

**Policy****PL – 06****SNAS POLICY ON COOPERATION WITH INTERESTED  
PARTIES**

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## 1 SNAS POLICY ON COOPERATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES

SNAS registers and uses submissions and proposals concerning improvement of accreditation system from external resources.

The direct or indirect help of interested parties with improvement of the national accreditation system in Slovak republic is very desirable.

SNAS is creating conditions for effective and balanced involvement of all interested parties

- to maintain the principles and major policies of operation of national accreditation system,
- to ensure SNAS impartiality within the provision of accreditation services at all levels,
- to preserve qualified and technically competent performance of accreditation services.

SNAS is cooperating with regulators they require the accreditation as evidence of technical competency of the conformity assessment bodies to provide declared activities.

SNAS has established advisory bodies which are involved in its structure and which provide a sufficient number of qualified experts to help accreditation body to solve actual task of accreditation. The composition of these advisory bodies is balanced to avoid no single party predominating. Advisory bodies of director are:

- Accreditation council, its composition, tasks, organizational arrangements and method of negotiation are defined in the statute ST-11;
- Technical committees, their composition, tasks, organizational arrangements and method of negotiation are defined in the statute ST-06;
- Acceptance commissions, their composition, tasks, organizational arrangements and method of negotiation are defined in the statute ST-04;
- Evaluation commissions, their composition, tasks, organizational arrangements and method of negotiation are defined in the statute ST-05;
- Commissions for appointment of assessors, its composition, tasks, organizational arrangements and method of negotiation are defined in the statute ST-06;
- Terminology commission, its composition, tasks, organizational arrangements and method of negotiation are defined in the statute ST-08;
- SNAS committee for good laboratory practice, its composition, tasks, organizational arrangements and method of negotiation are defined in the statute ST-07.

SNAS recognizes and recommends recognizing results of activities of bodies accredited by signatories of EA MLA/BLA and/or ILAC MRA and/or IAF MLA as mutual equivalent to all interested parties on accreditation, also to end users of results of accredited conformity assessment bodies in non-regulated or regulated area to facilitate worldwide international trade.

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To support and ensure mentioned equivalence of SNAS with other accreditation bodies SNAS undertakes to regular international mutual evaluation by means of the system of „peer evaluations“ to maintain its signatories to the agreements of mutual recognition MLA/BLA/MRA. The aim of this system of accreditation bodies' evaluation is to create and consolidate trust of all interested parties on accreditation, end users of results of accredited conformity assessment bodies in non-regulated or regulated area in a framework of the relevant granted scopes of accreditation.

## 2 RELATED DOCUMENTS

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| ISO/IEC 17011: 2017     | Conformity assessment. Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies                                                                                                                           |
| IAF ML3: 2024           | Guidance for responding to inquiries on IAF signatory equivalence and on the acceptance of certification documents                                                                                                              |
| Regulation No. 765/2008 | Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 339/93 |
| Act No. 53/2023 Coll.   | on accreditation of Conformity Assessment Bodies                                                                                                                                                                                |

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