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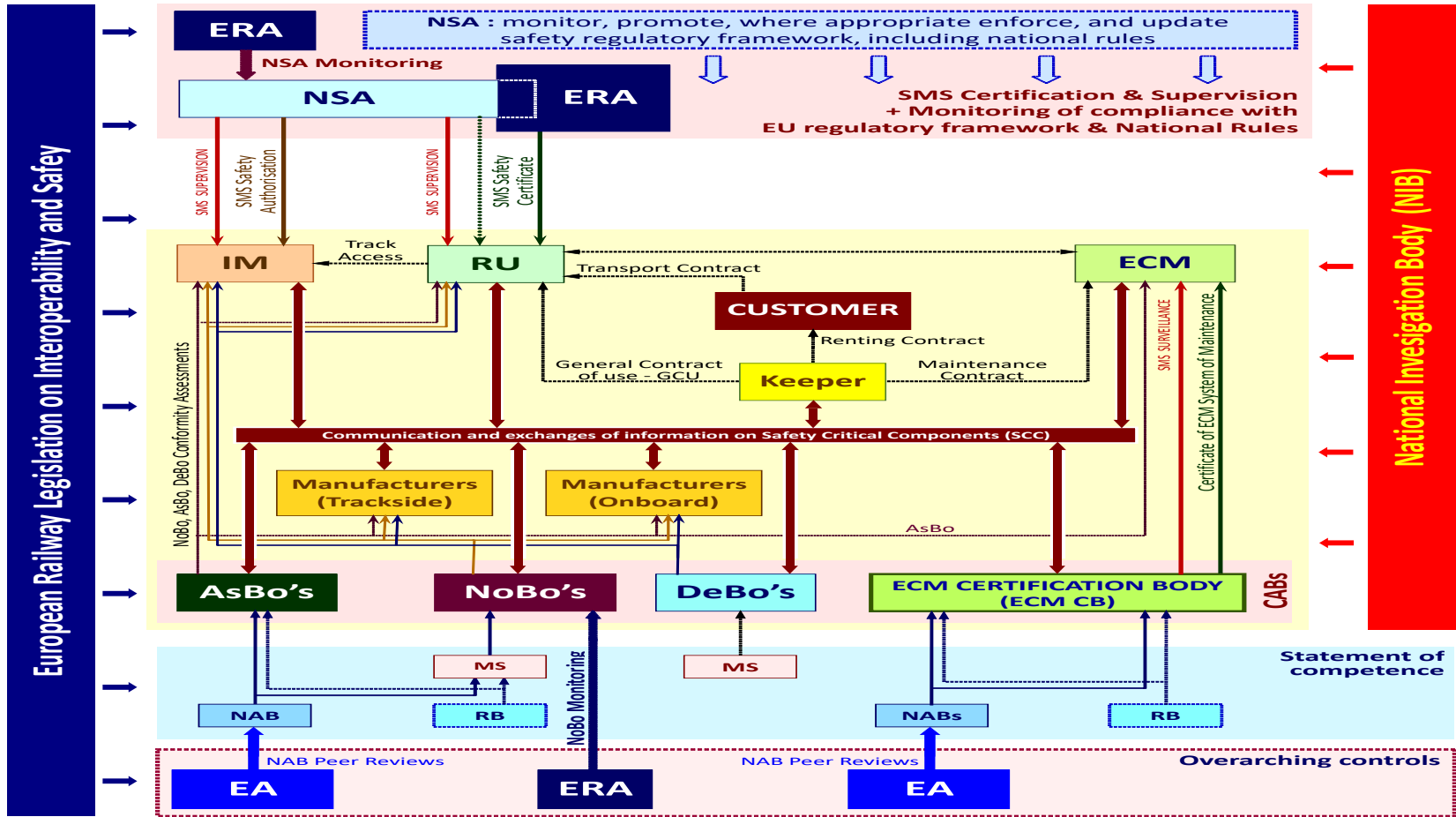
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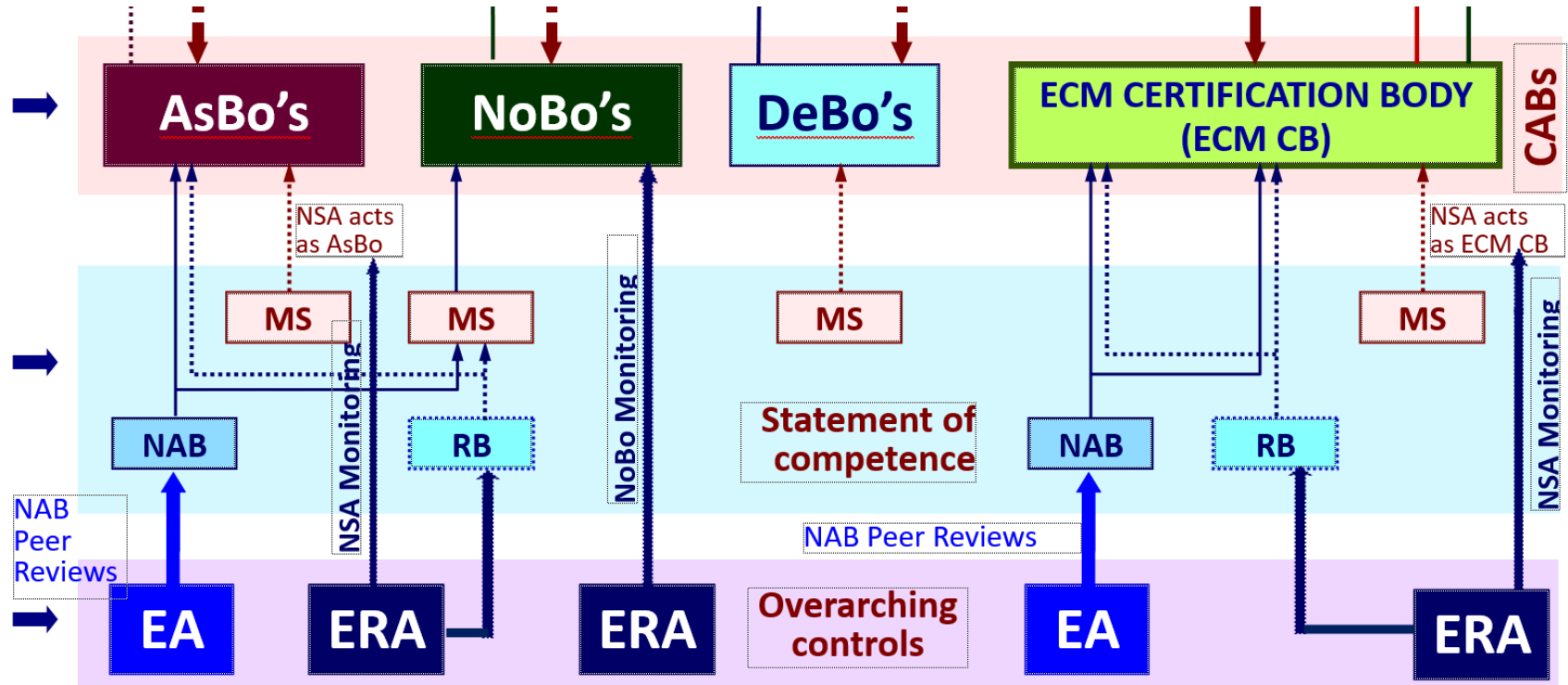
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**Boosting efficiency in the railway safety assessment
by using a cooperation model.**



