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Dear EUROLAB members, dear colleagues,

The past year 2025 at EUROLAB was marked by many things whose origins lie in the past, whose effects can be observed in the present, and whose changes will be significant for our future.

EUROLAB was founded 35 years ago, and since then fundamental changes have taken place. Europe has transformed from a landscape that was largely politically divided into a commercial, economic, and political community in many areas. We see this as a fundamental positive change reflected in many aspects of everyday life, such as the reduction of trade barriers, common product standards, a largely used common currency, and unrestricted freedom of movement within Europe.

In particular, the common requirements for products and for free trade ultimately made it necessary to test and guarantee the quality of these products across borders within the framework of agreed common standards. Consequently, the quality infrastructure has changed accordingly over the last 35 years. Accreditation, whether mandatory or voluntary, has become an essential component of the quality infrastructure, just as the use of SI units in metrology was previously. And in addition to the pure testing of products, other types of conformity assessment have moved more into focus, ranging from inspection activities and certification to the accredited production of reference materials and proficiency testing.

An association like EUROLAB must also take these changes into account. While our roots and thus our core competence have always been in the field of laboratories, we must consider the fact that the members of our national member organisations have expanded their activities to include precisely these other conformity assessment activities. From autumn 2024 to summer 2025, a project group within EUROLAB, in which many national members participated, developed an "Evolutionary Strategy," which ultimately resulted in a proposal to update our "AoA - Articles of Association".

Unfortunately, we have realized that some of our national members, despite their participation in this project, subsequently raised concerns, some of which were brought to their attention from external sources and caused by third parties. As a result, we were unable to fully adhere to our original timeline. We have addressed these concerns and undertaken a further revision of the "AoA". In my view, this revised "AoA" can now be agreed at our regular General Assembly in April 2026 in Varna, Bulgaria.

In addition to these internal changes, there was also a kick-off for a change at the European level in 2025 that will directly affect our member organizations and especially our so called "member-members". Work has begun on revising the "NLF - New Legislative Framework" and, consequently, the EU 765/2008 regulation, which is important to us. In early autumn 2025, an initial round of consultations took place, allowing stakeholders to express their views. A second round of consultations,

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conducted through a detailed survey, is currently underway.

What works well in the European accreditation system and what doesn't? In the 15 years since EU-765/2008 came into force, EUROLAB has found that there is no real harmonization of accreditation within Europe. But, the revision of NLF and especially of Regulation 765/2008 presents a significant opportunity to refocus on more efficient accreditation in Europe that can enable a sustainable quality infrastructure and strengthen the European Single Market. Therefore, EUROLAB is ready to support the EU and work together with CABs Associations in Europe and urges the EU to seize this opportunity to modernize the accreditation system by introducing reforms centered on openness, harmonization, and performance.

By permitting cross-border accreditation the CABs have the option to choose the European NAB they consider to be the best fit for their services. In turn, this will incentivize European NABs to focus on their services and prices.

By a coordinated strict harmonization of requirements which is based on the fact that the NABs apply only the internationally recognized ISO/IEC standards but avoid additional conditions which fragment the Single Market, there will be no need for an overall European Accreditation Body.

By establishing a comparative evaluation framework for NAB performance (timelines, service quality, transparency), with results published regularly, this benchmarking of

NABs would offer a transparency which is not given yet.

And finally, by encouraging specialization and cooperation among NABs centers of excellence in specific sectors (e.g. medical, digital, environmental) are generated, enabling some NABs to serve as EU-wide leaders in their fields.

As this non-exhaustive list of internal and external topics demonstrates, there is still much to be done in 2026. This work is carried out by many volunteers from our member associations in our various working groups. My special thanks therefore go to the members and leaders of these working groups: "Accreditation and Standardization," "Digitalization," "Sustainability," and "Publication." Without this work, which is coordinated within the TCQA and supported by the secretariat, EUROLAB could not provide its professional expertise for the benefit of our member associations and ultimately the laboratories and other CABs! My further thanks goes to all of the Board members, the treasurer and the Vice-Presidents but a very thanks goes to the Secretary General Laura Martin for supporting my work as President.

Those who want to make a difference must take action. But alone, we will achieve little. Together, we can achieve more than alone. This applies to our laboratories and other CABs as members of our national associations, to our national members themselves, and to EUROLAB in conjunction with other CAB associations. So, let us continue to act in this spirit in 2026!

# FOREWORD BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Dear Readers,

2025 marked an important year in EUROLAB's history, with the 35th anniversary since its foundation which provided an opportunity to look towards EUROLAB's future while further building sustainable collaborative networks with our stakeholders and working closely with our members in the benefit of the laboratory and conformity assessment sector.

Looking back at the key deliverables of 2025, it is important to highlight that EUROLAB has successfully been involved in various European funded projects on key topics such as food safety, digitalisation, and sustainability. With a wide network of experts, EUROLAB has actively been involved in the drafting and sharing of tangible best practices, case studies and guidance documents for the implementation of smart digital tools and sustainable strategies, very well received by the laboratory community.

Working closely together with research communities,

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academia, industry, and the private sector has enabled EUROLAB to widen its collaborative capacity and enhance its representativeness. 2026 will continue to be an eventful year, with various project proposals upcoming and initiatives such as joint working groups with different partner organisations. A fruitful collaboration has already started with Eurachem, and our new joint working group on digitalisation, which gives both organisations the chance to gather experts around the table and contribute to the applicability of digital practices in labs, while facing the challenges of the fast-paced sector.

Moreover, apart from the technical output, EUROLAB will continue to focus its position on various ongoing legislative package revisions of high importance for the sector, such as the Standardisation Regulation and the New Legislative Framework, through continuous dialogue and engagement at EU level.

