



**eurolab** aisbl

- EUROLAB aisbl is the **European** Federation of **National Associations** of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories



## EUROLAB in Brief

- EUROLAB – was set up in Brussels on 27 April 1990
- Composed of 23 national associations all over the Europe
- Grouping over 2,000 conformity assessment bodies representing over 100,000 technical experts and laboratory practitioners.

### Global Market Development Prognosis:

The global market for **Testing Laboratories** is forecast to reach **\$77 billion by the year 2017**. (source: *Global Industry Analysts, Inc.*)



## EUROLAB International Structure

### Active members

Austria...	<a href="#">AUSTROLAB</a>
Belgium...	<a href="#">BELAB</a>
Bulgaria...	<a href="#">BULLAB</a>
Croatia...	<a href="#">CROLAB</a>
Cyprus...	<a href="#">CYPRUSLAB</a>
Czech Republic...	<a href="#">EUROLAB-CZ</a>
Denmark...	<a href="#">EUROLAB-Danmark</a>
Finland...	<a href="#">EUROLAB-Finland</a>
France...	<a href="#">EUROLAB-France</a>
Germany...	<a href="#">EUROLAB-Deutschl.</a>
Greece...	<a href="#">HELLASLAB</a>
Iceland...	Icelandic Fisheries Laboratories
Italy...	<a href="#">ALPI</a>
Netherlands...	<a href="#">FENELAB</a>
Poland...	<a href="#">POLLAB</a>
Portugal...	<a href="#">RELACRE</a>
Romania...	<a href="#">EUROLAB-Romania / ROLAB</a>
Spain...	<a href="#">EUROLAB-España</a>
Sweden...	<a href="#">EUROLAB-Sverige</a>
Switzerland...	<a href="#">EUROLAB-CH</a>
UK ...	<a href="#">BMTA</a>

### Associated members

FYROM...[MAKLAB](#)  
Turkey...[Turklab.org](#)

### International affiliates

Lebanon...[IRI](#)  
South Africa...[NLA](#)  
USA... [NCSLI](#)



## EUROLAB General Objective

Promote cost-effective testing, calibration and measurement services, for which the accuracy and quality assurance requirements are adjusted to the actual needs.



## EUROLAB Functions

Underpinning **laboratory and conformity assessment services supporting European technology and trade** which includes:

Representing the views of the European testing laboratory and conformity assessment community to its stakeholders and in international forums

Influencing the political and financial environment

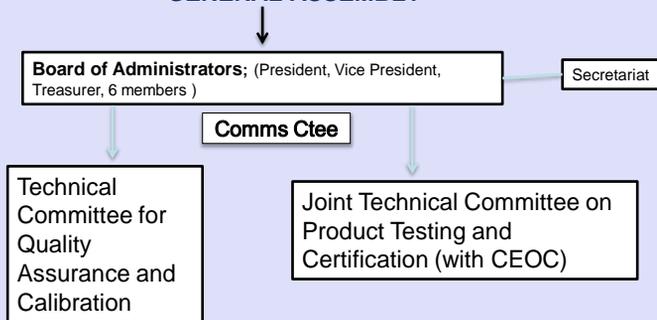
Gathering and sharing market and technical intelligence

Liaising with European and global organisations with common interests



## EUROLAB organisation

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY



## What do they do?

### Board

- Business Plan
- Strategy
- Stakeholder and international relations
- Oversight of committees and representatives

### TCQA

- Cookbooks,
- Technical guidance
- Accreditation standards

### JTCPTC

- Position papers
- Technical policy issues

### Communications Committee

- Newsbriefings
- Annual report
- Website



### Representational activities

EA AB  
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EA HHC  
EA LC  
EA CC  
EA CPC  
  
EEE PT  
CEN TC1  
CEN CCB

ISO CASCO  
ILAC LC  
ILAC GA  
IAF GA  
  
EURAMET  
EURACHEM  
EFNDT  
CEOC  
Nordisk Innovations Centre  
NCLSI  
UILI



### The changing operational environment for laboratories

- Testing laboratories 25 - 30 years ago mainly served domestic (national) markets and customers.
- Many laboratories were owned or operated by national or local governments and were not profit driven.
- Accreditation developing
- In 21<sup>st</sup> Century many labs now in private sector and operate in a highly competitive global market.
- Many multinational customers who seek best value for money and buy testing and analysis services from anywhere in the World which meets their needs.
- Accreditation established on European and global basis



- Regulations requiring testing to be undertaken decided by EU (New Approach directives: a variety of conformity assessment modules, some excluding testing)
- Standards governing testing requirements decided internationally (ISO)
- Laboratory accreditation standards decided internationally (EU regulation, EA; ILAC; IAF)
- The business environment for testing laboratories is largely defined by international agencies, banks etc
- Individual laboratories have little or no direct influence on any of the above factors.



- Laboratories' ability to influence these factors is limited to:
- Discussions with national government/ministry
- Discussions with national accreditation body and standards bodies
- Representations through national trade associations
- Representations through international trade associations (EUROLAB and UILI)

## **So how can EUROLAB Support your National Association and its members?**

- » **Technical guidance (Cookbooks)**
- » **Handbook on safety and health in laboratories**
- » **Policy/ Position Papers (eg on market surveillance)**
- » **Newsletter/ Business Briefing**
- » **Website ([www.eurolab.org](http://www.eurolab.org))**

- **Some achievements in 2013**
  - **Revision of Blue Guide**
  - **Position papers on EU Consumer Product Safety and Market Surveillance Regulation 'package'**
  - **Position paper on medical devices testing**
  - **Input to ILAC p10 on traceability of calibrations**
  - **Inputs to EA technical guidance papers**

## Overall Mission of EUROLAB is:

- To influence the business environment in which your laboratories operate so that they can serve their customers better.
- To raise awareness of the importance of measurement, testing and calibration and its value to the European economy, environment and quality of life.
- To raise the professional standing and status of people working in measurement, testing and calibration laboratories in Europe.

## International Forum for the Laboratory Community



**Thank you for you attention!**