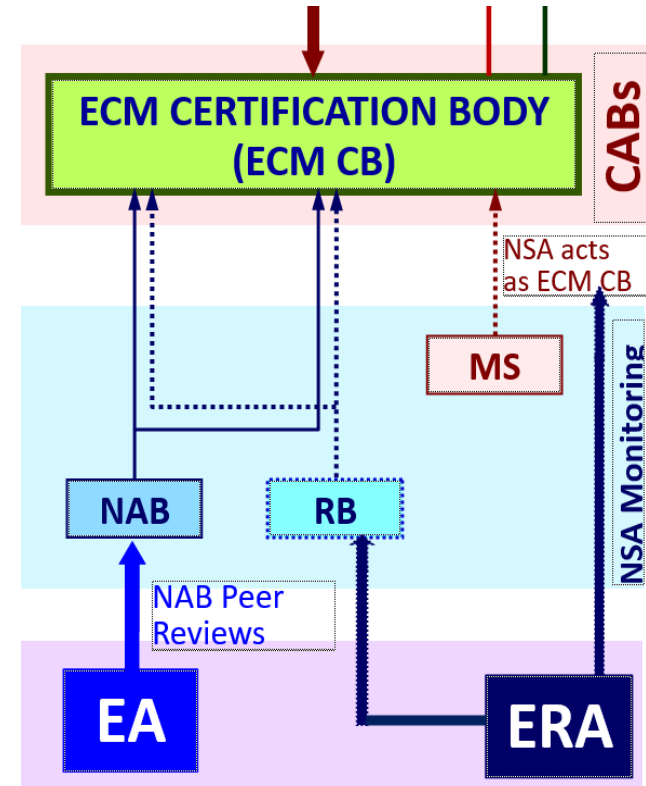
Sub-Theme 8 – Local and international collaborative efforts

Conformity assessment bodies (CABs)

