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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

KOSOVO ACCREDITATION DIRECTORATE (KAD)

and

TURKISH ACCREDITATION AGENCY (TURKAK)

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Turkish Accreditation Agency (TURKAK)

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and

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are the bodies on behalf of whom this Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and declare their common intention to co-operate.

Preamble

Two accreditation bodies seek for a continuous cooperation between the two parties for achieving uniform accreditation processes in the region, for providing a mutual support for the developing and raising the accreditation activity in the two countries.

1. Scope

The bodies, in the framework of EA principles, decide:

- (i) to develop and maintain mutual confidence,
- (ii) to achieve and maintain the equivalence and harmonization of accreditation activities taking into account the relevant EA, IAF and ILAC guidelines,
- (iii) to organize the exchange of information for accreditation applied at national level,
- (iv) to identify and promote the removal of technical or administrative barriers to trade in the field of accreditation,
- (v) to promote consistency of interpretation and application of normative

- documents and propose actions to facilitate implementation,
- (vi) to identify specific technical problems which might form the subject of collaborative projects,
 - (vii) to maintain working links with all relevant bodies and promote the infrastructure relating to harmonization of accreditation,
 - (viii) to debate trends and establish criteria for the scope of accreditation and maintain channels for a continuous flow of knowledge.
 - (ix) to support each other in becoming members of the full scope of the MLA

2. Cooperation Subjects

In order to achieve the objectives of this MoU, each body on behalf of whom this memorandum has been signed may:

- (i) request information on the operation of the other body,
- (ii) participate in expert working group meetings organized on behalf of one of the bodies,
- (iii) participate in the inter-laboratory test comparisons and if appropriate to organize such exercises,
- (iv) request reports and results of the accreditation process.
- (v) organize study visits for the lead assessors, assessors and technical experts for witnessing, observing and working in the partner's assessment teams in fields of common interest
- (vi) participate in joint assessment teams and to organize joint accreditations
- (vii) take part in training activities developed by respective bodies. Training fee is offered free of charge.
- (viii) exchange assessor and lead assessor. The tariffs will be according to the respective rules.
- (ix) make available on reasonable request its current non-confidential working documents, details of new improvements introduced and its annual report,
- (x) promote the acceptance of recognized formats of accreditation certificates,

3. Confidentiality

The parties shall preserve the confidentiality of reports and results from the process of the accreditation supplied by another body.

4. Validity of the MoU

The Memorandum of Understanding shall immediately come into operation.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by arrangement between the bodies and every two years the effect of the MoU will be evaluated.

If a body on behalf of whom this Memorandum has been signed, for any reason whatever, intends to terminate its participation in this Memorandum of Understanding, the body shall notify the other body of its intention not later than three months beforehand.

This Memorandum of Understanding is of an exclusively recommendatory nature. It does not create any binding legal effect on the bodies on behalf of whom this Memorandum has been signed.

For KAD
Mr.sc. Ibush Luzha
Director



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For TURKAK
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