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POLICY ON ACCREDITATION

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Policy Statement

ENFSI wishes to promote consistent and reliable scientific evidence through the whole forensic process from the scene of crime to court.

Means

This aim will be achieved by the following means:

- All ENFSI member laboratories should have achieved or should be taking steps towards ISO/IEC 17025 compliant accreditation for their laboratory testing activities.
- For activities other than the testing part of the forensic process e.g. work at the scene of crime, ISO/IEC 17020 can be implemented as the standard used to achieve accreditation.
- The ILAC G19 “Modules in a Forensic Science Process” can be used as a guidance to implement both ISO/IEC 17025 and ISO/IEC 17020 in the forensic science process.
- The paragraph 4 of the ENFSI Constitution says, that an ENFSI member:
 - Shall cover a broad area of forensic expertise, i. e more than 50 % of the forensic fields represented by the ENFSI Expert Working Groups, and
 - Shall have achieved accreditation or documented progress in quality assurance with a clear plan to obtain accreditation within three years.
- The member laboratories should aim to increase their scope of accreditation to cover all fields of expertise represented by the ENFSI Expert Working Groups and performed by the laboratory and take steps for maintaining it. Only fields of expertise where on average at least twelve examinations per year are performed should be considered.
- The scope of accreditation will be monitored through ENFSI surveys.

Amendments against the previous version

30-05-2019

1. This policy document has been created by including the Policy on Scope of Accreditation (QCC-ACR-002-001) into the Policy on Standards for Accreditation (QCC-ACR-001-006).
2. The title has been changed into Policy on Accreditation with the reference code BRD-ACR-001.
3. Text expertise *represented by the ENFSI Expert Working Groups*, and has been added to the bullet point 5 of the document.
4. Text: *The member laboratories should aim to increase their scope of accreditation up to an optimum level and take steps for maintaining it*, has been added as the bullet point 6 of the document.
 5. With the acceptance of this amended document (BRD-ACR-001), the Policy on Scope of Accreditation (QCC-ACR-002-001) and the Policy on Standards for Accreditation (QCC-ACR-001-006) has been withdrawn.

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