

Annual Accreditation Meeting 2021

on Managing COVID-19 pandemic in accreditation: main problems faced and new opportunities in accreditation

1 Background

The Work Plan of the PTB project “Using regional synergies of the countries of the Eastern Partnership – Accreditation” includes an event of the Annual Accreditation Meeting providing a forum for the accreditation bodies of the Eastern Partnership countries to exchange of experience on actual topics within the region and also with EA full member national accreditation bodies outside the region. For more than 15 months the COVID-19 pandemic has a significant impact on the private and professional life including accreditation, and unfortunately, the end of the pandemic cannot be predicted yet. Therefore, the key topic of the Annual Accreditation Meeting this year is “Managing COVID-19 pandemic in accreditation: main problems faced and new opportunities in accreditation”.

The concept of the meeting is that all the 8 participating accreditation bodies share their experiences in managing the pandemic including their main problems faced and new opportunities.

The meeting language will be English (no translation will be provided) and is planned for 1 day. Having DAkKS (Germany) and DPA (Albania) provided information on their experiences, the beneficiary accreditation bodies will present, in about 15 minutes each, their experiences with managing the COVID-19 pandemic in accreditation, the consequences of the pandemic, the main problems their faced and new opportunities. The presentations will be followed by a round table discussion when participants can raise questions and discuss issues of interest.

2 Topics to be covered

- Managing COVID-19 pandemic in accreditation, the consequences of the COVID-19 crisis, impact on new accreditations, maintenance of accreditations and scope extensions
- Risks and main problems faced
- New opportunities in accreditation

3 Target group

Personnel of the beneficiary accreditation bodies responsible for the management of accreditations and involved in assessments (2-3 persons from each beneficiary accreditation body)

4 Speakers

DAkKS and DPA, and 1 representative of each beneficiary accreditation body
Moderator: Rózsa Ring (PTB consultant)

5 Duration

1 day (5-6 hours without translation)