Last but not least, our efforts will also be allocated to building the evolutionary horizon of EUROLAB, with various actions and decisions to be made during the upcoming General Assembly in Varna, April 2026.

I would like to take this opportunity to address my appreciation and say thank you to all our members, experts and stakeholders, and to the Board of Directors and Presidency Office, for their continuous support and valuable contributions to our work. I look forward to continuing our cooperation in 2026!

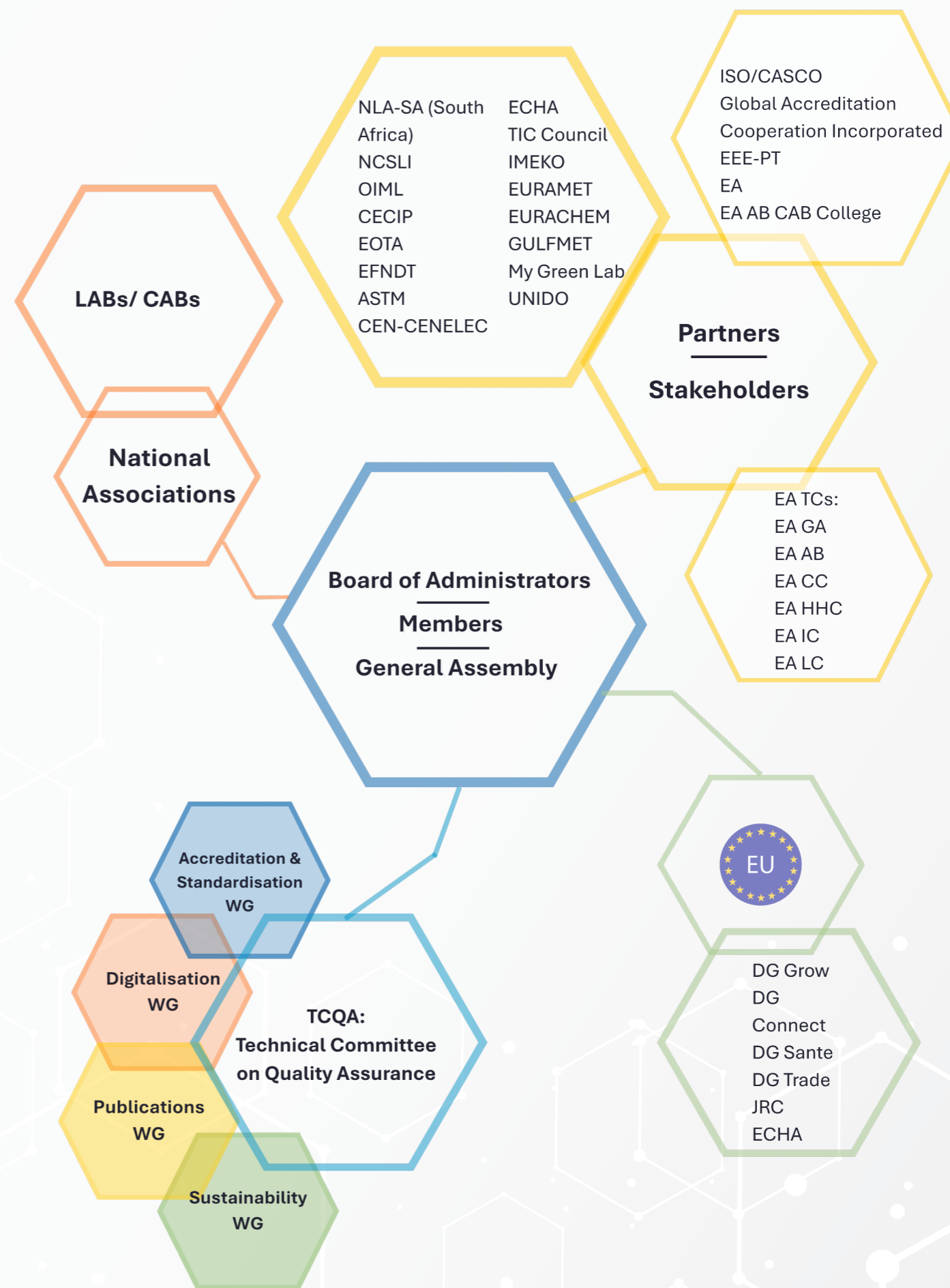
# EUROLAB IN BRIEF

EUROLAB is the European Federation of National Associations, grouping together 26 National Associations of laboratories and other CABs, composed of 19 Active Members, 3 Associated Members, 1 Observer Member and 3 International Affiliates from Europe and beyond.

Thanks to the expertise and experience of the national associations, EUROLAB unites a vast network of laboratories, inspection, certification and notified bodies, more than 5000 conformity assessment bodies, and over 400k technical experts. This strong foundation enables EUROLAB to maintain robust engagement with key stakeholders on a European level, ensuring that the voice of laboratories and conformity assessment is represented. This role underscores the dedication to upholding quality and fostering collaboration across borders, reinforcing the trustworthiness and excellence of European conformity assessment practices worldwide.

EUROLAB is engaged in monitoring and influencing EU policies including those on conformity assessment and accreditation of notified bodies. EUROLAB represents its members' interests in influencing the development of international standards and accreditation rules through its engagement with ISO, ILAC (now Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated), EA, and their constituent working groups.

EUROLAB collaborates with a wide range of European and International stakeholders through memoranda of understanding, joint technical working groups and collaborative projects/activities. Moreover, EUROLAB proudly serves as an Observer Member within the European Quality Infrastructure Network (EQUIN), representing Conformity Assessment, one of the core pillars of the Quality Infrastructure. In this view, EUROLAB has also created a Task Force gathering various other organisations active in conformity assessment to enhance the cooperation and representativeness in the European Quality Infrastructure Network.



