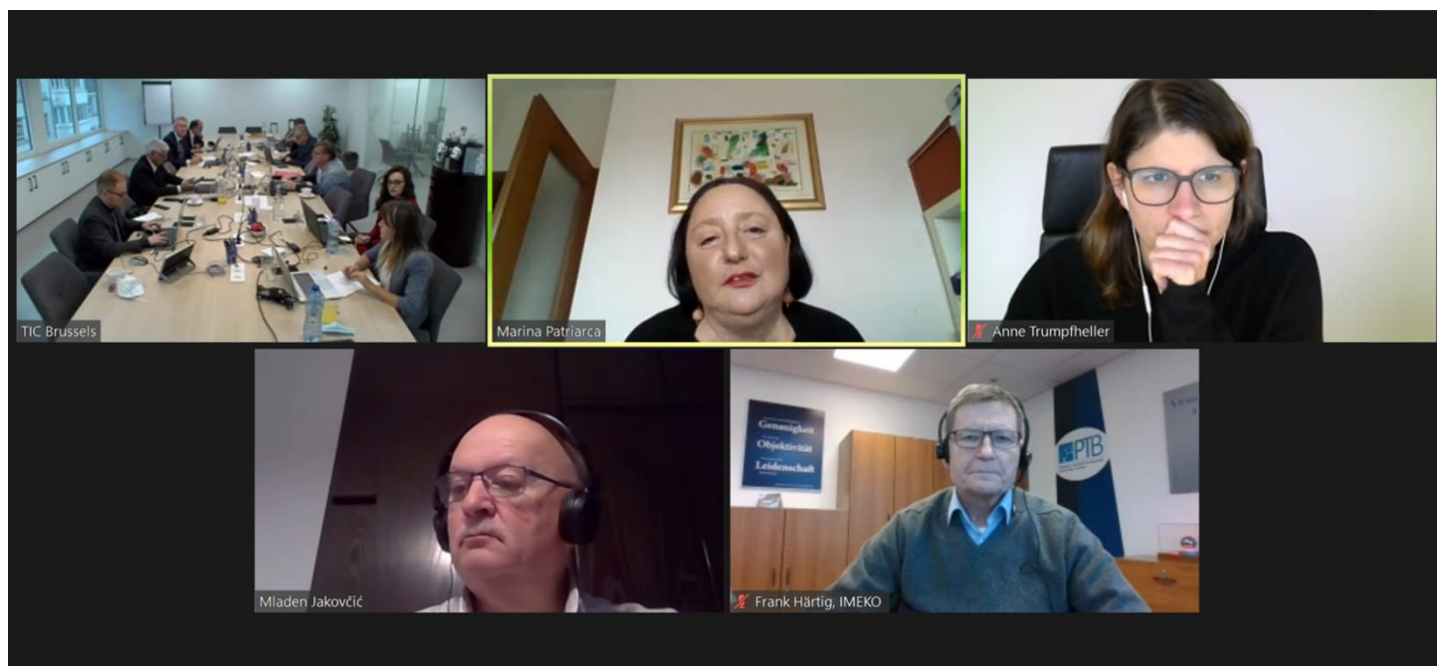




EUROLAB National Members' Meeting 16 November 2021, Hybrid Meeting

The European Federation of National Associations of Measurement, Testing and Analytical Laboratories (EUROLAB) highlighted during the meeting the importance of communication with key stakeholders, focusing on exploring joint projects opportunities in the near future. EUROLAB welcomed EURACHEM, EURAMET and IMEKO representatives to provide insights regarding their strategic planning as well as to discuss the next steps in the joint collaboration.



The successful EUROLAB National Members' Meeting was a hybrid event held on 16 November 2021, preceded by the EUROLAB Board Meeting on the same date.

One of the key priorities explored during the meeting was the collaboration with key partners who participated during the EUROLAB meeting: **EURACHEM** (Dr. Marina Patriarca, Past Chair), **EURAMET** (Dr. Mikko Merimaa, General Secretary and Ms. Anne Trumpfheller, Head of Communications) and **IMEKO** (Dr. Frank Härtig, President of IMEKO and Mr. Mladen Jakovčić, Croatian Metrology Society President).

