



## Eastern Partnership – Ukraine

# Quality Standards for Increased Trade in the Eastern Partnership Countries

<b>Objective</b>	<p>The objective of the regional project is to ensure that Quality Infrastructure (QI) institutions in the Eastern Partnership countries (EaP) make progress towards adapting their services and processes. Such progress comprises promoting value creation, productivity and innovation to be in line with international and European best practices. The green transformation and digitalization are aspects of the project that cover many sectors. This document outlines the implementation of the project at the national level in Ukraine.</p>	
<b>Approach</b>	<p>At the operational level, the project strengthens the technical capacities of the QI institutions in Ukraine, namely of the national metrology institutes, the national accreditation body (NAAU) and the Ministry of Economy (MoE) as the line ministry.</p> <p>The improvement of technical capacities and the overall maturity of the Ukrainian QI landscape will be evaluated by comparing the results of the Rapid Diagnostic Toolkit (RDT) conducted at the beginning and the end of the project. To support the transition of the Ukrainian metrology system from COOMET to EURAMET, internal audits of selected laboratories of the national metrology institutes will be conducted by PTB experts. PTB has supported the NAAU to prepare for the successful completion of the latest peer evaluation by the European co-operation for Accreditation (EA). In addition, PTB has helped with extending their recognition scope by including the validation and verification of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.</p> <p>Furthermore, the project also supports the demand orientation of QI services. By applying the Calidena methodology (<a href="https://www.calidena.ptb.de/">https://www.calidena.ptb.de/</a>) developed by PTB, the role of QI services for a selected value chain was examined and respective gaps identified. For Ukraine, low-voltage products/cables have been identified as the relevant sector product, which is also one of the sectors covered by the Agreement on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA) with the EU. This is currently under negotiation. Partners in the Calidena process are UKRELEKTROKABEL, which is the Ukrainian cable manufacturers' association, the MoE and the QI institutions.</p> <p>The project has launched its first call for project proposals within the Quality Infrastructure for Green Transformation (QI4GT) Fund (<a href="https://www.eastern-partnership.ptb.de/about-the-project/activities/ptb-fund-quality-infrastructure-for-green-transformation-qi4gt/">https://www.eastern-partnership.ptb.de/about-the-project/activities/ptb-fund-quality-infrastructure-for-green-transformation-qi4gt/</a>). Projects financed under this fund aim to enhance the collaboration between QI institutions and the private and/or educational partners or associations with links to the Green Transformation. A second call will be launched in 2024.</p>	
<b>Impact</b>	<p>Companies from Ukraine will fulfil the minimum regulatory requirements to be able to access local and/or international markets. In addition, they will develop and maintain a competitive advantage by meeting voluntary requirements imposed by the markets and customers.</p> <p>A well-functioning QI ecosystem composed of public and private entities will provide the necessary services for companies and other customers. QI relies on a coherent system of standardization, metrology, accreditation, testing and certification, which will provide transparent and reliable evidence of compliance with the above-mentioned requirements. Increasing the national visibility of QI and its anchoring in the international system will lead to a re-evaluation of the participating stakeholders and to a sustainable strengthening of the QI institutions.</p> <p>At a higher impact level, besides the improvement of the competitiveness of Ukrainian enterprises, the project is contributing to the improvement of consumer and environmental protection. It is also contributing to promoting sustainable economic development and increasing the quality of life of Ukraine's citizens.</p>	
<b>Cooperation</b>	<p>The project is planned and implemented in close cooperation with the Ministry of Economy (MoE) of Ukraine, the national metrology institutes, the national accreditation body (NAAU) and the relevant public and private sector stakeholders involved in the Calidena and QI4GT activities.</p>	
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