# Member Categories

EUROLAB members are divided in four categories, based on different requirements depending on the profile of the applicant. All of them must be constituted under the laws and regulations of their country of origin:

Active members: one legal not-for-profit entity per member of the European Union (EU) or the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), which must have demonstrated its representative character concerning public or private measurement, testing and analytical laboratories within its national community.

Associated members: one legal not-for-profit entity per country from countries eligible for membership to the EU or EFTA, or from a country that is a participating member of the European Neighbourhood Policy, which must have demonstrated its representative character concerning public or private measurement, testing and analytical laboratories within its national community.

Observer members: legal entities, associations, or groups of organisations not eligible for active or associated membership, with an interest in measurement, testing and analytical activities.

International affiliate members: legal entities, associations, or groups of organisations constituted under the laws and regulations of their country of origin that are not eligible for active or associated membership, with an interest in measurement, testing and analytical activities.

## Objectives

Representing the European conformity assessment sector regarding political and technical issues having a direct impact on the European Quality Infrastructure, while contributing to the safety of consumers, businesses competitiveness, to the sustainability of the internal market and harmonisation of accreditation.

Networking and knowledge sharing with key stakeholders having activities of direct impact on the Quality Infrastructure and in the conformity assessment field, thus striving to avoid duplication of efforts and activities, while enforcing the voice of the conformity assessment sector.

Act and contribute whenever needed on key regulatory developments by providing adequate means for sharing of information, experience and technical expertise through the publication of Position Papers, Technical Reports, CookBooks, Seminars, and Technical Working Groups.

Impact

Coordination

Promotion

Action

Representation

# EUROLAB KEY TOPIC: SUSTAINABILITY IN LABS & OTHER CABS

When we talk about sustainability in a laboratory, there are various key challenges and pillars that we have to consider, including the governance, social, and environmental dimensions. Attention to these aspects is one of the main features of the laboratory of the future.

From an environmental aspect, laboratory buildings, processes, and equipment can be resource- and energy-intensive, as safely carrying out high-quality research can require temperature control, ventilation, or high sterility. Life science research frequently relies on high energy use, water consumption, single use plastics, reagents, and solvents. The main question for labs, is how to reduce resource consumption, and decrease their carbon footprint, while keeping the same high standards and quality of testing, and meeting all legislative requirements.

Moreover, looking at the other two key pillars, laboratories have to consider the importance of workflexibility, freedom to innovate, and adaptability to fast moving advancements (social) and the efficient production in open markets rather than administrative burdens, trade barriers, and over-regulation (governance).

In this view, laboratories are already adopting more sustainable and innovative practices, such as minimising waste, recyclability, water and energy efficiency, upgrading systems, enabling good governance and flexible working conditions to improve productivity. However, with the fast pace technological advancements and geopolitical landscape, various challenges have to be overcome.

In 2025, EUROLAB worked on various projects, actions, guidelines and positioning regarding these topics, supporting the laboratory and wider conformity assessment community. The following pages outline some of the key activities already carried out, and we look forward to continuing this work in 2026.



In 2025, EUROLAB partnered with UNIDO, under the UNIDO Global Quality and Standards Programme (GQSP). This joint initiative between UNIDO and Switzerland's State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) seeks to boost national quality infrastructure systems and standards compliance to support sustainable trade, inclusive growth, and SME market access. The GQSP helps industries to become more competitive through strengthened compliance capacity with quality and standards, facilitating market access for SMEs and enhancing their integration into value chains. As part of this partnership, EUROLAB organised various seminars around key topics relating to sustainability.



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### ***Rethinking Sustainability: Ensuring the Long-Term Viability of Laboratories***

The first EUROLAB-UNIDO webinar took place online on 30 September, 2025.

Speakers Annalisa Romiti, Dorina Nati, Caterina Del Buono, Marco Della Giovampaola, and Marija Cundeva-Blajer provided valuable insights on the importance of sustainability as a condition for the viability, competitiveness, and resilience of laboratories. During the interactive presentations, 150 participants were able to learn about how laboratory activities intersect with global sustainability challenges and opportunities. In addition, EUROLAB Secretary General, Laura Martin, presented EUROLAB's activities in supporting laboratories to build sustainable strategies.

### ***What Does a Country Need to Become More Sustainable?***

The second EUROLAB-UNIDO webinar took place online on 29 October, 2025.

Speakers Dorina Nati, Annalisa Romiti, Marco Della Giovampaola, and Marija Cundeva-Blajer discussed the tools needed for the countries targeted in the UNIDO Program to become more sustainable. Experts shared best practices, examples, and regulatory updates from Europe to enable sustainable lab infrastructure development. EUROLAB Secretary General, Laura Martin, provided insights on the global regulatory trends and how they impact sustainability.

### ***Best Practices, Case Studies and Examples of How to Make your Laboratory More Sustainable***

The third EUROLAB-UNIDO webinar took place online on 28 November, 2025.

Speakers Dorina Nati, Annalisa Romiti, and Marija Cundeva-Blajer showcased case studies from laboratories that have successfully implemented sustainable innovations, offering participants a practical roadmap toward greener and more efficient operations. By linking Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) with Good Laboratory Practices (GLPs), the webinar provided participants with a clear, data-driven framework to measure impact and implement meaningful change. Last but not least, EUROLAB Secretary General, Laura Martin, provided insights on EUROLAB's sustainability efforts.

# Key Publications

## ***EUROLAB Position Paper on the Impact and Revision of the New Legislative Framework (Regulation 765/2008)***

EUROLAB published its Position Paper on the *Impact and Revision of the New Legislative Framework (NLF)* on September 29. EUROLAB highlighted the importance of the NLF as a key opportunity to focus on a more efficient European accreditation system to enable a sustainable quality infrastructure and strengthen the European Single Market.

