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Dear EUROLAB members,

Please find below the fourth EUROLAB newsbriefing of 2020 with information regarding the actions carried out by EUROLAB, and relevant developments to the Laboratory Community.

The year 2020 is marked by the extraordinary circumstances associated with the pandemic that profoundly changed life in society and the organization of professional activities. The economic and social impact was overwhelming, accelerating the digital transition process that was expected to happen.

It is hoped that in 2021 the impact of global vaccination will bring some stability to the "new normal", and it is imperative to leave a strong word of appreciation at this moment to all professionals in the frontline activities who, taking risks, allowed some protection to communities where we all belong.

This year, EUROLAB aisbl adapted to this new reality and, throughout the year, promoted initiatives to support the laboratory community, developing a webinar dedicated to the laboratory of the future, following the transition from the application of the ISO / IEC 17025 standard, which ends in June 2021, holding several TCQA meetings online, cooperating with ISO and with the European Commission, namely, in the revision of the Blue Guide, among other actions that show the dynamics that have been maintained. Some projects were postponed, with emphasis on the celebration of EUROLAB's 30th anniversary, which is intended to be implemented next year.

In 2021, EUROLAB aisbl expects to enter a new chapter of its existence, where it is hoped to take advantage of the new digital world to more actively and effectively promote network cooperation with its members and laboratories, as well as with stakeholders, following the major global themes that will mark the next decade (namely, the European Green Deal, Industry 4.0, DigitalSingleMarket, cybersecurity, AI, communication 5G and the IoT). In this broad context it is considered that the laboratory community is a key player assuring the implementation of conformity assessment for the safety and quality of products and services. In the global world, measurement and testing, together with accreditation, contribute decisively to the enhancement of international trade.

Looking forward to increase co-operation with you, aiming to achieve the highest purpose of promoting the laboratories contribution to the improvement of safety and quality of life.

I wish to all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season, merry Christmas and happy new year, may you realize all your best dreams and wishes.

Keep safe!

Álvaro Silva Ribeiro
EUROLAB President



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National Members News

ALPI

- ALPI presents the EUROLAB position paper on AI in conformity assessment at the ACCREDIA 2020 National Congress



The National Congress of ACCREDIA - the Italian accreditation body, held online on 12, 19 and 20 October 2020, was an important opportunity for updating the accredited Italian test laboratories.

The remote inspections for accreditation during the Covid-19 emergency, the transition to the ISO/IEC 17025:2017 standard, the harmonization of the European accreditation bodies, were some the main topics of the congress.

Among the speakers, Dr. Paolo Moscatti - ALPI President and EUROLAB Vice President - who illustrated the [EUROLAB Position Paper](#) on the application of Artificial Intelligence in Conformity Assessment activities.

His speech about the opportunities that AI provide to perform reliable conformity assessments was much appreciated by the audience: *"We strongly recommend to create a new European standardization body in order to set up standards applicable to AI procedures and processes - suggested Dr. Paolo Moscatti. In fact, AI can be applied to processes, products and services evaluated by a laboratory, which in turn can apply artificial intelligence algorithms. Also, as classical instruments, the tools based on artificial intelligence will also have to be calibrated"*. The idea is to create an Infrastructure for Digital Quality, ex-



tending the Infrastructure for European Quality.

Find the ALPI presentation [here](#). All presentations of the congress can be found [here](#).

ALPI will continue to remark the role that AI can play in conformity assessment in the next webinars organized by the association and in the most important Italian contexts dedicated to laboratories.

- The merger of MTIC INTERCERT S.r.l & INTERCERT Italia S.r.l.

After many years of successful cooperation between MTIC INTERCERT S.r.l & INTERCERT Italia S.r.l. under the umbrella of MTIC Group, Rho (MI) and Reggio Emilia (RE) offices have finally merged into a single structure, which has opened a new era for MTIC INTERCERT S.r.l.

This union was strongly intended with the objective of renewing and developing activities in the fields of Management System, Testing, Inspection and Certification, and with the intention to unite two increasingly complementary companies under a single Management.

The fifty years of experience of MTIC InterCert S.r.l. in the Testing, Inspection and Certification sectors merges with the dynamism and know-how of INTERCERT Italia S.r.l., to create a new structure to manage the new market challenges with professionalism, competence, and efficiency.

Through the Management strategy, the new MTIC INTERCERT S.r.l. will significantly expand its portfolio, to provide its customers with increasingly integrated and industry-specific services.

To combine the Accreditations under the MTIC InterCert S.r.l. umbrella with the several Notifications with the number CE 0068, will raise all services to a higher national and international level, thereby providing a new image on the market.

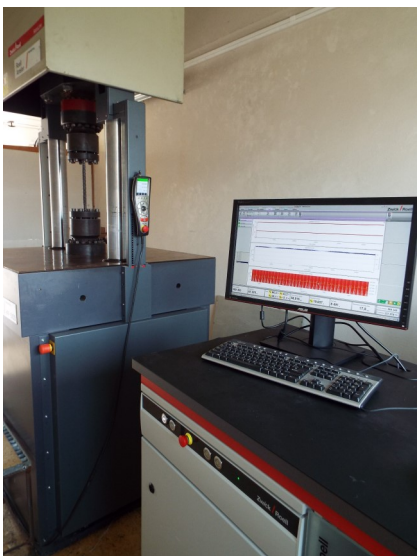
All are invited to visit our homepage (www.mtic-group.org) to reach more information or submit your inquiries to info@mtic-group.org.

- Cyclic Fatigue Testing - High Frequency Pulsator

The Technical and Test Institute for Construction Prague, SOE, a member of EUROLAB-CZ, is now improving services in the field of cyclic fatigue testing. Their modernized high-frequency pulsator is designed for high-cycle fatigue tests of steel for the reinforcement of concrete and prestressing steels (strands, bars, wires).

The tests performed on this fatigue testing machine correspond to the requirements of EN ISO 15630-1 and EN ISO 15630-2 for the fatigue tests of steel for the reinforcement of concrete and EN ISO 15630-3 for the fatigue test of prestressing steels.

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ment of a new branch of activity, specially for the safety and reliability of the aerospace sector.

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the national aviation authorities recognize the role that these committees have, namely, providing the capacity building and training recognition carried out through qualification examinations of personnel working within the scope of Non-Destructive Testing. CANEND is the Portuguese representative at the European aerospace sector forum of the European Federation for Non-Destructive Testing (EFNDT).



RELACRE develops a cooperation with ANAI

RELACRE is developing its networking with stakeholders of activities related with laboratories. With this purpose, a new institutional cooperation was signed on October 21, 2020, with ANAI – Associação Nacional de Avaliadores Imobiliários (National Association Property Valuers). This cooperation has a particular focus on training and events, namely, related to Properties Valuation, Civil Engineering, Construction Industry and Built Heritage.



