

To all accredited and applicant CABs  
To the associations of Conformity Assessment Bodies  
To the assessors/experts of Accredia

**SUBJECT**                    **Informative circular ACCREDIA N° 2/2023**  
**Assessments carried out by Accredia in Russia and Belarus**

We inform you that, in relation to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, notwithstanding:

- on 2 May 2022 the European Commission only recommended (and therefore not obliged) the interruption of accreditation activities in Russia and Belarus<sup>1</sup>, a recommendation confirmed by the Commission itself during an IMP - Internal Market for Product - meeting of 15 June 2022 (*The fact, that the EU imposed additional sanctions after the date of these letters - editor's note June 4, 2022 - does not affect the validity of the content of the letters.*)
- the IAF statement of 13 May 2022<sup>2</sup> and EA resolution of 19 May 2022<sup>3</sup> are still in force, which do not prohibit the carrying out of accreditation activities in Russia and Ukraine in favor of non-sanctioned subjects,

seen and considered

- the difficulties in obtaining the necessary insurance coverage for the economic activities carried out in these countries, and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://european-accreditation.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/EC-recommendation-to-EA-situation-Ukraine-02May2022.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://iaf.nu/en/news/additional-statement-regarding-sanctions-relating-to-the-situation-in-ukraine/>

<sup>3</sup> **EA Resolution 2022 (51) 04** *The General Assembly, acting upon the recommendation from the Executive Board, agrees that EA considers it contrary to reasonableness and fairness if any EA member does not also comply with the EU sanction regulations. EA members cannot offer accreditation services to Conformity Assessment Bodies in particular established in Russia and Belarus if these bodies are listed in the EU sanctions list. Compliance with EU sanction regulations shall be deemed as an obligation according to paragraph 5 of EA-1/17 EA Rules of Procedure. The Executive Board may suspend a member if it does not fulfil its obligations to EA*

- applying a prudential approach that takes into account the continuous evolution of the sanction system<sup>4</sup>,

Accredia still does not carry out assessment activities in Russia and Belarus witness audits or at any offices of the accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies.

Furthermore, it is up to the Bodies accredited by Accredia to decide whether to continue carrying out the conformity assessment activities (auditing) in Russia and Belarus.

In the event that the accredited Bodies intend to continue to carry out this service in the countries indicated above, they assume:

- any liability with reference to the insurance coverage and the applicable sanctions,
- the burden of enabling Accredia to carry out the verification activities in the best possible way for the purpose of maintaining or extending the accreditation in compliance with the limitations set out above.

Best regards.

  
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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/sanctions/restrictive-measures-against-russia-over-ukraine/sanctions-against-russia-explained/>