EUROLAB emphasised its willingness to work together with EU representatives and other CAB Associations in Europe to modernise the accreditation system by introducing reforms centered on openness, harmonisation, and performance:

- Openness of the cross-border accreditation
- Strict harmonisation of requirements
- EU benchmarking of NABs
- Encourage specialisation and cooperation among NABs

## ***Technical Report Guidelines for Managing Sustainability in CABs***

EUROLABs *Technical Report Guidelines for managing sustainability in CABs* was published in 2025. This document provides guidance for Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) including testing, inspection and calibration laboratories, certification bodies, and other entities operating within the conformity assessment sector, on how to integrate ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles into operations.

The paper provides amongst others, valuable insights on:

- Strategic orientation for sustainability in CABs
- Environmental reporting of carbon footprint across voluntary frameworks
- Practices that ensure long-term sustainable continuity
- Enhancing operational resilience, stakeholder trust, and long-term competitiveness
- Practical tools, references, and frameworks that CABs may find useful when shaping their own sustainability strategies.

### **eurolab** POSITION PAPER

“Position Paper on the Impact and Revision of the New Legislative Framework (NLF)”

### **eurolab** TECHNICAL REPORT

“Guidelines for Managing Sustainability in CABs”

## Strategic Meeting with Key Stakeholders



### **EUROLAB ASSOTIC Seminar**

On Wednesday, 17 September, EUROLAB and ASSOTIC co-hosted a seminar on “*Certified Reference Materials – Trends, Challenges & Opportunities*” in Turin, Italy. The event was organised alongside the IMEKO Joint Conference TC8-TC11-TC24 and brought together experts and stakeholders to discuss developments in the field of Certified Reference Materials (CRMs).

CRMs were highlighted as playing a critical role in analytical and testing activities by providing standardised and traceable benchmarks that ensured the reliability, accuracy, and consistency of measurement and analytical results. The discussions underscored how laboratories relied on CRMs to strengthen confidence in their data, build trust with clients, and demonstrate compliance with industry and regulatory requirements.

At the same time, the seminar addressed several challenges associated with the production, selection, and use of CRMs. Speakers examined current market and regulatory trends, technical complexities, and the need for greater awareness and harmonisation across sectors. Particular attention was given to emerging demands, quality assurance considerations, and opportunities for innovation within the CRM landscape.

Featuring high-level speakers from across the measurement and laboratory community, the seminar provided a comprehensive overview of the current context, key trends, and critical issues affecting stakeholders. It also fostered constructive dialogue among the different groups involved, encouraging the exchange of best practices and promoting closer collaboration within the community.

### **Eurachem & Eurachem-Romania Scientific Workshop**

On May 26, EUROLAB Secretary General, Laura Martin, attended the Eurachem and Eurachem-Romania scientific workshop, “*Complex Matrices: Applications, Laboratory Standards and Accreditation*” as part of Eurachem Week in Bucharest, Romania.

Laura presented “*EUROLAB – a strategic approach towards the future*” focusing on the EUROLAB Evolutionary Strategy, a milestone in the future development of the Federation in representing European laboratories and other conformity assessment bodies. Other key pillars covered actions undergone by EUROLAB around sustainability, digitalisation, quality infrastructure, cooperation with European institutions and international stakeholders.

The topic of digitalisation was presented in detail by the Digitalisation WG member Edouard Salingros, who delved into the work-streams of the WG focusing on the revision of EUROLAB CookBooks and new training programs, the recently created EUROLAB – Eurachem WG on Digitalisation, the EUROLAB survey on *Daily Pains of Labs* in their digital transformation journey, and many more.



## EUROLAB and Eurachem Webinar

On 19 June, EUROLAB and Eurachem hosted the webinar "How to Validate Measurement Procedures Including Sampling (VaMPIS)."

Speakers covered topics including: Applications of VaMPIS: ex situ determination of nitrate in lettuce, estimation of measurement uncertainty (MU) including sampling, management of the whole measurement process, and more.

The webinar brought together 200 metrology experts, scientists, and lab professionals to learn how to use VaMPIS to improve measurement accuracy. The recording of the webinar is available on the [Eurachem YouTube channel](#)



## 29th GULFMET Council Meetings

On 9 September, as part of the 29th GULFMET Council Meetings, EUROLAB Secretary General, Laura Martin, gave an online presentation regarding EUROLAB's evolutionary strategy, which was introduced to boost EUROLAB's representation to the entire conformity assessment community. She presented the Erasmus+ Project "Lab of The Future: Empowering VET centres and Digital Labs with AI, VR, and Cloud-Integrated LIMS" and the training program that followed.



## International Metrology Conference

Secretary General, Laura Martin, moderated the round-table: "Metrologist: An endangered species?" during the CIM - International Metrology Congress on 14 March.

The round-table addressed challenges as well as opportunities for metrologists, brought by fast-paced technological advancements. High-level experts from academia, industry and laboratories discussed key topics such as metrology and calibration lab experts' profiles in the digital age, transitioning today's metrologists to meet future demands, and the impact of digitalisation on metrologists' work, training and skills required for future metrologists, and many more.



## IMEKO - International Measurement Confederation Council Meetings

EUROLAB Secretary General, Laura Martin, gave an online presentation during the IMEKO - International Measurement Confederation Council Meetings on August 31. She introduced EUROLAB's evolutionary strategy targeting the development of our organisation and enhancing our representation to the entire conformity assessment community.