RELACRE

RELACRE officially hosts CANEND since December 15, after the signature of the cooperation protocol during the General Assembly



CANEND is the National Aerospace Committee for Non-Destructive Testing, that supports the industry and regulatory bodies in the aerospace sector with regard to the implementation and supervision of Standard EN 4179, for the qualification and approval of personnel working within the scope of Non-Testing. Destructive. This joint committee is an important milestone in RELACRE's history, which will allow the develop-

TURKLAB

- TURKLAB Environment Committee Visits the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Urbanization



On 29/09/2020, TURKLAB's Environment Committee representatives visited the Turkish Ministry of Environment and Urbanization. Among the TURKLAB officials who attended the meeting were the Environment Committee presidents Birkan İSKAN and Murat HACIÖMEROĞLU, as well as TURKLAB's committee members Arzu BALLIKAYA, Erkan KARAHASANOĞLU, Özlem ATILGAN and Tugay TEKİN. The Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, on the other hand, was represented by EIA, Permit and Inspection General Manager Mr. Mehrali ECER, Deputy General Manager Mr. Haluk Şahin YAZGI and Head of the Laboratory, Measurement and Monitoring Department Mr. Soner OLGUN.



TURKLAB's environment committee outlined the requests made by members and mentioned the main problems facing the sector, communicating the issues that need to be resolved to the ministry officials.

During the meeting, the two parties exchanged views on issues such as the need for a significant increase in the minimum price list; the urgent planning of Ministry training courses required by the sector; the work to be done regarding the measurements and analyses not notified to the MELBES system; and the need to eliminate deficiencies in the MELBES system while continuously improving it.

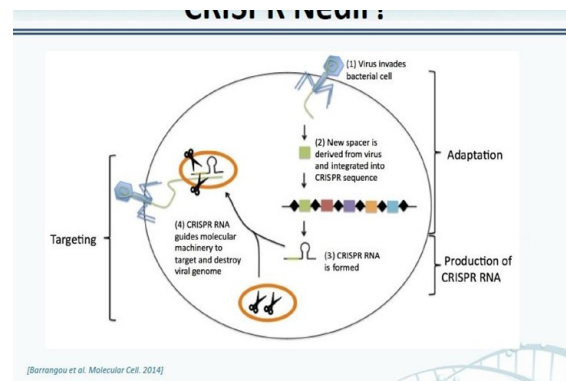
The meeting concluded with the following resolutions: the minimum price list will be properly increased through a parameter-based study by continuing to exchange views using the draft study prepared by our committee on the said list; the infrastructure for the distance education program will be established quickly, as required by the pandemic, and the training courses will be

planned to start within the determined program on November 1, 2020 at the latest. A comprehensive and well-attended workshop will also be held in spring for the MELBES system in accordance with possible pandemic measures. Moreover, the Ministry officials emphasized the importance of communicating problems in the sector through the association and developing solutions accordingly.



- TURKLAB Technical Seminar, "Use of CRISPR Genome Editing Technology in Next Generation Diagnosis; Health, Environment and Food Safety"

During the TURKLAB Technical Seminar Series held on November 19, 2020, Dr. Can Altunbulaklı from Sentromer DNA Technologies spoke at a highly attended webinar in which CRISPR gene editing technology was explained. Studies conducted using the CRISPR method, the method for which the 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded, provided information about experimental design, guide RNA design and mechanisms and materials used, as well as offering examples from areas related to health, food safety, agriculture, environment and energy production.



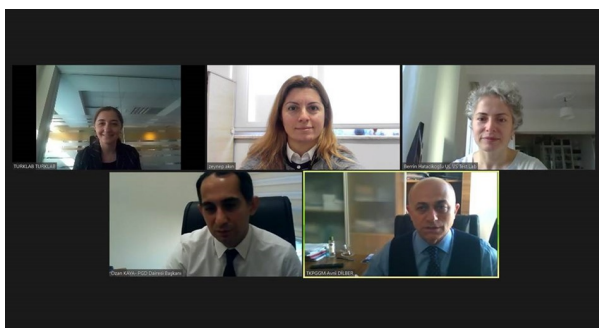
- **A Meeting with the Market Surveillance Directorate General of the Turkish Ministry of Trade**

After the reassignment in the Turkish Ministry of Trade's Consumer Protection and Market Surveillance Directorate General, the TURKLAB Consumer Products Laboratories Committee held an online meeting on November 24, 2020 with Avni DİLBER, Deputy General Manager responsible for Market Surveillance and Inspection, and Ozan KAYA, Head of the Market Surveillance and Inspection Department. Neslihan Sözer, Berrin Hacıkoğlu and Zeynep Akin attended the meeting on behalf of the Consumer Products Laboratories Committee.

Through this acquaintance meeting, TURKLAB activities, the TURKLAB Academy and the TURKLAB Consumer Products Laboratories Committee were introduced, and information was given about the members of the committee and its targets. The representatives underlined our committee's support thus far in helping the Ministry of Trade with topics such as sector requirements and international directives/regulations, as well as giving our input on the new communiqués to be issued. The parties also discussed what could be done to further increase cooperation.

- **TURKLAB Technical Seminar, "Quality Assurance in Microbiology Laboratories"**

On November 26, 2020, TURKLAB's Technical Seminar titled "Quality Assurance in Microbiology Laboratories" was held by Prof. Emrah Torlak, under the sponsorship of Kemiteks. In the seminar, information was provided about the basic conditions that should be ensured in microbiology laboratories where food and water analyses are the main experiments carried out. Furthermore, information about method validation and measurement uncertainty was issued. The seminar had a great deal of engagement and successfully concluded with a question and answer session with the participants.



