

Highlights

EUROLAB General Assembly & Accompanying Events

28-29 April 2025: Copenhagen, Denmark



EUROLAB members at the General Assembly 2025, Copenhagen

The EUROLAB General Assembly and Annual Meeting took place on 28-29 April, in Copenhagen, kindly hosted by EUROLAB-Denmark. The events coincided with the celebration of the 35th anniversary of EUROLAB, a milestone in the evolution of the Federation. The key focus of the discussions looked towards EUROLAB's future development and strategy. The meetings started with the Technical Committee of Quality Assurance (TCQA) on April 28 during which the convenors of the four Working Groups gave presentations on recent actions, projects and work plans:

- Accreditation & Standardisation: the potential publication of various papers on topics relating to digalisation, regulations impacting Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs), discussions on EU-level advocacy next steps and representation of EUROLAB in various external technical committees.
- Publications: proposals for CookBooks revisions, drafting of new technical reports and position papers, as well as the next steps and actions for the WG to contribute to EUROLAB's added value.
- Sustainability: partnerships with various organisations on topics related to building sustainable best practices in labs and capacity building, updates on the recent project submitted for Erasmus+ funding related to building sustainable labs strategies and practices in South America, as well as different papers the WG is currently drafting on Environmental, Social, Governance (ESG) topics.
- Digitalisation: updates on recent publications: Technical Report No. 1/2024, "Guidelines for the Management of Digitalised Systems in Laboratories accredited to ISO/IEC 17025", the creation of a Joint Working Group (JWG) on Digitalisation with Eurachem, recent developments on upcoming events and proposal for CookBooks revisions, technical reports, and position papers.

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All these Working Groups are open to EUROLAB Members, Stakeholders and External Experts.

If you are interested in joining or you need more information, please send us an email at info@eurolab.org.

On 29 April, the day began with the Board Meeting during which the Board discussed and approved the EUROLAB Evolutionary Strategy 2025 ahead of the official approval by the General Assembly vote.



EUROLAB Secretary General Laura Martin and former President Paolo Moscatti

The second meeting of the day was the General Assembly gathering the majority of the EUROLAB Members who discussed and approved the EUROLAB Evolutionary Strategy 2025. The strategy seeks to promote the evolution EUROLAB by mirroring the already existing structure of our national members and enhancing our representation of the entire conformity assessment community. The next steps regarding the strategy implementation and governance will be discussed and developed with the EUROLAB Strategic Task Force Members.

During the General Assembly the members also elected the new EUROLAB President and Board of Directors. EUROLAB is delighted to announce the new EUROLAB Board:

- Andreas Kinzel, EUROLAB-Germany, President
- Irache Visiers, EUROLAB-Spain, Vice-President
- Alexander Šafařík-Pštrosz, EUROLAB-CZ, Vice-President
- Pericles Agathonos, HellasLab, Treasurer
- Álvaro Silva Ribeiro, Relacre, Board Member
- Ewa Bulska, POLLAB, Board Member
- Klaus Fuchs, EUROLAB-CH, Board Member
- Luc Scholtis, Fenelab, Board Member
- Leif Madsen, EUROLAB-Denmark, Board Member
- Vincenzo Patti, ASSOTIC, Board Member
- Ayfer Adıgüzel, TURKLAB, Representative of Associated Members



Newly elected President, Andreas Kinzel with former President, Paolo

A vote of praise was shared during the General Assembly for Paolo Moscatti, former President, Jean-Luc Laurent, former Treasurer and Ömer Güzel, former Representative of Associated Members, for their commitment and valuable contributions to the development of EUROLAB over the years.

On behalf of all the members, EUROLAB thanks EUROLAB-Denmark for the great organisation of the EUROLAB General Assembly and Accompanying Events in Copenhagen.