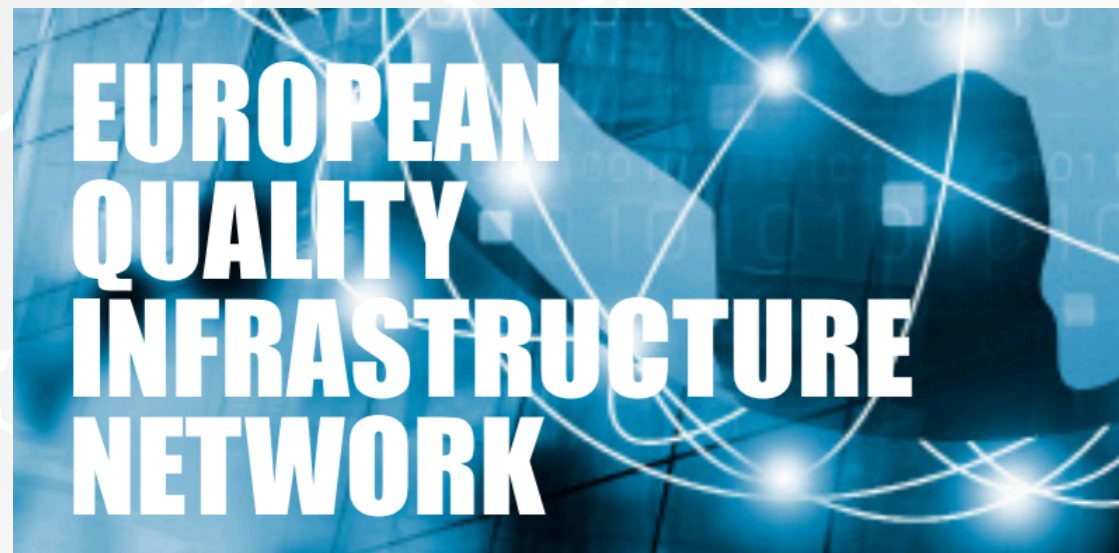


## EUROLAB EQUIN Taskforce

As representative of the Conformity Assessment pillar in the European Quality Infrastructure (QI) Network, EUROLAB created a Task Force gathering various other CABs organisations (EACL, EFNDT, ETICS, IIOA, NoBoMet, TIC Council) in order to have a wide representation of the sector within the Network.

The Taskforce represents a platform to contribute to the work of the EQUIN, discuss and share input whenever possible on the outputs, discussions and actions of the EQUIN, and share new ideas and recommendations on issues that are of key importance and relevance for building a sustainable quality infrastructure in Europe.

Other organisations are welcome to join by emailing [info@eurolab.org](mailto:info@eurolab.org)



## EUROLAB Newsletter

In 2025, EUROLAB published 4 Newsletters, click below to view

[EUROLAB Newsletter No. 1/2025](#)

[EUROLAB Newsletter No. 2/2025](#)

[EUROLAB Newsletter No. 3/2025](#)

[EUROLAB Newsletter No. 4/2025](#)

## ScreenFood Stakeholder's Workshop

The ScreenFood Project, of which EUROLAB is a consortium partner, organised various successful meetings as part of the project development and deliverables in 2025. Amongst which it is important to note the two Stakeholders' Workshop held online in February and July 2025, gathering attendees from different industries including food packaging, national metrology institutes, ScreenFood Project representatives, researchers, laboratory experts, European Institutions, and more.

High-level speakers provided valuable insights on key topics such as enhancing food safety through metrological support, certified reference materials, sustainability methodologies for the determination of hazardous substances in food and food contact materials, and harmonisation of migration test procedures.

With the organization of these workshops, various collaboration opportunities and fruitful discussions took place, with valuable input on the project deliverables from the different experts and stakeholders.

Moreover, ScreenFood Project organized the M18 Meetings on 18-19 November in Ljubljana, kindly hosted by Jozef Stefan Institute, with the participation of all the consortium partners. The meetings focused on the reporting, results, ongoing developments and planning of all the 6 work packages, including:

- WP1: Selection and production of reference materials for MOSH/MOAH and PFAS and test materials in food and food packaging;
- WP2: Development and validation of methods for screening and quantification of contaminants;
- WP3: Screening of food packaging materials for the presence of non-polar contaminants and migration studies of specific substances;
- WP4: Interlaboratory comparisons for validating new analytical methods developed for screening and quantification of contaminants;
- WP5: Creating impact – communications, dissemination & exploitation of project results;
- WP6: Management and coordination;
- Fruitful discussions with experts' feedback on the recent developments and research results were shared during the presentations of the WP leaders.



## EUROLAB General Assembly 2025

The 2025 General Assembly took place on 28 – 29 April, in Copenhagen, kindly hosted by EUROLAB-Denmark.

The events coincided with the celebration of the 35th anniversary of EUROLAB, a milestone in the evolution of the Federation. The key focus of the discussions looked towards EUROLAB's evolutionary strategy which was approved by the General Assembly. The strategy seeks to promote the development of EUROLAB by mirroring the already existing structure of our national members and enhancing our representation of the entire conformity assessment community.

Moreover, during the General Assembly EUROLAB elected the new President and Board of Directors:

President: Andreas Kinzel, EUROLAB-Germany

Vice President: Irache Visiers, EUROLAB-Spain

Vice President : Alexander Šafařík-Pštrosz, EUROLAB-CZ

Treasurer: Pericles Agathonos, HellasLab

Board Members: Álvaro Silva Ribeiro, Relacre; Ewa Bulska, Pollab; Klaus Fuchs EUROLAB-CH; Luc Scholtis, Fenelab; Leif Madsen, EUROLAB-DK; Vincenzo Patti, ASSOTIC

Representative of Associated Members: Ayfer Adıgüzel, TURKLAB

A vote of praise was shared during the General Assembly for Paolo Moscatti, former President, Jean-Luc Laurent, former Treasurer and Ömer Güzel, former Representative of Associated Members, for their commitment and valuable contributions to the development of EUROLAB over the years.

**IN MEMORIAM** Dr. Ömer Güzel will be always remembered for his kindness, friendliness, valuable contributions and dedication to EUROLAB and to the entire conformity assessment sector. Our sincere condolences and thoughts for the family and loved ones.