The stakeholders communicated their key activities as well as cooperation opportunities with EUROLAB. A recent Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between EURACHEM and EUROLAB through which the two organisations are pointing out the joint projects that can be developed on topics such as Decision Rules, validation of sampling, Lab of the Future and the challenges for quality assurance. The collaboration and communication between the two organisations would be also made through the exchange of publications and development of joint publications while supporting each other with the promotion of the activities in the newsletter. The other g

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EURAMET, presented their main projects such as EMRP and EMPIR research programmes and the European Partnership on Metrology. This upcoming project is under discussion within the European institutions and EUROLAB and EURAMET are in close relationship on this specific topic. In addition, EUROLAB was delighted to partner with EURAMET in the organisation of the successful online sessions dedicated to the topic of 'Metrology for Digital Transformation', events very well received by the EUROLAB community. Further topics will be explored between the two organisations in terms of near future joint projects and communications activities. As for the partnership built with IMEKO, EUROLAB will be an official partner in the organisation of the next year's conferences in Dubrovnik, Croatia, which will include the IMEKO Technical Committees (TC) and their specific topics such as the TC 11 on Measurement for Testing, Inspection and Certification, TC 23 on Metrology in Food and Nutrition, TC 24 on Chemical Measurements. In addition, the two organisations are exploring the opportunity to join forces in the organisation of a series of seminars called '45 minutes seminars' that IMEKO has already initiated and EUROLAB will further support the communications strategy and organisation of these events. Last but not least, IMEKO and EUROLAB will further review and resign their Memorandum of Understanding.

The EUROLAB Secretariat, represented by Ms. Laura Martin, presented a **report** on the **EUROLAB Activities** during 2021 focusing on the key achievements and upcoming priorities. During the last year EUROLAB has enhanced the collaboration with TIC Council through the organisation of joint webinars and joint efforts to support the laboratory community during COVID-19 and exchange of expertise on topics such as Food and Artificial Intelligence. Moreover, EUROLAB has strengthened the communication towards its membership through the publication of key documents such as special newsbriefing on Laboratory of the Future 4.0, Position Paper on Artificial Intelligence, new leaflet, quarterly newsletter. In terms of what is next, EUROLAB has already identified key priorities to continue supporting its members through the promotion, activities and events, keeping the members informed on accreditation and standardisation issues and on the latest policy updates regarding Product Safety, AI, Environment, cybersecurity, Digitalisation, Medical Devices and Health, Trade, Food. In addition, EUROLAB will continue developing projects with its key stakeholders as well as will be further looking into opportunities to organize key events, webinars and publications that can support and enhance the visibility of the laboratory community.



EUROLAB **TCQA** (Technical Committee on Quality Assurance) Chair, Ms. Irache Visiers, provided updates regarding their latest activities and achievements. CookBook N. 18 on Risk-Based Approach and CookBook N. 3 on Handling of Unstable or Deviating Samples were published, supporting in this way the laboratories and keeping them up to date. What is more, the Decision Rules Working Group has been also active through the publication of a new leaflet and the revision on the EUROLAB Technical Report on Decision Rules. Regarding the Committee's future activities, steps are being made for the creation of a new Working Group on Measurement Uncertainty, as well as the publication of a document on Decision rules applied to CMC's and another one on Method validation in calibration. Undergoing are also the translations of CookBooks 21-22-23 and the project on the Remote Assessments Horizontal Task Force.

The **President of EUROLAB, Mr. Paolo Moscatti**, emphasised the importance of having the support and feedback from the EUROLAB membership as well as the engagement of the members' members at the national level, stating that "communication is key, while sharing of expertise and feedback, builds upon a stronger and interactive community".



The EUROLAB President thanked all the members for their participation and the EUROLAB Secretariat for the valuable contributions and support that was given during this meeting which led to a successful event.