

# Eligibility Criteria for the Participation in EURAMET TC Projects



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## Scope

Define which organisations are eligible to participate in the different types of EURAMET projects. The document does not apply to joint research projects under EU funded research programmes.

## Abbreviations / Acronyms

DI	Designated Institute
EMRP	European Metrology Research Programme
EMPIR	European Metrology Programme for Innovation and Research
HC	Hybrid Comparison
KC	Key Comparison
NMI	National Metrology Institute
PS	Pilot Study
RMO	Regional Metrology Organisation
SC	Supplementary Comparison
TC	Technical Committee

## General rules

Participation in EURAMET TC projects is open to all members and associates of EURAMET.

The participation of organisations other than EURAMET members or associates in TC projects is subject to the agreement of the EURAMET project participants and the TC-Chair.

The principal objective of EURAMET TC project is to document and illustrate the collaboration among EURAMET members and associates. A project with only one EURAMET member and one or several members of other RMOs should be registered as a EURAMET project only if it is of clear benefit to EURAMET.

This applies in particular to comparisons. A bilateral comparison of a EURAMET member with an NMI of another RMO should be registered in the EURAMET TC project database only if the EURAMET member is the beneficiary of this comparison (e.g. getting the linkage to a KC).

## Eligibility Criteria

	Comparisons KC, SC, PS, HC	Research <sup>4</sup>	Traceability	Consultation
Members and Associates	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corresponding NMIs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Corresponding Organisations and RMOs	---	---	---	✓ <sup>1</sup>
NMIs and DIs from other RMOs	✓	✓	--- <sup>2</sup>	✓
Research Institutes, Universities and other Research Organisations	✓ <sup>3</sup>	✓	---	✓
Calibration Laboratories (accredited), Manufactures of measuring devices <sup>1</sup>	✓ <sup>3</sup>	✓	---	✓

<sup>1</sup> E.g. elaboration of guides or KT material in cooperation with other RMOs, NCSLI, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Traceability should document provision of traceability among EURAMET members only.

<sup>3</sup> The TC may invite expert laboratories, not being NMIs or DIs, if they add additional scientific insight or value to the comparison. Note specific considerations to be taken below.

<sup>4</sup> Does not apply to joint research projects under EU funded research programmes.

## **Participation of Expert Laboratories in EURAMET comparisons**

Participation in EURAMET comparisons is open to all EURAMET members and associates, NMIs and DIs, provided the technical competence of the institute is appropriate.

The participation in EURAMET comparisons should, in general, be restricted to NMIs and DIs, in line with CIPM rules. Participation of NMIs and DIs from other RMOs is possible.

Expert guest laboratories may be invited to participate in comparisons in exceptional circumstances and with the consent of all participating members of EURAMET.

The reason to invite an expert laboratory is that it is expected to add additional scientific insight to the comparison. Care should be taken to avoid the participation of laboratories whose motivation might be commercial benefits.

The participation of an expert laboratory should not be in conflict of interest with the national representative (NMI or DI) in the TC. The NMI of the country of origin of the expert laboratory has to agree to its participation.

Participation approval is given by the TC Chair with prior notice to the EURAMET Secretariat.

The expert laboratory has to agree to the conditions defined by EURAMET or within the rules of the CIPM MRA and to bear any costs incurred by its participation in the comparison and meetings.

The decision to include the identity and results of an expert laboratory in the publication results rests with the TC Chair. An expert laboratory maintains the right not to have its results included in the publication. An expert laboratory shall not publish the results of a comparison in any form or refer to their performance in the comparison without prior written consent from all other participants.

## **Related documents**

G-GNP-GUI-004	EURAMET Guide on Comparisons
G-OPS-FRM-009	EURAMET Project Form - Registration of Agreed and Starting Projects
G-OPS-FRM-010	EURAMET Project Report – Progress and Final Report
G-OPS-FRM-011	EURAMET Project Form Traceability Projects
G-OPS-FRM-012	Participation in EURAMET Comparison: Participation form to be signed by participants.