TIC Market Trends

Business Developments

- ALS has partnered with the advanced online oil condition monitoring (OCM) provider Poseidon Systems. [Read more.](#)
- AmSpec has expanded Inspection & Testing Services in Huelva, Spain. [Read more.](#)
- AmSpec has announced the opening of its new branch and laboratory in Las Palmas, Spain. [Read more.](#)
- Apave and Sercel have launched AP'Structure, an SHM (Structural Health Monitoring) solution with which operators can monitor the integrity of entire buildings and infrastructure in real time. [Read more.](#)
- Baltic Control A/S has been approved by the Malaysian authorities represented by SIRIM QAS International to perform mandatory pre-shipment inspections of paper and metal waste to Malaysia. [Read more.](#)
- Bureau Veritas has received the Grand Prize at 2020 Transparency Awards in the 'CAC LARGE 60' category and has been ranked second in the Top 20 most transparent companies. [Read more.](#)
- Bureau Veritas Group has been rated at "low risk" of experiencing material financial impacts from ESG factors. It ranks number 2, ahead of its peers and among the 63 companies of its market segment (Research and Consulting). [Read more.](#)
- Bureau Veritas has been ranked in the top 500 companies in the list of "World's Best Employers 2020" published by Forbes on October, 15. [Read more.](#)
- Bureau Veritas has been ranked among the Financial Times' 2021 Diversity Leaders. [Read more.](#)
- Bureau Veritas has been named the most responsible company in the Professional Services industry category of the 2020 Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Corporate Sustainability Assessment rankings. [Read more.](#)
- Bureau Veritas has unveiled a complete portfolio of services dedicated to Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS), covering the full lifecycle - from design, construction and commissioning to operations. [Read more.](#)
- Bureau Veritas has partnered with ENBW for offshore wind farm project certification. [Read more.](#)
- Control Union, along with Peterson, have announced that they have received an award of Royal Designation by Dutch Monarch, King Willem-Alexander, to mark the company celebrating 100 years of business. [Read more.](#)
- Cotecna has announced a new service partnership with Rice Exchange. Cotecna will now be available to provide inspection services to Rice Exchange customers in relation to rice trades undertaken on the platform. [Read more.](#)
- Cotecna has launched new Saudi Arabia website with live chat support. [Read more.](#)
- DEKRA has announced the development of a joint venture with Zhejiang Intelligent Connected Vehicle Innovation Center in Deqing in Eastern China, in order to extend its global testing network for automated and connected driving. [Read more.](#)
- DEKRA has announced its partnership with Saudi Binladin Group in order to enhance its capabilities in safety performance. [Read more.](#)
- DEKRA has become the first laboratory in the world authorized for both device testing and security assessment programs for Alexa Voice Service (AVS) to meet the Alexa Built-in requirements earlier this year. [Read more.](#)

- **Element Materials Technology** (Element) has completed the formal rebranding of two of its acquired German businesses – product testing company EMV Testhaus, and materials testing company vohtec Qualitätssicherung (vohtec). [Read more.](#)
- **Element Materials Technology** (Element) have signed a framework agreement with Saab AB, to deliver calibration and materials expertise and testing services over the next six years, with a six-year extension option. [Read more.](#)
- **Element Materials Technology** (Element) has increased its aerospace testing capabilities in pneumatics, dynamics, projectile impact and hot fuel testing at its Jupiter, Florida laboratory. [Read more.](#)
- **Element Materials Technology** have increased its ISO 17025 scope for coatings testing at its Amsterdam, Netherlands laboratory. [Read more.](#)
- **Eurofins** has announced that the resolution proposing a ten-for-one stock split has been passed by the requisite majority during an Extraordinary General Meeting. [Read more.](#)
- **Eurofins** has launched SARS-CoV-2 test kits for the widely available Sanger sequencing equipment. [Read more.](#)
- **HQTS India Company** has recently performed its first virtual audit in the face of logistical challenges presented by Covid-19. [Read more.](#)
- **HQTS Group** has took part in the first Quality Day Salon, hosted by Toyota Material Handling (Toyota Forklifts) in China. [Read more.](#)
- **Intertek** has renewed its contract with The Government of Gabon for its Programme Gabonais d’Evaluation de la Conformité (PROGEC) for exports to Gabon. [Read more.](#)
- **Intertek** has been awarded a contract by The National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) for Egypt to provide Certification services for its Consignment Certification Programme for Food and Food Contact Materials. [Read more.](#)
- **Intertek** has been awarded the IAOB 2020 Certification Body of the Year award by the International Automotive Oversight Bureau. [Read more.](#)
- **Intertek Cristal** has announced their support for the Government of Cabo Verde in the implementation of standard operating procedures of hygiene practices for several regional medical facilities with POSI-Check. [Read more.](#)
- **Intertek** has been contracted by the National Monuments Service (NMS) of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in Ireland, to undertake an environmental assessment of the draft Skellig Michael World Heritage Site Management Plan 2020-2030. [Read more.](#)
- **Kiwa Finland** has created a new European Hot Work Certificate competence training for the international market. It combines online learning, virtual reality and all administration. [Read more.](#)
- **Kiwa and Green Energy Park in Morocco** have signed an agreement for a cooperation allowing Green Energy Park to perform as a Kiwa-appointed external lab for testing and certification of Photovoltaic Modules, inverters and batteries. [Read more.](#)
- **Kiwa** has announced that it has become part of the EU Clean Hydrogen Alliance. [Read more.](#)
- **RINA** has developed a new thermal prognostic system for cable joints based on a machine learning algorithm. [Read more.](#)
- **RINA** has certified the first company in Greece for remote inspections techniques through the use of drones. [Read more.](#)
- **RINA** has announced further support and efforts towards the European Technology and Innovation Platform on Renewable Heating & Cooling (RHC-ETIP). [Read more.](#)
- **RINA** has announced that its project EVERYWH2ERE Innovation has been awarded “Best Outreach Award” for its public engagement by FCH JU Programme Office. [Read more.](#)

- SGS has completed its COVID-19 precaution assessment system evaluation for Emirates Flight Catering. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has certified the Museum of Cycladic Art for its cleaning and disinfection procedures against COVID-19. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has announced its new accreditation in Brazil to provide energy efficiency product certification to two Latin American countries, Ecuador and Costa Rica. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has gained the IECEE Test Laboratory Qualification within the Certification Body scheme, enabling the testing and certification of electronic furniture against IEC 60335-2-116:2019 standards. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has expanded its Biosafety Center of Excellence in Glasgow - boosting its capacity to support scientists and manufacturers in the development and delivery of effective vaccines, cell and gene therapies and other biological medicines. [Read more.](#)
- SGS and Graz University of Technology (TU Graz) have announced the opening of Lamarr Security Research, a non-profit research center focusing on information security and establishing trust in digital systems and products. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has decided to move its Clinical Pharmacology Unit (CPU) to a new location in 2021, increasing its capacity to conduct Human Challenge studies. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has signed a contract with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) of the Central African Republic (CAR) on the implementation of the Pre-Verification of Conformity of Imported Goods to CAR, starting March 2021. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has awarded the Athens Medical Group with the SGS Disinfection Monitored Cleaning Checked Mark, the first medical group in Greece to receive this certification. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has approved for the ALLSAFE label three Accor hotels in Athens - Athens Capital Hotel-MGallery Collection, Sofitel Athens Airport and Novotel Athènes - in recognition of their implementation of Accor Group's international health protocols. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has been approved by Egypt's National Food and Safety Authority (NFSA) to carry out inspections and issue Certificates of Inspection (CoI) for imports of food and food contact materials to the country. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has announced the renewal of its execution mandate for the "Programme de L'Evaluation de la Conformité Avant Embarquement (PECAE) des Marchandises Importées en République du Cameroun". [Read more.](#)
- SGS has been officially endorsed to act as an Independent Safety Assessment body (ISA) by the Mexican Accreditation Body (EMA - Entidad Mexicana de Acreditación). [Read more.](#)
- SZU is continuing working on its new testing facility for heat and cooling technology, Completion is planned for the end of 2020. [Read more.](#)
- SZU has announced its offering of new tests of industrial pumps at the laboratory of Centrum Hydraulického Výzkumu in Lutín. [Read more.](#)
- TÜV Austria has certified the technology of Kaspersky according to the international standard IEC 62443-4-1. [Read more.](#)
- TÜV Rheinland has announced that it has been granted a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for NOM-001-SCFI-2018 (safety testing) by Mexico's Dirección General de Normas (DGN). [Read more.](#)
- TÜV Rheinland has started offering remote audits worldwide for all common management system standards in conjunction with its accreditation rules. [Read more.](#)
- TÜV Rheinland has become a Notified Body for the EU Regulation on In Vitro Diagnostics (IVDR) 2017/746. [Read more.](#)