## EUROLAB Extraordinary General Assembly 2025

Held on 11-12 November 2025 in Zadar, Croatia. The events are kindly hosted by CROLAB. The key focus of the discussions revolved around EUROLAB's evolutionary strategy. The strategy seeks to promote the development of EUROLAB by mirroring the already existing structure of our national members and enhancing our representation of the entire conformity assessment community.

On Nov. 11, the Technical Committee for Quality Assurance (TCQA) met to discuss the strategic plan of the four Working Groups, including the key actions, projects and upcoming priorities around digitalisation, accreditation and standardisation, sustainability and revision of technical documents and CookBooks.



On Nov.12, the Board of Administrators and Extraordinary General Assembly approved the decision to suspend the vote on the revised EUROLAB Articles of Association, until the next General Assembly. This decision was taken in order to give our members sufficient time to resolve any internal challenges resulting from the external pressure they are facing. The Presidency Office, the Secretariat and the EUROLAB Board is available to support the members, with any answers, clarifications and any assistance they may need in solving these internal challenges.

The General Assembly also approved ROLAB's application to become an Active EUROLAB member. We would like to congratulate and give a warm welcome to ROLAB – The Romanian Laboratory Association!

## CROLAB Conference

EUROLAB Secretary General Laura Martin and EUROLAB President, Dr. Andreas Kinzel, gave presentations during the CROLAB 20th international conference "Laboratory Competence 2025," on 13 November, in Zadar, Croatia.

Dr. Andreas Kinzel provided an overview and historical approach of the EU regulatory framework with the focus on the ongoing revision of the New Legislative Framework (NLF) and the EUROLAB Position Paper "On the impact and revision of the New Legislative

*Framework (Regulation 765/2008)."* He highlighted the importance of the openness of cross-border accreditation, specialisation and cooperation among NABs, to achieve harmonised accreditation practices, and create a level playing field for Conformity Assessment Bodies.

Laura Martin shared EUROLAB's recent activities including the list of priorities for the four Working Groups, recent projects and collaborations, including the EUROLAB-UNIDO project and Webinars.



# Collaboration and Key Representation at Events

## Future Labs Live

EUROLAB partnered with Future Labs Live 2025. This world-leading congress took place in Basel, Switzerland on 27- 28 May.

The two day event hosted 3,000+ attendees, 200 speakers, and 100 exhibitors, as well as 40 start-ups. A global event that brought together all aspects of biotech, pharma, chemicals, materials, FMGC, architects and more within the realm of laboratory development and the future of labs. Providing also the opportunity to speak and network with industry leaders



EUROLAB's expert member representing the EUROLAB Digitalisation WG, Kruno Milicevic, engineering professor at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Information Technology in Osijek, Croatia, spoke during the event.

## UNIDO-ISO Seminar

On 11 June, EUROLAB Secretary General, Laura Martin, attended the UNIDO-ISO - International Organisation for Standardisation Joint Seminar on Empowering Developing Countries to Establish Sustainable Laboratory Infrastructure, in Vienna, Austria. Her presentation focused on how EUROLAB supports sustainable laboratory infrastructure in



Europe with various initiatives, including projects, trainings, guidance documents and capacity building.

This fruitful event brought together experts and key stakeholders in laboratory design, development, management and operation to share insights on the challenges, solutions, and good practices for the safety, efficiency, digitalisation and sustainability of laboratory infrastructure.

## EUROLAB AIQI Consortium Membership

In 2025, EUROLAB became a full member of the AIQI Consortium. The AIQI Consortium is a global initiative launched to address digital trust and ethical challenges posed by the rapid development and deployment of AI.

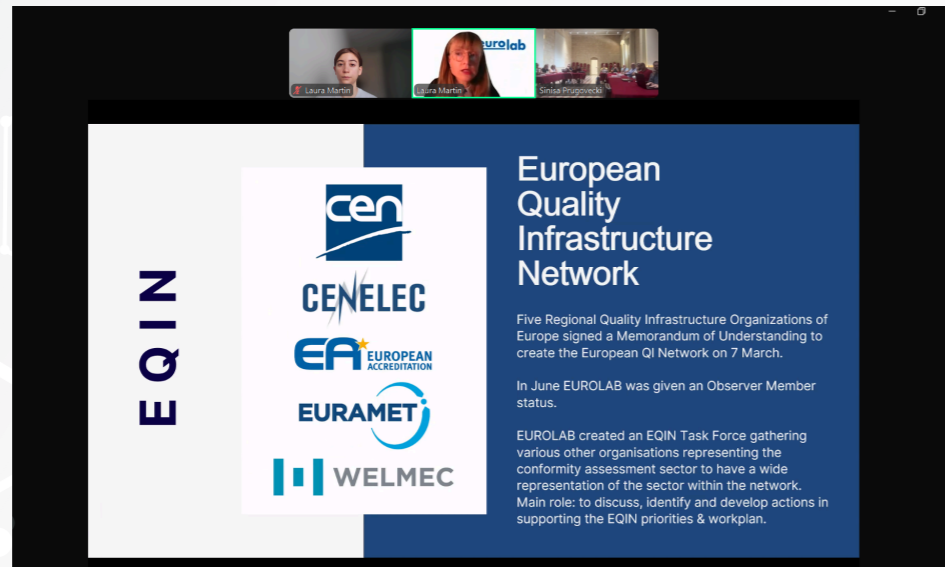
As a member, EUROLAB is able to: engage directly with other experts on the development of AI policies and regulatory frameworks; collaborate with international quality infrastructure leaders, bringing our added value to the discussions; provide input and expertise in designing certification, training, and assurance programmes critical to future AI governance; help shape AI solutions that balance innovation with safety.



