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CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES SEEKING  
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FRAMEWORK**

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## **1. OBJECTIVES AND REFERENCES TO NORMATIVE DOCUMENTS**

This document is intended to document the specific requirements that shall apply for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies seeking notification in the EU railway legal framework <sup>(\*)</sup> especially for the Directive (EU) 2016/797 on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union (Recast of Directive 2008/57/EC)

<sup>(\*)</sup> The 'technical pillar' of the fourth railway package includes<sup>1</sup>:

- Regulation (EU) 2016/796 on the European Union Agency for Railways and repealing Regulation (EC) n° 881/2004
- Directive (EU) 2016/797 on the interoperability of the rail system within the European Union (Recast of Directive 2008/57/EC)
- Directive (EU) 2016/798 on railway safety (Recast of Directive 2004/49/EC)
- Commission implementing regulation (EU) 2019/779 of 16 May 2019 laying down detailed provisions on a system of certification of entities in charge of maintenance of vehicles pursuant to Directive (EU) 2016/798 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Regulation (EU) No 445/2011

During the accreditation assessments, the assessment of the implementation of these specific requirements will need to be given special attention and the relevant information will be included in the assessment report.

## **2. RECIPIENTS**

- Members of the Coordination Commission
- Members of the Accreditation Board
- Accreditation secretariat
- Assessors and experts
- Accredited bodies

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/rail/packages/2013\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/rail/packages/2013_en)

### 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY

3.1 Identification of the activity	<b>RAILWAY</b>
3.2 Type(s) of conformity assessment and accreditation standard	CERTIFICATION BODIES FOR PRODUCTS according to EN ISO/IEC 17065:2015
3.3 Classification(s) according to BELAC 6-017	<b>9.10</b>
3.4 Reference document(s) for the activity ( <i>hereafter named "the scheme"</i> ), including the publication date or a version number	ERA Technical document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirements for conformity assessment bodies seeking notification (MNB - Assessment scheme 000MRA1044 ver 1.1)</li> <li>• Sectorial scheme for accreditation and recognition of ECM certification bodies under Regulation (EU) 2019/779 (ERA 1172/002 V3.1)</li> <li>• Certification scheme for ECM and outsourced maintenance functions under Regulation (EU) 2019/779 (ERA 1172/003 V1.1)</li> </ul>
3.5 Body responsible for the development and maintenance of the scheme ( <i>hereafter named « the scheme owner »</i> )	ERA, EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS

### 4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODY

The General Assembly of EA has endorsed the mandatory application of the following documents:

- ERA (European Union Agency for Railways) has developed an assessment scheme that is intended to support the operation of the notified bodies providing conformity assessment activities in the EU railway legal framework:

MNB - Assessment Scheme 000MRA1044 version 1.1  
[https://www.era.europa.eu/sites/default/files/activities/docs/technical\\_docu](https://www.era.europa.eu/sites/default/files/activities/docs/technical_docu)

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This ERA Technical document has been endorsed by EA (EA Resolution 2017 (40) 16 ) as a mandatory complement to the requirements of EN ISO/IEC 17065:2012.

- [ERA 1172/002 V3.1](#)  
[https://www.era.europa.eu/sites/default/files/activities/docs/sectorial\\_scheme\\_for\\_accreditation-era\\_1172-002\\_en.pdf](https://www.era.europa.eu/sites/default/files/activities/docs/sectorial_scheme_for_accreditation-era_1172-002_en.pdf)
- ERA 1172/003 V1.1  
[https://www.era.europa.eu/sites/default/files/activities/docs/era-1172-003\\_ecm\\_certification\\_scheme\\_en.pdf](https://www.era.europa.eu/sites/default/files/activities/docs/era-1172-003_ecm_certification_scheme_en.pdf)

## 5. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE ACCREDITATION BODY

The ERA Technical documents do not formally impose specific requirements to the accreditation body. However, ERA documents include specific requirements applicable for a notifying authority assessment team in case of assessment by the notifying authority itself that may be considered as relevant also in the case of an accreditation assessment. It has been confirmed that these requirements are already covered by the general BELAC accreditation process.

## 6. PRESENTATION OF THE ACCREDITATION SCOPE

The accreditation scope will make explicit reference to the ERA Technical document

- MNB – Assessment Scheme 000MRA1044 version 1.1
- \_\_ ERA 1172/002 V3.1
- \_\_\_ ERA 1172/003 V1.1

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