- TÜV SÜD has recently installed additional battery cycling equipment at its Michigan environmental test lab. [Read more.](#)
- TÜV SÜD has opened its new Centre for Mobility and Powertrains at Heimsheim, near Stuttgart. The new emissions testing laboratory is the largest independent laboratory of its kind in Europe. [Read more.](#)
- UL has launched the UL 9540A database to recognize manufacturers who have completed testing for their energy storage systems. [Read more.](#)
- UL has unveiled a new testing facility in India to support growing solar PV industry. [Read more.](#)
- UL has launched a fiber optics testing and research laboratory in Abu Dhabi. [Read more.](#)
- UL has been accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) as a Certification Body for household appliances in India. [Read more.](#)
- UL has joined the International Society of Automation (ISA) Global Cybersecurity Alliance (ISAGCA) as a founding member. [Read more.](#)
- UL has announced a modeling and simulation-based service that supports the certification process. [Read more.](#)
- UL International (Netherlands) B.V. has recently achieved System 1+ Notified Body status for Product Area 31 (Power, Control and Communication Cable) of the EU's Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011. [Read more.](#)
- UL has announced the opening of a large-scale electric vehicle (EV) battery laboratory to support the growing EV market, located in Changzhou, China. [Read more.](#)
- UL has completed their first remote-witnessed testing program in the Middle East region, certifying vertical turbine fire pumps in Saudi Arabia. [Read more.](#)
- UL has announced the expansion of its Frankfurt - Neu - Isenburg facility for testing and certification of new electric vehicle (EV) charging. [Read more.](#)

Personnel Developments

- DNV GL has appointed Mr. Jon Fredrik Baksaas as its new Chair of the Board. [Read more.](#)

Mergers and Acquisition

- APAVE has announced the acquisition of 90% of the Spanish company Eurocontrol. [Read more.](#)
- Applus+ has agreed to acquire the entire share capital of a vehicle inspection group in Sweden, Besikta Bilprovning i Sverige Holding AB (Besikta), from Volati AB. [Read more.](#)
- DEKRA has announced the merger of their UK Process Safety and Organisational Reliability businesses. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has announced the acquisition of Engineering Control Limited (ECL) headquartered in New Zealand. [Read more.](#)
- SGS has announced the acquisition of SYNLAB Analytics & Services (A&S), a European environmental, food testing and tribology services company. [Read more.](#)
- SOCOTEC Groups has announced the acquisition of Cementys, a group that specializes in infrastructure monitoring. [Read more.](#)

Accreditation and Standardisation

Accreditation

IAF/ILAC

- Registration is now open for upcoming IAF and ILAC meetings. More information [here](#).

IAF

- IAF held the Technical Committee meeting on October 30, 2020 as a four hour Zoom meeting. It had approximately about 262 attendees. The majority of the discussion reviewed action items and WG/TF reports. No discussion took place concerning the IAL/ILAC merger. It may be discussed in detail during the IAF General Assembly; during the ILAC GA, information was presented but there was no discussion. Of particular interest are the following two items.
 - ⇒ Creation of new Working Group on ISO/IEC 17011. Currently IAF has 27 mandatory documents. 12 of those are specific to the application of 17011. ILAC also has several documents. It is recognized there is no coordinating committee or joint approach between IAF and ILAC on this particular issue. The JWG-A series was not considered to be addressing the issues the IAF TC may want to. There was general support for the creation of this WG, but first Terms of Reference need to be agreed to and they should be very focused on IAF-specific issues. Norman Brunner from Austria and Leopoldo Cortez from Portugal opposed the proposal.
 - ⇒ [MD 17: Witnessing Activities for the Accreditation of Management Systems Certification Bodies](#) will be reviewed. This is partially caused by the impact of Covid-19. The revisions, reportedly, should focus on potentially reducing witnessing or providing tighter parameters. While this is for MS, TICC needs to monitor due to the trickle-down effect in the IAF to tag-on Products and Personnel.
- IAF held its 34th General Assembly on November 5, 2020 as a four hour Zoom meeting. About 270 participants joined. The 2021 joint Annual Meetings are scheduled for October 27 - November 7 in Montreal, Canada. The resolutions approved at the IAF General Assembly are posted under [News & Events/Meetings](#).
- The following revised documents have been published by IAF and are available in the IAF website:
 - ⇒ [IAF MLA Status - 14/10/2020](#)
 - ⇒ [IAF PL 5:2020 Structure of the International Accreditation Forum Inc.](#)
- IAF advises that there are 2 new FAQ's on ISO/IEC 17011 published [here](#).
- The ballot to withdraw IAF MD 11:2019 was successful.

EA

- The revised EA-5/02: EA Guidance on the Application of ISO/IEC 17020 in Vehicle Inspection (Draft 2 dated September 2020) is circulated for 60-day comments within EA until 8 December 2020.
- EA has informed that due to the pandemic the implementation of EA-3/12: EA Policy for the Accreditation of Organic Production Certification is postponed to January 1, 2021.
- EA has been informed by the European Commission that the list of harmonised standards under the new regime has been published. Please find relevant links below:
 - ⇒ [Link](#) to the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/1835 of 3 December 2020 on the harmonised standards for accreditation and conformity assessment.
 - ⇒ [Link](#) to the updated summary list of the harmonised standards for accreditation and conformity assessment.

Furthermore, the new standard ISO 20387 for biobanking is not (yet) in the list of harmonised standard. EA is currently in contact with the European Commission in this regard.

- The following revised EA publications are available online:
 - ⇒ [EA-1/06 EA multilateral agreement - Criteria for signing - Policy and procedures for development.](#)
 - ⇒ [EA-INF/17 Register of EA resolutions for use by National Accreditation Bodies and EA evaluators.](#)
 - ⇒ [EA-INF/01 List of EA Publications and International Documents.](#)

ILAC

- ILAC has held the 24th Virtual General Assembly on 22 October 2020. The adopted resolutions have now been uploaded to the ILAC website [here](#).
- ILAC has circulated information regarding the status of the document on Cooperation between Accreditation Bodies and provided a version 5. A legal opinion is still pending. Comments have not been requested.
- BIPM-ILAC are organizing a joint webinar on Mining KCDB 2.0 in the Context of Accreditation to be held on 21 January 2021. You can register [here](#) for the 9:00 AM session or [here](#) for the 4:00 PM session.
- ILAC has issued a revision of the second ILAC-WADA Communication published in November 2009 (available [here](#)). WADA is the World Anti-Doping Agency. Major comments are requested (via mail at ilac@nata.com.au) January 4, 2021.

