

Workshop for Maghreb Countries to promote the development and implementation of conformity assessment programmes



# Feasibility Study for Building a Testing lab

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### **Feasibility study**



The realization of a technology feasibility study aims to:

- Confirm or make a selection from the proposed labs to build (conformity / interoperability).
- Determine whether the project is technically feasible.
- In practice, the steps of checking the technological feasibility are:
  - Realization of a matrix "technical constraints / cost / labs to build"
  - Make decision (continuation of the project, changing targets or abandonment).
  - Type of Laboratory :
    - Conformance & Regulatory Labs (EMC, Electrical Safety & RF (Radio, SAR, OTA))
    - Interoperability & performance Labs for different technologies:
      - GSM/GPRS/EDGE, WCDMA, HSPA, LTE™,
      - WiMAX<sup>™</sup>, Bluetooth<sup>®</sup>, Wi-Fi<sup>®</sup>,
      - RFID, NFC,
      - DECT, SRD or PSTN



#### Requirements



- Feasibility study requires to accurately determine
  - technological,
  - human
  - and financial to implement
- Internal expertise
- External expertise



#### Conformance and interoperability



#### **Conformance** External structure

Minimum requirements of safety and good operation inside the envirenment Interoperability protocol /internal structure

the rules with which systems have to comply in their communication with other systems.



#### **Conformance labs**



- Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) lab
- Safety lab
- Health tests (Specific absorption rate SAR) lab
- Effecient use of spectrum (Radio) lab



## **Interoperability labs**



Broadband access lab

- Mobile value added services lab
  - Personal area network lab
  - Fixed test plant
    - Mobile test plant

## ITU





#### This feasibility study describes

- environments,
- procedures
- and methodologies
- to be adopted to
  - establish,
  - manage



and maintain a testing centre covering different conformance and interoperability testing areas







# How to build a new laboratory?



#### General requirements labs



# Regulatory & institutional labs

- Texts of law adoption
- Market control authorities
- Notifying authorities
- Standardisation body
- Metrology body
- Accreditation body
- Scope to be covered
- MRA signing



#### **Civil infrastructure**



- Civil engineering constraints
- Power supply constraints
- Climatic constraints
- Fire protection constraints

## ITU

#### Acquisitions



- Anechoic chambers
- Shielded rooms
- Instruments
- Softwares

- Fixing the needs
- Writing and launching tender books
- Acquisitions reception



#### **Capacity building**

#### Trainings for:

- Reglatory requirements
- Learning standards
- Management system
- Assistance to
  - Writing tender books
  - Writing technical procedures
  - Quality management system
    - ✓ Quality manual
    - ✓ Quality procedures
  - Uncertainty budget
- Pre-audit for laboratory accreditation





## **Testing activity**

- plan test campaigns;
- trace test lists and test cases;
- manage product/service under test;
- manage laboratories list;
- trace bugs;
  - export basic test reports;
  - monitor testing activities.
    - Outsourcing in case of non-competence

#### Accreditation according to the standard ISO 17025

ISO / IEC 17025 contains the criteria to prove the competence of a laboratory.

- Management requirements
- Technical requirements

Accreditation is a formal recognition of the independent competence of a laboratory requirements









#### **Up-to-date activity**

- Instrumentation maintenance
  - Periodic calibration
  - Software updates
  - Hardware maintenance
- Accreditation renewal
  - Investment
  - Standards watch
    - General maintenance



#### **Accreditation cycle**



# Maintaining technical capacities







#### Thank you