

EURAMET

QMS practices

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Overview of EURAMET's Practices for QMS



- TC-Quality is the EURAMET operational instrument to **review** the implementation of QMSs based on ISO/IEC 17025 and/or ISO 17034 standards at NMIs/DIs and share and develop knowledge on ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 17034;
- TC-Q has a mandate to **monitor** QMS life through annual reports and, when necessary, through on-site visits by peers and through seeking information about how an institute's QMS is implemented, and by offering feedback on best practice;
- Each CMC must be supported by a fully implemented Quality Management System (QMS) meeting the CIPM MRA requirements in accordance with CIPM MRA G-12. QMS must be **approved** and regularly reviewed by EURAMET TC-Quality;
- Information received from NMIs/DIs are utilized and reported in the Minutes of the Meeting of the EURAMET Technical Committee on Quality

EURAMET's Review



EURAMET has adopted two possibilities :

- a QMS meeting the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 17034 (where applicable) assessed by an accreditation body fulfilling the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011, while accreditation body shall be a signatory to the ILAC MRA or
- a QMS following ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO 17034 (where applicable) without third-party accreditation (a self-declared QMS)

In both cases, auditors must meet the requirements of CIMP MRA-G-12, annex A3

Within the framework of the review of CMCs, institutes first have to present their QMS in TC-Q through 'Initial QMS presentation'. In the case where the QMS is accepted, institutes have to report about the status of their QMS on an annual basis and are re-evaluated after 5 years.

Initial QMS presentation - each institute has to prepare a written document detailing the required information and give an oral presentation.

The written documentation is first reviewed by the Steering Committee that prepares comments. Following the oral presentation during the plenary meeting of the TC-Q, all the participants can raise questions.

EURAMET's Approval



As a result of the analysis of the documentation and oral presentations, there may be three outcomes at the end of the plenary meeting:

- the QMS is fully accepted;
- the QMS is accepted with minor comments that will be discussed between selected TC-Quality SC members and corresponding Contact Persons;
- the QMS is not accepted, further actions are required. Failing to observe the agreed deadlines in completion of the actions will result in a request to JCRB to grey-out the corresponding CMCs (via EURAMET Chair).

Re-evaluation QMS presentation - Within 5 years of the initial QMS presentation, each institute registered with TC-Q must present the QMS for re-evaluation. The same principles apply for the reassessment of the QMS as for the first presentation of the QMS.

Representatives from other RMOs may observe the NMIs and DIs presentations and following approval process.

EURAMET's Monitoring



Each institute with an approved QMS has to prepare an annual report.

Analysis of the report is performed by selected reviewers of the Steering Committee. No oral presentation takes place. During the plenary meeting participants can raise questions.

As a result of the analysis of the report, there will be one of three outcomes at the end of the plenary meeting:

- the annual report is accepted; no additional action is necessary
- the annual report is accepted, but some clarification/information is required
- the annual report is not accepted as it is. Actions are required and these are reported in the minutes. If the actions and their results are satisfactory, then the annual report will be approved. If the actions or their results are not satisfactory, the case shall be investigated by appropriate means.



EURAMET's publication on QMS



- G-TCQ-PRC-001 Quality Management System review procedure
- G-TCQ-PRC-002 Guideline for QMS annual report
- G-TCQ-PRC-004 Guideline for re-evaluation presentation
- G-TCQ-PRC-005 Guideline for initial QMS Presentation
- G-TCQ-PRC-006 Guide for on-site visits by peers in the framework of CIPM MRA

Information on “Approvals” is available in the Minutes of the Meeting of the EURAMET Technical Committee on Quality



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Meeting:

Time	1st day	25 March 9h00 to 12h15 and 13h15 to 17h45 (EET)
	2nd day	26 March 9h00 to 12h30 and 13h30 to 16h30 (EET)
	3rd day	27 March 9h00 to 12h00 (EET)

Thank you for your attention !

