

**ACCREDIA**  
**Italian Accreditation Body**

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| <b>Italian Accreditation Body</b>                                  | <b>Accredia</b> is the national accreditation body appointed by the Italian Government to <b>attest the competence of laboratories and bodies that verify the conformity of products, services and professionals to the reference standards</b> , facilitating their circulation on the market, national and international.   |
| <b>Supervised by the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy</b> | Accredia is a private non-profit association founded in 2009, which operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy and carries out an activity of public interest to guarantee institutions, businesses and consumers. With Accredia, Italy has complied with <b>EC Reg. 765/2008</b> , which sets the rules on accreditation activities in all EU countries.  |
| <b>Members</b>   | Accredia <b>has 71 members</b> who represent all parties involved in accreditation and conformity assessment activities, among them: <b>9 Ministries</b> (Enterprises and Made in Italy, Environment and Energy Security, Defense, Infrastructure and Transport, Internal Affairs, University and Research, Labor and Social Policies, Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests, Health), <b>7 Major national public entities</b> , <b>2 Standardization bodies</b> (UNI and CEI), <b>27 business and trade organizations</b> , <b>associations of accredited certification and inspection bodies and testing and calibration laboratories</b> , <b>associations of consultants and consumers and suppliers of public utilities</b> , such as State railways and energy. |
| <b>International network</b>                                       | Accredia is a <b>member of the EU and international accreditation networks</b> (EA - European co-operation for Accreditation and Global ACI - Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated) and is a signatory of the related Mutual Recognition Agreements, under which laboratory tests and the certifications of bodies accredited by Accredia are recognized and accepted in Europe and worldwide.   |
| <b>2,398 accredited bodies and laboratories</b>                    | There were <b>2,398</b> bodies and laboratories under accreditation of which <b>722 certification, inspection and verification and validation bodies</b> , <b>1,448 testing and medical laboratories and proficiency testing providers</b> , and <b>228 calibration laboratories, reference materials producers and biobanks</b> .  |
| <b>Economic value</b>  | <b>The market value of the activities carried out in Italy by accredited bodies and laboratories is over 4.2 billion euros</b> , according to a 2020 Accredia-Prometeia study: of these, the bodies produce around 1.6 billion euros in value, testing laboratories 2.5 billion, calibration laboratories almost 110 million euros.   |
| <b>Quality numbers</b>   | In Italy there are about <b>890 thousand certified professionals</b> under accreditation and the <b>certification of management systems</b> under accreditation involved <b>almost 250 thousand company sites</b> .   |
| <b>Organization</b>  | Throughout the territory, <b>652 assessors and technical experts</b> work for Accredia who have carried out <b>over 22,000 days of assessment</b> .   |