EU Cybersecurity Certification Framework

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ABOUT EA

- EA is an **association of national accreditation bodies** in Europe.

- EA's members are officially recognised by their national Governments to assess and verify **conformity assessment bodies (CABs)**.

- **CABs** are organisations that carry out — against international standards — evaluation services such as **certification**, verification, inspection, **testing** and calibration.

- EA is responsible for harmonising accreditation within Europe, with the aim of **reducing barriers to trade** and **protecting health, safety and the environment**.

EA FULL MEMBERS (36)

DPA, Albania

AA, Austria

BELAC, Belgium

BAS, Bulgaria

HAA, Croatia

CYS-CYSAB, Cyprus

CAI, Czech Republic

DANAK, Denmark

EAK, Estonia

FINAS, Finland

COFRAC, France

DAkkS, Germany

ESYD, Greece

NAH, Hungary

ISAC, Iceland

INAB, Ireland

ACCREDIA, Italy

LATAK, Latvia

LA, Lithuania

OLAS, Luxemburg

IARM, Macedonia

NAB-Malta, Malta

ATCG, Montenegro

RvA, Netherlands

NA, Norway

PCA, Poland

IPAC, Portugal

RENAR, Romania

ATS, Serbia

SNAS, Slovakia

SA, Slovenia

ENAC, Spain

SWEDAC, Sweden

SAS, Switzerland

TURKAK, Turkey

UKAS, UK

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EA ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (14)

ALGERAC, Algeria

ARMNAB, Armenia

BSCA, Belarus

BATA, Bosnia & Herzegovina

EGAC, Egypt

GAC, Georgia

ISRAC, Israel

JAS-AU, Jordan

DAK, Kosovo

AZAK, Azerbaijan

SEMAC, Morocco

MOLDAC, Moldova

TUNAC, Tunisia

NAAU, Ukraine

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EA AS THE EUROPEAN ACCREDITATION INFRASTRUCTURE

EA has been **formally appointed** as the body responsible for the European accreditation infrastructure in Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008, Article 14, paragraph 6.

REGULATION (EC) NO 765/2008

- Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 provides a **legal framework** for the provision of accreditation services across Europe.

- The Regulation

  - strengthens EA's role in both **voluntary and regulated sectors**

  - places an **obligation** on EU Member States **to accept results** issued by the conformity assessment bodies accredited by any of the EA MLA signatories

  - strengthens the use of accreditation and the EA MLA as a **basis for notification**

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THE EUROPEAN ACCREDITATION MODEL

- A service of general interest
- Public authority
- Last level of control of conformity assessment
- Voluntary and mandatory fields
- Mandate of the government

- Full compliance with applicable rules
- Accountability to stakeholders
- No predominance of any single interest group
- Non-profit distributing
- No competition

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WHAT IS ACCREDITATION ?

- The **accreditation process** determines the technical competence and integrity of organisations that offer **testing**, examination, verification, inspection, calibration and **certification** services (collectively known as **conformity assessment**).

- Accreditation operates in the **public interest** across all market sectors, providing a **transparent and impartial assessment** of these services against internationally recognised standards and other national or sectoral requirements.

HARMONISED STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION

Testing (EN ISO/IEC 17025)	**Calibration** (EN ISO/IEC 17025)	**Medical Laboratories** (EN ISO 15189)	**Inspection** (EN ISO/IEC 17020)
Certification of products, processes and services (EN ISO/IEC 17065)	**Certification of persons** (EN ISO/IEC 17024)	**Validation and verification** (EN ISO 14065)	**Certification of management systems** (EN ISO/IEC 17021)	**Proficiency Testing Providers** (EN ISO/IEC 17043)

+ additional defined requirements

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EA PEER EVALUATION SYSTEM

- EA and its member accreditation bodies invest significant effort and resource to maintain the integrity and robustness of the EA MLA through a **peer evaluation process**.

- The **on-site evaluation** is conducted by a peer evaluation team entrusted with the task to determine accreditation bodies' **compliance with the requirements** laid down in:

ISO/IEC 17011: internationally accepted standard for accreditation bodies	**Regulation (EC) No 765/2008**	**Relevant standards for conformity assessment bodies** including any additional requirements (e.g. by the EC)

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EA MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT (EA MLA)

- EA Multilateral Agreement (EA MLA) is a **signed agreement** between the EA members

- The signatories **recognise and accept:**
  - **the equivalence of the accreditation systems** operated by the signing members,
  - and the **reliability of the conformity assessment results** provided by conformity assessment bodies accredited by the signing members.

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BENEFITS OF THE EA MLA

- The MLA provides a framework to realise the objective **'Accredited once, accepted everywhere'.**

- The **MLA** creates **confidence** in, and acceptance of, accredited certifications, inspections and test reports

- The MLA **eliminates the need** for suppliers **to be certified in each country** where they sell their products or services

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