

Highlights

EUROLAB National Members' Meeting & Accompanying Events 2024

17-18 October, Athens (Greece)



EUROLAB Members at the National Members' Meeting 2024, Athens

The EUROLAB National Members' Meeting (NMM) and accompanying events 2024 was a two-day fruitful gathering held at the Royal Olympic Hotel in Athens, kindly hosted by Hellaslab. It provided a vital opportunity for the EUROLAB community to discuss key initiatives, strengthen partnerships, and chart the organization's strategic course. The event was organized into three formal sessions: the Board of Administrators' Meeting, the Technical Committee on Quality Assurance (TCQA) Meeting, and the NMM.

The meetings opened on October 17 with the TCQA, chaired by Andreas Kinzel. This session highlighted ongoing projects and initiatives within EUROLAB's Working Groups (WGs) on Accreditation & Standardisation, Sustainability, Digitalisation, and Cook Books & Technical Reports. Secretary General Laura Martin provided updates on each WG's activities, including the appointment of Leif Madsen as Chair of the Sustainability WG, who will lead efforts to support laboratories in meeting ESG and CSDR requirements. The Accreditation & Standardisation WG discussed EUROLAB's observer role in the European Quality Infrastructure Network (EQIN) and ongoing work on regulatory standards relevant to the laboratory sector. The Cook Books & Technical Reports WG reviewed progress on expanding the Labs Library and explored new formats, such as video tutorials ("CookShows"), to make technical guidance more accessible. The Digitalisation WG presented its newly published Technical Report on digital transformation in laboratories and announced a series of webinars on best practices in digitalisation.

On October 18, the second day of the meetings started with the Board of Administrators' Meeting, led by President Paolo Moscatti. The Board discussed EUROLAB's administrative priorities and financial stability, including updates on cooperation and projects developments with external stakeholders, which remain under priority areas as part of EUROLAB's long-term strategy.

The two-day event concluded with the National Members' Meeting, which focused on EUROLAB's strategic priorities for the coming years. Secretary General Laura Martin presented the activity report, highlighting EUROLAB's collaborations with various key stakeholders, as well as recent successes like the training and webinars, SCREENFOOD project and EUROLAB participation in the European Quality Infrastructure Network. President Paolo Moscatti's report introduced a forward-looking strategy focused



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on strengthening EUROLAB's sustainability and offering additional value to its members through targeted initiatives and refined engagement efforts, working closely with the national members.

The event ended with closing remarks by the EUROLAB President, who extended appreciation to HellasLab and all participants for their valuable contributions. This NMM highlighted EUROLAB's commitment to supporting the laboratory community across Europe and beyond, prepared to meeting the evolving challenges as well as the opportunities raised for the laboratory sector.



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