Standardisation

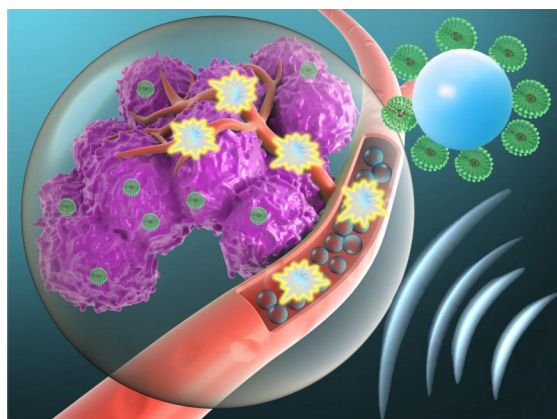
ISO CASCO

- The answer to a clarification request on ISO IEC 17065 clause 7.6 has been published. All the clarification requests on CASCO standards addressed by the maintenance groups responsible for those standards and all their answers are uploaded on [ISOTC CASCO public folder](#) and can be accessed publicly. They are also linked from the ISO website on the [Conformity Assessment resources page](#).
- Cristina Draghici has been named the new head of Conformity Assessment to replace Sean McCurtain who will be retiring early in 2021.
- ISO CASCO has issued a response to a clarification request related to ISO IEC 17065 “Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services” that was submitted by BSI. It was addressed by the maintenance group of WG29, and the form with the answer is available [here](#).
- The ISO Central Secretariat has, once again, extended the measures whereby all meetings must be held virtually until 28 February 2021.
- The Committee Ballot on CD ISO/IEC 17060, “*Conformity assessment - Code of good practice*”, closed on the 25th November and the draft was approved by 97% of ISO/CASCO P- Members: 57 ballots in favor, 17 in favor with comments, 2 disapproval and 22 abstentions. The WG56 will review the comments collected during its 2nd virtual meeting in March 2021.
- The NP balloted in ISO/TC 309 and in ISO CASCO to develop ISO/IEC TS 17021-13, “*Conformity assessment - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems - Part 13: Competence requirements for auditing and certification of compliance management systems*”, is approved. This work will be carried out by the CASCO joint working group 59 (JWG59). The 1st WG59 meeting is scheduled to take place remotely, in the afternoons of 8-9-10 February 2021 (12:00-15:00 CET). Nominations to participate in this work are due by 23 December 2020.
- The ISO Council has approved the ISO CASCO 2021 Work Programme.
- The 35th CASCO Plenary working documents are now available. The plenary will be held virtually on January 25-27.
- A NP ballot is about to be launched in [ISO/TC46/SC11](#) to develop ISO/IEC TS 17021-14, *Conformity as-*

The Laboratory of the future

Laboratory News

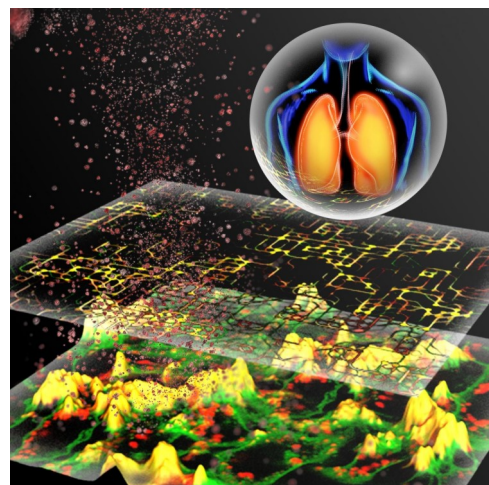
- **Monitoring Self-watering soil could transform farming:** They say water is set to become more valuable than oil, with water scarcity becoming one of the most pressing challenges for many nations across the globe. For centuries, humanity has sought ways to grow crops in difficult, drought-ridden environments. But now, one team of researchers has developed a soil that can harvest its own water supply straight out of the air. [Read more.](#)
- **A step towards an environmentally friendly Lithium ion battery:** A new process for restoring spent cathodes to mint condition could make it more economical to recycle lithium-ion batteries. The process, developed by nanoengineers at the University of California San Diego, is more environmentally friendly than today's methods; it uses greener ingredients, consumes 80 to 90% less energy, and emits about 75% less greenhouse gases. [Read more.](#)



- **Cambridge bioscience partnership seeks rising stars in AI:** On 11 November the University of Cambridge announced a five-year agreement with AstraZeneca and GSK to fund the Cambridge Centre for AI in Medicine (CCAIM). For the 5-year duration, AstraZeneca and GSK will support five new PhD studentships per year. This program will enable the best and brightest young minds in machine learning and bioscience to partner with leaders in industry and academia, wherever they may be in the world. [Read more.](#)
- **Additional spray on steric protection against coronavirus:** A nasal spray to provide protection against the COVID-19 virus has been formulated by researchers at the University of Birmingham,

UK, using materials already cleared for use in humans. [Read more.](#)

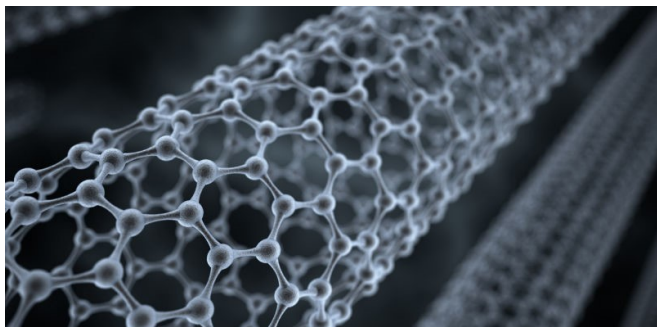
- **Extracting a novel biochemical reservoir from between our skin cells:** Using an array of tiny needles that are almost too small to see, researchers have developed a minimally-invasive technique for sampling a largely-unexplored human bodily fluid that could potentially provide a new source of information for routine clinical monitoring and diagnostic testing. [Read more.](#)
- **Successful consortium project releases AI platform for drug discovery:** The consortium behind the DeepADMET project set up to advance artificial intelligence (AI) technologies for drug discovery, announced the successful conclusion of this project which was funded by Innovate UK, the UK's innovation agency. [Read more.](#)
- **Targeted microbubbles for controlled cancer treatment:** New research has shown how microbubbles carrying powerful cancer drugs can be guided to the site of a tumour using antibodies. [Read more.](#)
- **Quantum technology spins into scalability:** A multi-disciplinary team has published proof-of-concept for a powerful and scalable quantum technology. The researchers have demonstrated that bottom-up chemical synthesis enables quantum information to be encoded directly into a molecules 'spin'. This novel technique presents the ability to tailor-make quantum bits with unprecedented precision and control. [Read more.](#)



Lighting the Way to Selective Membrane Imaging: New research opens up the possibility of

