

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between**  
**THE ACCREDITATION BODY OF ALBANIA**  
**and**  
**POLISH CENTRE FOR ACCREDITATION**

The Accreditation Body of Albania (hereinafter referred to as "DA"), on the one hand, and the Polish Centre for Accreditation (hereinafter referred to as "PCA"), on the other hand, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties", and separately – as a "Party",

assuming the priority of documents of the European Co-operation for Accreditation, the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation and the International Accreditation Forum, expressing the mutual commitment to further promote mutual understanding, to develop and strengthen cooperation in the field of accreditation,

seeking to facilitate the exchange of experience in accreditation of conformity assessment bodies,

have concluded this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "Memorandum") on the following:

**Article 1**

Parties ascertain that cooperation in the field of accreditation shall be based on international standards and the principles adopted by international accreditation organizations.

**Article 2**

Parties shall cooperate in the field of accreditation, bearing in mind mutual interests, inter alia, on the following issues:

- a) accreditation of conformity assessment bodies;
- b) training and development of personnel;
- c) exchange of information.

**Article 3**

Parties have agreed as follows:

- a) if necessary, to exchange:
  1. Documents (instructions, procedures, policies, information bulletins etc.);
  2. Laws in the field of accreditation;
  3. Information on accreditation matters.
- b) to organize joint workshops, subject-specific seminars and conferences on the practice of accreditation of conformity assessment bodies.
- c) to cooperate in matters relating to training and professional development of accreditation personnel by means of exchange of experts and their involvement into accreditation of conformity assessment bodies;
- d) to exchange experience in implementing international standards in the field of accreditation;
- e) to promote the participation of the laboratories accredited by them in inter-laboratory comparisons and proficiency testing programmes.
- f) to organize study visits for the lead assessors, assessors and technical experts for witnessing, observing and working in the partner's assessment teams in field of common interest.

g) to exchange assessors and lead assessors. The tariffs will be charged according to the respective rules.

#### Article 4

The duration of the visits, training programmes and all related issues including expenses will be agreed by both parties in advance of carrying out of the above activities.

#### Article 5

Information, including documents and materials, obtained under this Memorandum, shall be deemed confidential and may not be transferred to other parties without the written consent of a Party that has provided such information.

#### Article 6

Amendments and additions to this memorandum may be made upon mutual consent of the Parties through signing an additional memorandum that shall be considered an integral part of the Memorandum and shall come into force in accordance with the procedure envisaged by this Memorandum.

#### Article 7

Contentious issues relating to the interpretation or application of this memorandum shall be resolved through consultations and negotiations.

#### Article 8

This memorandum does not constitute an international agreement and does not create rights and obligations governed by international law.

#### Article 9

This memorandum is concluded for an indefinite period and shall take effect on the date of its signing.

Either Party may terminate the Memorandum upon written notice to the other Party. The Memorandum shall cease to be in force at the expiration of six months starting from the date on which one of the Parties has received a written notice of intention to terminate the Memorandum from the other Party.

Made in two original copies in the English language.

For DA

17.04.2015

(date)



(signature)

Armond Halebi  
Director General

For PCA

17.04.2015

(date)



(signature)

Lucyna Olborska  
PCA Director