EUROLAB Meeting Reports

Title of the meeting :	EA-CC Meeting
Date :	Sep. 29/30th, 2020
Venue/Location :	Remote Meeting
EUROLAB Representative :	Andreas Kinzel (on behalf of Gabriele Schmidt)
Summary / Main outcomes:	• N/A
Issues for discussion by the Board of Administrators:	• Subject: Certification scheme for persons when certification is performed according to ISO 9606-X or ISO 9712 which is sometimes with respect to the PED. This have been discussed with the EC and a TFG was created. A short presentation of the results of the TFG has been given. Some elements of ISO 9606 which are in contradiction to a 3rd party certification (validity of certification is extended by declaration of the employer organization and also the renewal of the certification can be based on the employer declaration). Because of this some NABs have strong doubt that this can be a 3rd party certification. So, the scheme owner (for PED this is the EC) has to analyse this aspect in detail. But this was under a strong discussion, because some NABs are arguing that there should be no differences by using the same standard. Further EA will discuss the conclusion with ISO and CEN. This seems to be similar also in person certification of NDT personnel. • Subject: Blended Assessments post COVID – what will be the new norm? What procedures need to remain in place and what will be in future. Remote and traditional audits will be done both for regular audits in future. Even IAF MD 4 gives requirements for remote audits, e.g. UKAS is preparing an own guidance document based on the actual experience and a lot of other NABs are doing similar things. So, this may lead to a harmonised EA document.

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Issues for discussion by / information to TCQA:	• Question by EUROLAB (transferred from EA-LC): Can a laboratory be certified by another CAB according to ISO 9001? Answer: ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 9001 are different in its purpose. The standard ISO/IEC 17021 does permit certification of management systems according to ISO 9001, but it has to be cleared that certification of the management system is different from accreditation of the laboratories competence. But there is consensus meaning and some big concerns with respect of a misuse of such certificates. • Question by OLAS: Do any NABs have any experience with the accreditation according to ISO/IEC 17065:2012 (or other) of TABs (Technical Assessment Bodies acc. to regulation 305/2011/CRP)? Do any NABs have any experience with the process of designation and monitoring of TABs in their country? Answer: Some NABs have experience in accreditation of TABs, other just with assessing them without accreditation. Some NABs opinion is that TABs activity 1 is writing product standards which is not accreditable, while for TAB activity 2 (ETA) could be accredited because TAB is certifying manufactures to an EAD exactly as NBs are certifying manufactures to a hEN • Systemic review of ISO/IEC 17021-1: decision is that this standard will not put under revision and maintain without any changes
Issues for discussion by JTC PTC:	• N/A
Details:	• See draft minutes in additional report Andreas

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