## European Centre for Laboratory Excellence Master Class, Valletta

EUROLAB Secretary General, Laura Martin, gave a virtual presentation on EUROLAB's projects and activities during the European Centre for Laboratory Excellence masterclass in Valetta, Malta, on June 5. She shared how EUROLAB supports laboratories by offering platforms for engagement in the Working Groups, guidance documents, legislative advocacy, and trainings, as well as the contributions and importance of the European Quality Infrastructure Network.

The presentation also highlighted the new evolutionary strategy that will enlarge EUROLAB's membership by mirroring the already existing structure of our national members and enhancing our representation of the entire conformity assessment community, opening the direct EUROLAB membership to national associations of testing, inspection, certification, notified bodies, individual CABs, Sectorial Associations and Stakeholders.



## AMG World Lab Facilities Design & Development Summit Europe

EUROLAB partnered with AMG World during the "Lab Facilities Design & Development Summit Europe" that took place on 1 July in London.

As demand grows for innovative lab spaces, collaboration between lab owners, architects, and developers is more critical than ever. That's why EUROLAB was proud to be an official media partner of the *Lab Facilities Design & Development Summit Europe* - the only European event covering the full lab project lifecycle, from concept to completion.

This one-day summit brought together experts across lab R&D, construction, operations, facilities, and real estate to explore how to create more efficient, flexible, and sustainable labs.

The event featured 3 exclusive case studies: Roche's award-winning pRED Centre, UCL's lab expansion, and the University of Glasgow's Research Hub

14+ expert speakers, including:

- Geo Adam, Global Head of pRED Facilities & Infrastructure Projects, Roche
- Magdalena Jaworska, Operations & Lab Services Supervisor, Vertex Pharmaceuticals
- Richard Snell, Director, Global Scientific Services, GSK
- Allison Hunter, Laboratory Resource Efficiency Advisor, Imperial College London
- Interactive roundtables and collaborative sessions with industry leaders
- Live demos of cutting-edge lab equipment, space solutions, and building technologies



# EUROLAB TCQA ACTIVITIES

The Technical Committee on Quality Assurance (TCQA) worked on various topics of the 4 working groups in 2025, regarding the main topics: Sustainability, Publications, Accreditation & Standardisation, and Digitalisation.

## WG Accreditation & Standardisation

The A&S Working Group focuses on strengthening accreditation and standardisation processes to support laboratory and conformity assessment services across Europe. Key priorities include ensuring accreditation for emerging EU legislation; addressing standards revisions and new work items; and enhancing representation and cooperation with national standardisation and accreditation bodies. In 2025, the group focused on the following priorities:

- Support the preparation of the EUROLAB position paper on the revision of NLF, including Regulation 765/2008
- Application of EA 2/17 – accreditation for notification in practice
- Accreditation for new EU legislation (AI, CS, ESG, etc.) where accreditation is required
- Positioning and monitoring EU/EC Technical Specifications (delegated Acts)
- Cooperation on joint comments with other partners for the revision of EA documents/papers, technical specifications, other technical documents for testing/conformity assessment when applicable
- Engagement & representation within European/International Fora:
- Participation & contributions in the EA Technical Committees (EA AB, EA LC, EA CC, EA IC, EA GA)
- Internal cooperation & alignment with other EUROLAB WGs.

## WG Sustainability

The WGS is dedicated to fostering a culture of sustainability within the laboratory sector, ensuring that members are well-prepared for both regulatory changes and the shift toward greener operations.

The group addresses topics such as the implementation of the Omnibus Simplification Package including the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), the management of resources and energy saving, the reduction of the use of hazardous chemicals, the enhancement of the use of recyclable materials, labs waste management, etc.

Key focused topics in 2025:

- Development of guidance documents: Guidelines for managing sustainability in CABs
- Collaboration with UNIDO and joint organisation of 3 webinars, preparation of a brochure dedicated to sustainable labs
- Collaboration with My Green lab and other key stakeholders
- Revision of already existing EUROLAB reports and cookbooks linked to the topics of sustainability
- Contributions and positioning on legislative developments at the EU level.

## WG Digitalisation

The main objective of the EUROLAB WGD is to support laboratories and their associations in meeting the challenges of digital transformation, focusing on “the daily pains” of digital transformation in labs.

In 2025, the WGD continued its work on cookbooks and guides, discussion papers and statements, training courses and webinars to build capacities and skills, share experiences and transfer best practices in the laboratory sector, producing the following through the year:

- Technical Report No. 1/2024 & Webinar: Guidelines for the Management of Digitalised Systems in Laboratories accredited to ISO/IEC 17025
- Survey: Key hurdles and challenges of Digital Transformation in Labs
- Established Joint Working Group on Digitalisation with Eurachem
- Membership in AIQI Consortium
- Establish the EUROLAB AI Mirror Group to address various publications and representation on AI related topics
- Contributions and expertise sharing for the Erasmus+ project: Lab of The Future
- Contribute to the EUROLAB policy developments around key topics such as NLF and Digital Product Passport (DPP).