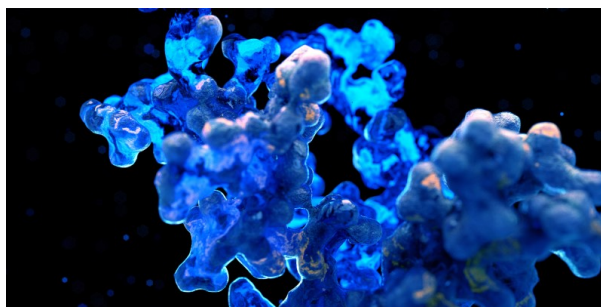
a new class of molecular probes and targeted drug delivery systems. [Read more.](#)

- **High-Res 3D Images Could Lead to Better Chromosome Models:** High-resolution, 3D images of human chromosomes in single cells reveal how DNA structure might influence its function. [Read more.](#)
- **New Technique Seamlessly Converts Ammonia to Green Hydrogen:** Researchers leverage renewable electricity for widespread, distributed hydrogen fuel production. [Read more.](#)
- **AI System Discovers New Material:** NIST's CAMEO algorithm identifies new compound potentially useful for photonic devices and biologically inspired computers. [Read more.](#)
- **Method Could Mean New Fiber-Based Devices, Smart Textiles:** Scientists have developed a method to pattern hundreds-of-meters-long multimaterial fibers with embedded functional elements. [Read more.](#)



- **Predicting Nanoparticle Toxicity for Safer Industrial Materials:** In manufacturing, toxic nanoparticles may be released into the environment during the production, processing, degradation, or combustion of materials. [Read more.](#)
- **Sound Waves Power New Advances in Drug Delivery and Smart Materials:** Pioneering research shows how high-frequency sound waves can help build smart materials and new nanoparticles as well as deliver drugs to the lungs. [Read more.](#)
- **First Experimental Glimpse of 'Vortex Rings' Could Mean Better Magnets:** Observation provides fundamental insight into intricate nanoscale structures inside bulk magnets, and offers fresh perspectives for magnetic devices. [Read more.](#)
- **How Graphene Could Help Solve Overheating in Electronics.** Electronics and data centers need to be efficiently cooled in order to work

properly; graphene enhanced heat pipes can solve these issues. [Read more.](#)



- **Lab Develops World's First Mobile Genome Sequence Analyzer:** By pairing an iPhone with a handheld DNA sequencer, users can create a mobile genetics laboratory, reminiscent of the "tricorder" featured in Star Trek. [Read more.](#)
- **Researchers Share Protein Footprinting Method to Help Labs:** Team hopes to support other labs in developing broader applications of FPOP to better address outstanding questions in structural biology. [Read more.](#)
- **Filming Roaming Molecular Fragments in Real Time:** Researchers have succeeded in shooting the first molecular film of "roamers" (hydrogen fragments, in this case, that orbit around HCO fragments) during a chemical reaction. [Read more.](#)
- **Tri-Lab Initiative Leads Innovation in Hybrid Energy Systems:** Recent paper outlines a viable path forward for hybrid energy systems. [Read more.](#)
- **Laser Technology to Advance Knowledge of Material Properties:** an advanced imaging facility at STFC's Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL) Oxfordshire, has started to take shape with the structural concrete pour for three key experimental areas and the laser source floor now complete. The Extreme Photonics Application Centre (EPAC), designed and hosted by Central Laser Facility (CLF) based at RAL on the Harwell Campus, will accelerate scientific understanding of high repetition laser-driven accelerators and sources. [Read more.](#)

Laboratory Events

- The **Virtual Northern MedTech Summit** will be held virtually on **28 January 2021**. The event will be run by the National Institute for Health Research Surgical MedTech Co-operative, Northern Health Science Alliance (NHSA) and the University of Leeds, and will explore current challenges and opportunities in AI, surgical innovations, and the benefits of collaboration with over 45 speakers across nine roundtables. [Read more.](#)
- The **Paperless Lab Academy** will take place on **27 – 28th April 2021** in Baveno, Italy. The conference will set the stage for discussions on strategies and implementation of 21st-century technologies in the laboratory. It is about discussing key milestones to generate solid business insights from the laboratory, connecting with colleagues who share similar operational issues, learning about user's case studies and how they are deployed into their processes, discovering the informatics trends from cutting-edge thought leaders, being in the know about the last informatics tools and methodologies in a creative and productive atmosphere. [Read more.](#)
- The **20th International Metrology Congress, CIM 2021**, will be held on **28-30 September 2021**. The Congress is a showcase for industrial best practices and advances in R&D dedicated to measurements, analysis and testing processes. 200 technical presentations and 6 round tables sessions will address three main applications where trust in measurements is key: Industry 4.0, Green Deal and Health. [Read more.](#)
- The **Meeting of Innovation, Collaboration and Technology**, organized by OpenPharma Research, will be scheduled in two different appointments: **26-27 October 2021**, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam, and **13-14 April 2021**, Hilton Back Bay Boston, USA. It is large scale, multidisciplinary conference and exhibition allowing participants to discuss and debate best practices with industry peers and solution providers. The event aims to drive the successful incorporation of new technologies and thinking into the lab to enable collaboration, foster innovation and deliver new medicines. [Read more.](#)
- The **ARABLAB+** event, originally scheduled for September 2020, will take place instead in Dubai on **15-17 November 2021**. The event will bring together more than 1,000 laboratories, who will have the chance to showcase their work and innovations to 10,000+ visitors and meet buyers from 100+ countries. [Read more.](#)
- The **ACHEMA live event** has been postponed by nine months to **4-8 April 2022**. This decision was taken after intensive discussions with the community and in the ACHEMA Committee in view of the continuing uncertainty caused by the Corona pandemic. The **virtual appointment** will still be focused on the topics of Digital Lab, Modular and Connected Production and Product and Process Security. [Read more.](#)



Policy News

Chemicals

- **Chemical Strategy:** The Commission announced its intention to revise the Annexes of [Directive 2008/105/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy.
- **New EU chemicals strategy targets harmful consumer products:** A new strategy on chemicals, unveiled Wednesday by the EU Commission, would prohibit the use of the most harmful chemicals in consumer products such as toys, cosmetics and detergents. Source: [EUbusiness](#)

Circular economy

- **Business Europe:** Business Europe published a [position paper](#) concerning the New Circular Economy Action Plan, suggesting to simplify the Environmental Product Declarations labels to empower consumers using easy-to-understand labels. Moreover, it is clearly expressed that the life cycle assessments should be based on reliable, standardized, and harmonized criteria for determining the lifetime of the products.
- **Circular Economy:** Orgalim has released a [position paper on the New Circular Economy Action Plan](#). Key aspects of the report concern the efficiencies provided by the Circular Economy to improve the safety and sustainability of products.
- **Circular Economy Action Plan:** The new Circular Economy action plan has been approved on Monday with 37 votes in favour. [IMCO's draft opinion](#) includes a set of recommendations concerning the mandatory minimum sustainability requirements, the mandatory labelling on durable products and it also stresses the importance of standardisation in implementing a sustainable product policy.

