

Workshop on EU Framework for Accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies

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Aim of the meeting :

The aim of the workshop is provide a general training on relevant EU accreditation topics to officials involved in the reform of Armenian quality infrastructure as well as officials who will draft a new accreditation law to comply with international and European requirements to accreditation.

The target group comprises participants from the Ministry of Economy, the Accreditation Agency, the National Institute of Metrology and the National Institute of Standardisation.

The workshop is constructed in two parts.

The objective of the first part of the workshop is to make the participants familiar with the European legislative and normative framework, institutions and organisations active within the EU accreditation infrastructure, specific requirements to the operation of a national accreditation body of an EU neighbouring country as well as European arrangements for mutual recognition of accreditation certificates. Two topics are of a particular interest: the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 in the field of accreditation and cooperation opportunities which exist between the European Co-operation for Accreditation (EA) and the accreditation body of Armenia.

The objective of the second part of the workshop is to present international standards used during the accreditation process and how they are applied in the EU. Furthermore, the use of accreditation for the purpose of notification of conformity assessment bodies acting in the scope of the New Approach Directives will be explained.

Day 1 : 15 July 2010

Chair : Mr Norayr Badasyan, Agency of Accreditation

08:45-09:15	<i>Registration</i>
09:15-09:45	Opening and welcome to participants; introduction of lecturers and participants Mr Nerses Yeritsyan - Minister of Economy of Armenia Mr Raul de Luzenberger – Head of EU Delegation to Armenia (tbc)
09:45-10:00	Development objectives for accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in the Republic of Armenia Ms Nune Mkrtchyan – Head of the agency of accreditation of RA
	PART I: EUROPEAN LEGISLATIVE AND NORMATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR ACCREDITATION
10:00-10:20	General Introduction to accreditation and its benefits Mr Harry Gundlach, the Netherlands
10:20-10:50	Regulation (EC) No 765/2008: requirements and implementation, possible impact beyond the EU, in particular on EU Eastern neighbours Dr Kurt Ziegler, DAKKS, Germany
10:50-11:00	Questions and Answers
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30-12:00	European norms and requirements to the operation of accreditation bodies, their correspondence with relevant international standards Ms Irena Vasaitiene, Lithuanian National Accreditation Bureau
12:00-12:15	Questions and Answers
12:15-12:45	Role and mandates of key actors in the accreditation field in the EU Ms Katarzyna Barbara Hatowska, Polish Centre for Accreditation
12:45-13:00	Questions and Answers
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-14:30	Good practices in developing the accreditation infrastructure of South-East Europe Dr Kurt Ziegler, DAKKS, Germany
14:30-14:45	Questions and Answers
14:45-15:15	European Co-operation for Accreditation: aims, members, structure, tasks, activities Ms Anna Zajączkowska, Polish Centre for Accreditation
15:15-15:30	Questions and Answers

15:30-16:00	EA Multi-Lateral Agreement: principles, criteria, peer-evaluation process, correspondence with similar agreements of ILAC and IAF Ms Irena Vasaitiene, Lithuanian National Accreditation Bureau
16:00-16:15	Questions and Answers
16:15-16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30-17:00	EA policy to accreditation bodies from neighbouring countries, requirements and procedures for obtaining membership in EA, opportunities and benefits of such membership Dr Kurt Ziegler, DAKKS, Germany
17:00-17:30	Questions and Answers, Closure of the first day

Day 2 : 16 July 2010

Chair : Mr Norayr Badasyan, Agency of Accreditation

	PART II: INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS USED DURING THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS
08:30-09:20	Accreditation of testing and calibration laboratories according to ISO/IEC 17025 Ms Anna Zajączkowska, Polish Centre for Accreditation
09:20-09:30	Questions and Answers
09:30-10:20	Accreditation of medical laboratories according to ISO 15189 Ms Zinaida Gorina, SIA Akredita, Latvia
10:20-10:30	Questions and Answers
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:00-12:20	Accreditation of product certification bodies according to ISO/IEC 65 Ms Veronika Birutė Budrienė, Lithuanian National Accreditation Bureau
12:20-12:30	Questions and Answers
12:30-13:20	Accreditation of inspection bodies according to ISO/IEC 17020 Ms Irena Vasaitiene, Lithuanian National Accreditation Bureau
13:20-13:30	Questions and Answers
13:30-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>

14:30-15:20	Accreditation of bodies operating certification of persons according to ISO/IEC 17024 Mr Harry Gundlach, the Netherlands
15:20-15:30	Questions and Answers
15:30-16:20	Accreditation of bodies auditing and certifying management systems according to ISO/IEC 17021 Ms Katarzyna Barbara Hatowska, Polish Centre for Accreditation
16:20-16:30	Questions and Answers
16:30-17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:00-17:30	Use of accreditation for the purpose of notification of conformity assessment bodies acting within the scope of New Approach Directives Ms Veronika Birutė Budrienė, Lithuanian National Accreditation Bureau
17:30-18:00	Discussions and final evaluation

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