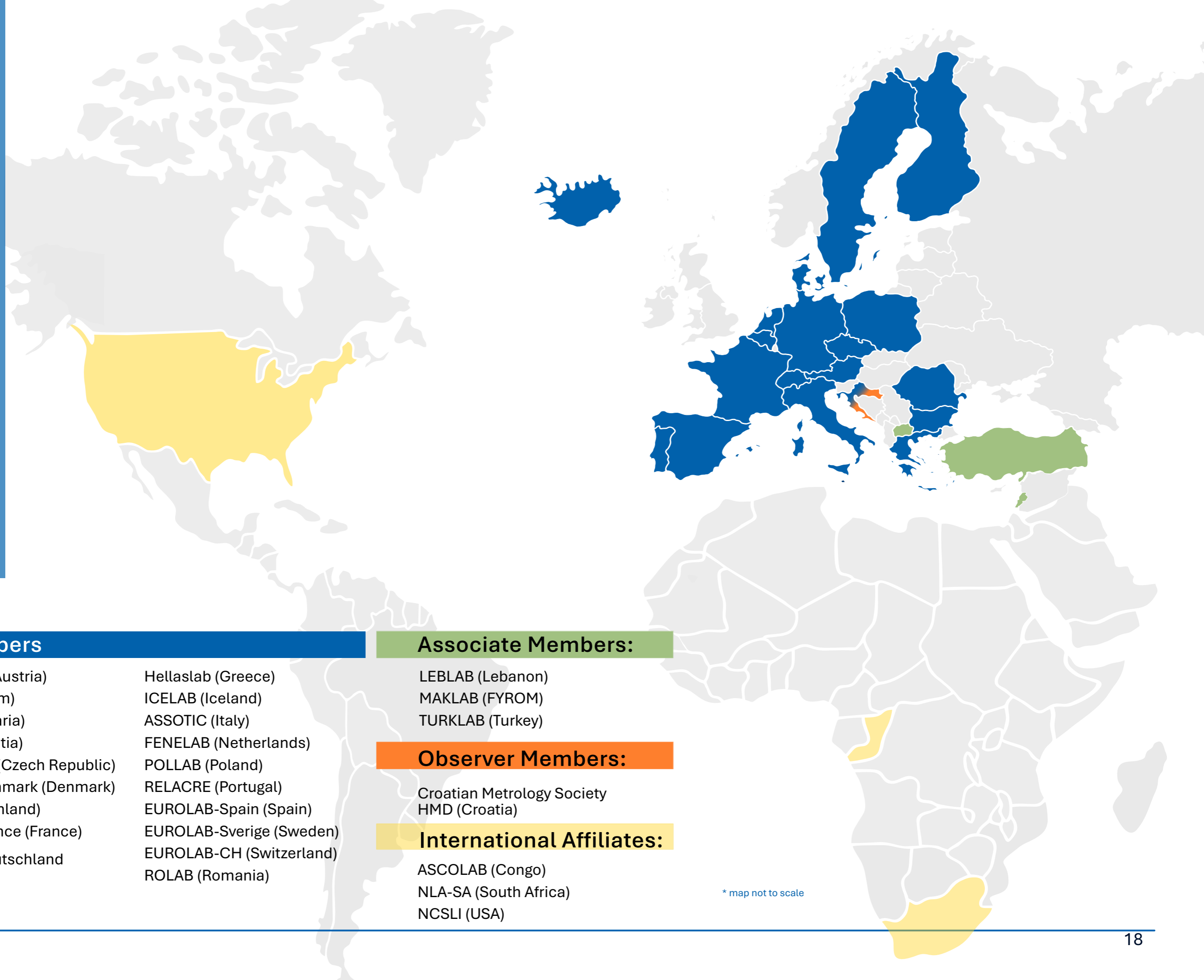
## WG Publications

The WGP aims to support the activities of EUROLAB aisbl regarding the management of its technical and scientific publications, including the processes of creating and reviewing documents according to the internal EUROLAB policy for publications, their public discussion and dissemination, liaison with other working groups, the secretariat and other partner entities, and the planning of actions to maintain and adapt the information made available.

Key focused topics in 2025;

- Development of a guidance document for the revision of the EUROLAB technical documents
- Timeline and strategic alignments in the revision of the EUROLAB CookBooks
- Creation of the EUROLAB Library (add link)
- Alignment and enlargement of scope of EUROLAB technical guidance to cover laboratories and other conformity assessment bodies.

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The EUROLAB General Secretariat provides a platform for EUROLAB members to discuss issues of concern and exchange information and viewpoints. It also acts as a facilitator for members' interests to be heard by the EU institutions. The General Secretariat also supports the Technical Committees, which provide expert input on key legislative or standardisation initiatives, and the different Working Groups. EUROLAB works closely with key stakeholders on common issues in the laboratory community

#### Services provided by the EUROLAB Secretariat:

- Representation in the EU Institutions
- Monitoring selected EU legislation and positioning on key policy developments
- Monitoring of ISO, EA, and Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated and supporting EUROLAB's participation in Technical Working Groups
- Organising meetings / events / trainings
- Publication of quarterly newsletter / position papers / Annual Reports
- Participation in European Projects
- Positioning the sector, engaging & building partnerships with key stakeholders
- Communications & awareness raise
- Support & management of Technical Committees, Working Groups, etc
- Support the drafting of guidance documents, collection of best practices & case studies around key identified priorities

#### EUROLAB priority areas for 2026:

- Regulation Bodies: developments in European legislation on testing, conformity assessment and product safety in the fields:
- ESG, including sustainability, Green Deal, Corporate Social Responsibility
- Food Safety
- Medical Devices
- Energy
- Metrology and Calibration
- Accreditation and Standardisation
- The Lab of the Future developments, including machine learning, digitalisation cybersecurity, robotisation, AI, blockchain, etc
- European Quality Infrastructure

**2025** was a milestone year for EUROLAB, focused on the future development of the organisation, building new partnerships and working on the strategic implementation of key priorities built around the activity pillars:

***REPRESENTATION, IMPACT, COORDINATION and CAPACITY BUILDING.***

EUROLAB looks forward to a successful year ahead, focused on new projects, technical knowledge sharing, policy engagement for further enhancing our added value to the laboratory and conformity assessment community.

EUROLAB is grateful to its President, Dr. Andreas Kinzel, Vice Presidents, Board and all Members for their support and collaboration during 2025. We look forward to continue building a strong EUROLAB foundation with all our members and stakeholders, while continuing our joint efforts in promoting and enhancing the role and importance of the conformity assessment community to the safety and quality of life.

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