also celebrate the 31st EUROLAB Anniversary. We would like to say "thank you" in advance to all those who have made this incredible milestone possible.

We are looking forward to seeing you all (virtually) on April 27th!



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Thank you for your attention!