



CEOC in Brief

- ✓ Association of **inspection** and **certification** organisations
- ✓ **24 members** from **17 countries** in Europe
- ✓ Members employing more than **110,000 people**, of which over 62,000 graduate engineers and technicians
- ✓ Members' **revenues of > 9 000 M€**





CEOC in Brief

WHAT WE DO

- ✓ **We aim to promote safety and reduce accidents** through independent conformity assessment.
- ✓ **We represent the common interests of our sector**, as well as those of our members, to the EU institutions and to all European or international organisations and associations dealing with directives, regulations, standards and accreditation.
- ✓ **We keep our members informed of significant matters** (with respect to the above), and establish CEOC International positions for them to follow.
- ✓ **We aim to address concerns related to safety, quality and the environment.**



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CEOC Vision and Mission

Vision

CEOC International wants to be the recognized voice of safety and quality in Europe

Mission

To improve safety and quality through independent testing, inspection and certification services



CEOC International Structure

Committees

- Public Affairs & Communication
- Regional (Brussels Focus Group)
- Temporary Working Groups



Topical Committees

<http://www.ceoc.com/structure.aspx>

- Conformity Assessment
- Inspection
- Energy and Environment
- Machines, Lifts & Cranes
- Non Destructive Testing
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Pressure Equipment
- Joint EUROLAB-CEOC Technical Committee on Product Testing & Certification

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A 3D rendering of a blue and white globe showing the continents of Africa and Europe. A bright yellow hard hat is placed on top of the globe, symbolizing safety and global cooperation.

CEOC International – EUROLAB cooperation



Key dates

1997: first MoU between CEOC and EUROLAB

1999: Joint Technical Committee on Product Testing and Certification (JTC PTC)

2011: EUROLAB and JTC PTC Secretariat moved to Brussels

2012: TCQA Secretariat moved to Brussels

2013: joint CEOC – EUROLAB – IFIA Safety Seminar in Brussels



- **1997: first MoU between CEOC and EUROLAB**
- **Since then continuous renewals**
- **in 2010:**
 - **renewed MoU**
 - **Service Agreement**
(CEOC to host the General Secretariat)



Main aims:

- To **inform** each other of activities.
- To **co-ordinate** the content and programming of workshops and seminars;
- To **exchange views** and, wherever possible, achieve consensus positions on policy matters of interest to the members of both organisations, such as the EC R&D programmes, pre-and-co-normative and accreditation activities, QA standards for laboratories, etc.
- To **co-ordinate**, where appropriate, **participation** in other European and international activities (CEN, EA, ISO, IAF, ILAC, etc.);
- To **co-ordinate activities and positions** on matters involving the interaction of testing, inspection and certification.
- To **take part in appropriate technical committees** concerned with horizontal issues at the European level,
- To **operate jointly a Technical Committee** on Product Testing and Certification (JTC PTC)
- To **encourage liaison** at the national level between their respective national members,






- Established in 1999
- Jointly chaired by CEOC and EUROLAB
- 36 meetings
- Regular attendance of 15 – 20 people
- Now also participation of IFIA and EEPKA representatives



Main topics:




- EU policies
- Accreditation affairs: EA, ILAC, IAF
- Standardisation affairs: CEN, ISO
- Example: Revision of the Blue Guide
 - 5 joint working groups with 40 volunteers prepared via online and telephone conferencing the joint CEOC – EUROLAB comments for the revision of the Blue Guide







Joint Position Papers

(examples)








CEOC International, IFIA and EUROLAB Position on Product Safety and Market Surveillance Package adopted by European Commission on 13th February 2013






28-06-2007

**Position Paper on the
“Proposed Regulation setting out the
Requirements for Accreditation and
Market Surveillance relating to the
Marketing of Products” (COM(2007) 37
final)**




CEOC International, IFIA and EUROLAB
Position Paper
European Parliament seeks to enhance product safety in Europe

EL-CEOC/IA/2006-2final

**Comments on the EU Commission’s Working Documents on
the Review of the New Approach
25 July 2006**

The below comments relate to the following draft documents:
 – CERTIF 2006-4 (29-06-2006) : Elements for possible articles for a horizontal legislative approach to harmonisation of legislation on products – (SOGS

CEOC International, EUROLAB and IFIA
POSITION PAPER
On the proposal for a regulation on medical devices (COM 2012/542)



Joint events

CEOC International – EUROLAB – IFIA Safety Seminar

Safer Products and Industrial Installations in a Globalising World.

WHEN? 27th November 2013

WHERE? Residence Palace, Brussels

WHO? Neven Mimica (European Commissioner for Consumer Policy), **Malcolm Harbour** (IMCO Committee Chairman, European Parliament), representatives from **industry and consumer organisations**, and representatives from the **TIC sector**





**Joint promotion of the safety
of European societies and its
citizens.**





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Thank you for your attention!