Counterfeit products and product safety

- **New Legislative Framework:** On 4 November, the European Commission has published the roadmap detailing the [proposed scope of the review](#) of the New Legislative Framework, the set of Directives for placing products on the EU market.
- **New Legislative Framework:** Orgalim published a [position paper](#) to demonstrate its support for the New Approach and the New Legislative Framework which are described as efficient tools for strengthening the Single Market.
- **SCIP database:** As of January 2021, the companies will be obliged to notify the substances of very high concerns (SVHCs) present in products imported in the EU. [SCIP](#) is intended to provide a large overview of products containing SVHCs which will be available to consumers and waste operators. Please click on the [link](#) to have more information.
- **Eurosmart:** The trade association specialized in digital security has published its position on the revision of the [general product safety directive](#).
- **Blue Guide:** Orgalim has published its [position paper on the draft blue guide](#).
- **Product Safety:** The report "[Addressing product safety in the Single Market](#)" (Marion Walsmann, rapporteur) has been adopted with an overwhelming majority.
- **Harmonised standards for accreditation and conformity assessment:** the European Commission published this week the latest [updated list of harmonized standards](#).
- **Standardization program 2021:** the European Commission published its 2021 [standardization program](#).

- **Toy Safety:** the European Commission adopted a Staff Working Document describing the evaluation results of Directive 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys. The document recommends a strengthening of the limitation on chemicals in these kinds of products. The full version of the report and its executive summary are [available](#) online.

Cybersecurity and digitalization

- **AI:** [Fourteen EU countries have set out their position on the future regulation of Artificial Intelligence](#), urging the European Commission to adopt a “soft law approach”. A lighter-touch approach might be preferred by those countries such as the voluntary labelling scheme for next-generation AI technologies.
- **AI:** The Legal Affairs Committee of the European Parliament adopted a [non-binding report on the civil liability of AI applications](#). It suggests that using voluntary certification should give the economic operator a presumption of due care. The Committee also adopted [a resolution](#) urging the European Commission to regulate ethics’ related rules for AI. The Parliament also recently published a relevant [study](#).
- **Microsoft Digital Defense Report:** The [Microsoft Digital Defense Report](#) covers the recent cybersecurity threats. It states that “threat actors have rapidly increased in sophistication over the past year”. It refers to the US CMMC regulation as a positive step. Nevertheless, it states that certification may hinder patching of devices within a system.
- **AI:** Orgalim published its [position paper regarding the European Commission’s consultation on “Artificial Intelligence – ethical and legal requirements”](#). Orgalim supports regulating on a risk-based approach and focusing mostly on high-risk situations.
- **NIS Directive:** Eurosmart published online the [full response to the European Commission concerning the revision of the NIS directive](#). Eurosmart stated that Digital Service Providers should be subject to a high level of security requirements comparable to the one applicable to the Operator of Essential Services. In addition, minimum security requirements should be imposed on connected products placed on the market.
- **ANEC:** The European Consumer organization for standardization (ANEC) issued a [position paper in a response to the consultation of the Commission](#) on AI requirement. It promotes the use of the precautionary principle and the use of certification as a risk mitigation technique (among others).
- **ENISA:** The European Union Agency for Cybersecurity (ENISA) has published the [8th annual ENISA Threat Landscape \(ETL\) 2020 report](#), identifying and evaluating the top cyber threats.
- **ENISA:** The European cybersecurity agency has issued [security guidelines](#) concerning the risks of IoT product supply chains. This study is intended to help the manufacturers of IoT devices address cybersecurity breaches within their supply chains.
- **ENISA:** The EU cybersecurity agency has published a [report entitled “Certification supporting Standardisation”](#). It explores five distinct areas, reflects on the standards currently available and identifies the existing gaps.
- **ENISA:** The European Agency for Cybersecurity published a [report](#) on national cybersecurity capabilities primarily intended for policymakers, experts and officials. The document is created for helping to assess the level of maturity of the national cybersecurity capabilities.
- **Digital Single Act:** The own-initiative Resolution from the European Parliament concerning the Digital Single Act has received the support of 571 MEPs in [Plenary Session](#). This legislative initiative aims to regulate online platforms by ensuring better protection of consumers against illegal, counterfeit and unsafe products. Business Europe also published a [position paper](#).
- **Digital Transformation:** Orgalim has published a [position paper](#) on the cybersecurity of networkable products, encouraging the introduction of horizontal legislation on cybersecurity for networkable products within the New Legislative Framework (NLF).

- **GDPR toolbox for international data transfer:** The Commission has published two sets of draft model data protection clauses - one on [standard contractual clauses](#) between controllers and processors located in the EU, and the other on [the transfer of personal data to third countries](#) - to launch the process to revise the existing Standard Contractual Clauses (SCCs).
- **Connected devices:** The European Council adopted [conclusions](#) regarding the cybersecurity of connected devices.
- **NIS Directive:** This [briefing note](#) from the European Parliament takes stock of the developments concerning the NIS directive. In 2020, the European Commission announced the NIS Directive's revision, with the proposal for revision expected to be published by the end of the year.

Environment

- **Climate:** The European Parliament finalized its [position](#) for negotiations with European Council and Commission for the framework legislation that sets the EU's objectives for climate neutrality. The Parliament committed to increase 2030 emissions reduction target to 60%.
- **Forests:** The European Parliament passed a non-binding resolution on [measures against deforestation](#). It refers to certification as means to fight deforestation.
- **Environmental liability:** The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs have issued draft reports to strengthen the liability regime for companies causing environmental harms. A wide range of proposals are published such as the widespread use of the "polluter pays" principle or the establishment of the crime of ecocide in EU law. For further details please see [report 1](#) - [report 2](#).
- **Sustainable products:** With the adoption of the report "[Towards a more sustainable single market for businesses and consumers](#)", the European Parliament wants to promote durability of products.
- **Hydrogen:** The European Council adopted [conclusions](#) on steps to be taken towards creating a hydrogen market for Europe, to help the EU meet its commitment to reach carbon neutrality in 2050, giving political guidance to the implementation of the EU Hydrogen Strategy published in July 2020.
- **Sustainable Products:** The European Environmental Bureau has published a [position paper](#) on the sustainable products initiative.
- **Buildings decarbonisation:** A [position paper](#) has been published by Digital Europe, welcoming the setting of minimum energy performance requirements through the implementation of the "Renovation Wave" strategy.
- **Sustainable EU transport plan to cut 90 pct emissions by 2050:** A set of 82 initiatives, contained in a 'Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy', lays the foundation for a green and digital transformation of Europe's transport system, the EU Commission said on Wednesday. Source: [EUbusiness](#)
- **EU Commission drafts world's first 'green list' for sustainable investment:** The European Commission on launched "the world's first ever 'green-list'" of sustainable economic activities for private investors by publishing [draft guidelines under the EU's green finance taxonomy](#). Source: [Euractiv](#)

