

Memorandum of Understanding

between

Eurachem and EUROLAB

- **considering** that EUROLAB, the European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories, was established by an MoU. on April 27, 1990, i.a., to “facilitate the technical co-operation between laboratories and other relevant organisations in order to accelerate the development and harmonisation of test methods and their unified implementation thereafter, as well as to promote the mutual acceptance of test results by development of quality assurance and traceability in testing” as well as the implementation of the ISO/IEC 17000 series, and is registered as an AISBL (Association Internationale Scientifique sans But Lucratif) under Belgian law,
- **considering** that Eurachem, a Focus for analytical chemistry in Europe, was established in November 1989 to provide a forum for European laboratories and other organisations to promote the adoption of common principles of valid analytical measurement and collaboration on the various tasks required to achieve mutual acceptability of test data and to provide a focus for improving quality in analytical measurement,
- **considering** that some laboratories and national organisations are members of both Eurachem and EUROLAB,
- **considering** that Eurachem and EUROLAB have agreed to cooperate, as commenced through the MoU of January 24, 1995 (and later revised on November 12, 2002),
- **with a view** to avoid duplication of activities, to optimise resources and logistics, and to complement each other's efforts,

Eurachem and EUROLAB have agreed to continue co-operation to the effect that:

1. Eurachem and EUROLAB will:
 - inform each other of their activities,
 - discuss topics of common interest,
 - participate in each other's affairs as an observer,
 - where appropriate, undertake collaborative tasks.
2. Regular communication is ensured between the Chairs and Secretariats in order:
 - to organise regular consultation on policy matters between the two organisations,
 - to once a year inform each other about planned activities based on the current strategies for the organisations,
 - to co-ordinate the contents and programming of workshops and seminars, and if relevant and possible join efforts in organizing events,
 - to exchange views and, wherever possible, achieve consensus positions on policy matters of interest to the European laboratory community and its customers, such as the EC R&D programmes, pre-standardisation activities, QA standards for laboratories, accreditation practices etc.,
 - to co-ordinate representation on policy matters with the purpose of raising visibility of the laboratory community in Europe,

- to co-ordinate, where appropriate, participation in other European and international activities (EA, CEN, ILAC, ISO etc.), and to co-ordinate representation on accreditation issues of common concern.
- 3. Eurachem and EUROLAB will invite one another to participate in joint work in working groups of mutual interest (e.g. on development of guidelines) and assist each other in finding suitable experts for dealing with specific tasks.
- 4. Eurachem and EUROLAB encourage liaison at the national level between their respective national members, in order to facilitate the achievement of the aim of this MoU, as stated above, and for improved benefit for the "members' members".
- 5. Eurachem and EUROLAB will ensure adequate information on their respective activities is disseminated to their members, through their publications and other means (such as announcements on the respective websites of the two organisations).

This MoU will not be terminated unless a partner will give a three-month notice to the other.

**Signed by the Chair of Eurachem and the President of EUROLAB
19 October 2021**

Eurachem

Signed:



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Title: Chair, Eurachem

Date: 19 October 2021

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