Food

- **Food fraud:** Europol and Interpol carried out their 9th edition of the [OPSON](#) operation which targeted the trafficking of counterfeit and substandard food and beverages. The operation ran from December 2019 to June 2020 and involved law enforcement authorities from 83 countries. In total, 320 tonnes of potentially dangerous dairy products were taken off from the market and 12 000 tonnes of products were confiscated.
- **New EU food agency tool reopens date marking rift:** The European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) has stepped into the long-standing issue of date marking on food by presenting a new tool to help busi-

ness operators decide when to apply the 'use by' or 'best before' date to their products. Source: [Euractiv](#)

- **EU Commission pesticide approval procedure under fire from EU watchdog:** The current procedure for the approval of active substances in pesticides “raises concerns” according to the EU Ombudsman, who outlined several recommendations for measures to improve the approval process and increase its transparency. Source: [Euractiv](#)
- **Vegetarian, Plant-Based and Vegan Certification Introduced:** FoodChain ID, a food safety, testing and sustainability organization, has developed a Vegetarian, Plant-based and Vegan (VEG) certification program. Source: [Progressive Grocer](#)
- **Existing guidance appropriate for gene editing assessment, says EFSA:** Genome editing does not pose any additional hazards compared to conventional breeding or other genetic modification methods, meaning that existing guidance is adequate for their assessment, the European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) has concluded. Source: [Euractiv](#)

Medical devices

- **EU Standardisation Request (Medical Devices):** the Medical Devices Coordination Group (MDCG) is scheduled to endorse the Implementing Decision on the standardisation request for devices under the [Regulation \(EU\) 2017/745 \(Medical Devices Regulation\)](#) and [Regulation \(EU\) 2017/746](#) (in vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation) in 2021. The European Commission published an [update](#) on the notified bodies for the Regulations on medical devices and in-vitro testing

Trade

- **Trade policy review:** Orgalim released its answer to the [European Commission's public consultation on the Trade Policy Review](#). According to their positions, the diversification of the supply chains should not be subject to any mandatory requirement. They stress the importance of international standards, such as ISO. Moreover, the practicability of the carbon border adjustment measures is questioned by this document.
- **China:** The [European Union Chamber of Commerce in China \(EUCCC\)](#) published a paper calling for China to reform its state-led economy. According to this document, China appears to be moving into a direction of 'one economy, two systems', a situation in which the rules and benefits for state-owned enterprises and private enterprises might differ.
- **EU Free Trade Agreements (FTA):** Business Europe published a [position paper](#) on the implementation of the European FTAs. Its recommendations cover accessibility of information, an increased awareness of FTAs opportunities and the development of binding national implementation action plans for each FTA before its entry into force as well as increased outreach activities towards importers in partner countries.
- **EU Free Trade Agreements (FTA):** The European Commission [published](#) its fourth annual report on the implementation of EU trade agreements over the year 2019.
- **Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT):** on the [8th round of negotiations](#), the EU and Australian negotiating teams showed commitment to negotiate an ambitious and comprehensive agreement. The discussion focused on conformity assessment, including the update of the existing Mutual Recognition Agreement, and on international standards. Articles on cooperation on market surveillance and safety of non-food products, technical regulations, standards, transparency and marking and labelling were also covered. The annex on motor vehicles was also discussed
- **Trade defence:** The European Commission published a [report on market distortions in Russia](#). Russia has been selected due to its importance in anti-dumping measures. The former report issued in 2017 concerned [the situation in China](#).
- **EU-China:** A new round of negotiations for an EU-China Comprehensive Investment Agreement is

scheduled to take place in November 2020. During the [33rd round of negotiations](#) for an EU-China Comprehensive Investment Agreement, the two sides focused on sustainable development, notably the mechanism for addressing differences, during which constructions discussions continued at pace. Additionally, the EU and China discussed competition related issues, capital movements and transfers, entry and temporary stay of business visitors for establishment purpose and intra-corporate transferees.

- **European Trading System:** the European Commission published for comments [a roadmap for revising the rules for the European Trading System](#). This may affect the Regulation for monitoring, reporting and verification, particularly regarding the maritime inspections.
- **Brexit:** As part of the Northern Ireland protocol, some [additional guidance](#) have been released concerning the UKNI mark. Overall, the UKNI will be applied for products placed on the market of Northern Ireland and which have undergone conformity assessment by a body based in the UK. This new mark is supposed to be used as a complement to the CE mark and the EU conformity assessment bodies will continue to be recognised.
- **Brussels publishes no-deal Brexit contingency plans:** The legislation is designed to prevent a cliff-edge scenario if no EU-U.K. trade deal is agreed by the end of the year. **Source:** [POLITICO](#)
- **EU-Mexico:** The EU and Mexico celebrate the [20th anniversary of the entry into force of the Global Agreement](#). Currently, both economic partners are finalizing an updated version of the trade agreement
- **Trade countermeasures:** In a context driven by the obstruction of the WTO dispute settlement mechanism, the EU institutions have reached [a political agreement](#) to reinforce tools for compliance & enforcement of trade agreements. The EU's anti-coercion mechanisms could be imposed on goods, services and even intellectual property rights coming from third countries.
- **EU Exports Control:** The Commission welcomes the agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council on its [proposal](#) for a modernisation of EU export controls on sensitive dual-use goods and technologies. The changes agreed today will upgrade and strengthen the EU's export control toolbox to respond effectively.
- **EU-US:** The European Council adopted [conclusions](#) stating that it “looks forward to working together with the USA on “strengthen[ing] mutual trade, address[ing] trade disputes, reform[ing] the WTO” (among other issues).

International Events

21 January 2021: [CECE FEM joint webinar on new technologies and machinery legislation](#)

28 January 2021: [Virtual Northern MedTech Summit](#)

28-29 January 2021: [35th CASCO Plenary and Workshop](#)

3-4 February 2021: [Masters of Digital 2021](#) – Digital Europe

22-24 February 2021: [EU Industry Days 2021 Stakeholder Sessions](#)

22-25 February 2021: [ICPHSO Annual meeting](#) – Orlando

1-2 March 2021: [15th European Nuclear Energy Forum](#)

22-24 March 2021: [ARABLAB+](#), Dubai

23-24 March 2021: [The Turing Presents: AI UK](#)

27-28 April 2021: [Paperless Lab Academy](#), Baveno

5-6 May 2021: [Digital Transformation in Legal Metrology](#) – OIML – Berlin

28-30 September 2021: [20th International Metrology Congress](#)—Paris

EUROLAB Events

22 January 2021: EUROLAB Board Meeting

February 2021 (date TBD): EUROLAB TCQA Meeting

Date TBD—EUROLAB General Assembly

Date TBD—EUROLAB National Members' Meeting

EUROLAB Season Greetings