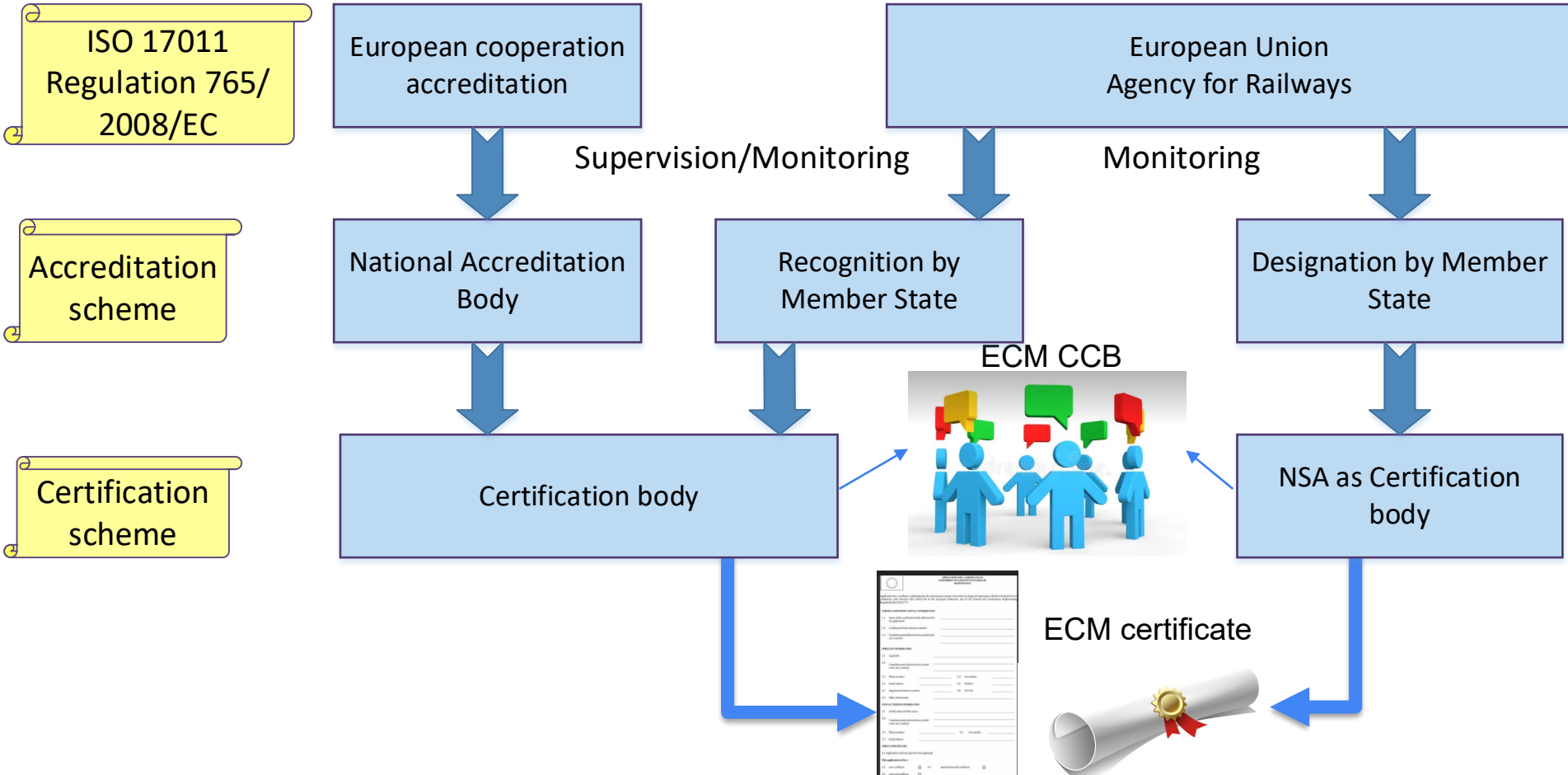


ECM certification process

- ECM certification bodies accredited (23)
- ECM certification bodies recognised (2)
- NSA (20)



ECM certification process



Legal clarification

The obligation for the ECM certification bodies to participate to the cooperation organised by ERA is based **on article 6(5)** of the ECM Regulation: “ *in order to harmonise approaches to the assessment of applications, the certification bodies shall cooperate with each other both within the Member States and across the Union*”.

As the purpose of such cooperation is “*to harmonize approaches to the assessment of applications*”.

There is also an obligation for the ECM certification bodies to take into account any principles, recommendations, documents produced during such cooperation..

Legal clarification (2)

There is also an obligation for the Member States “*to ensure that the certification bodies comply with the general criteria and principles set out in Annex I and with any subsequent sectoral accreditation schemes laid down by the relevant Union legislation*” (art 6(3) ECM Regulation).

As it can be assumed that the “*general criteria and principles set out in Annex I*” will be clarified and further developed during the cooperation organised by ERA that will result in some kind of recommendations.

The Member States should oblige the ECM certification bodies to comply as well with such more detailed recommendations or rules adopted in the frame of such cooperation.

What is ECM CCB ? – Functioning

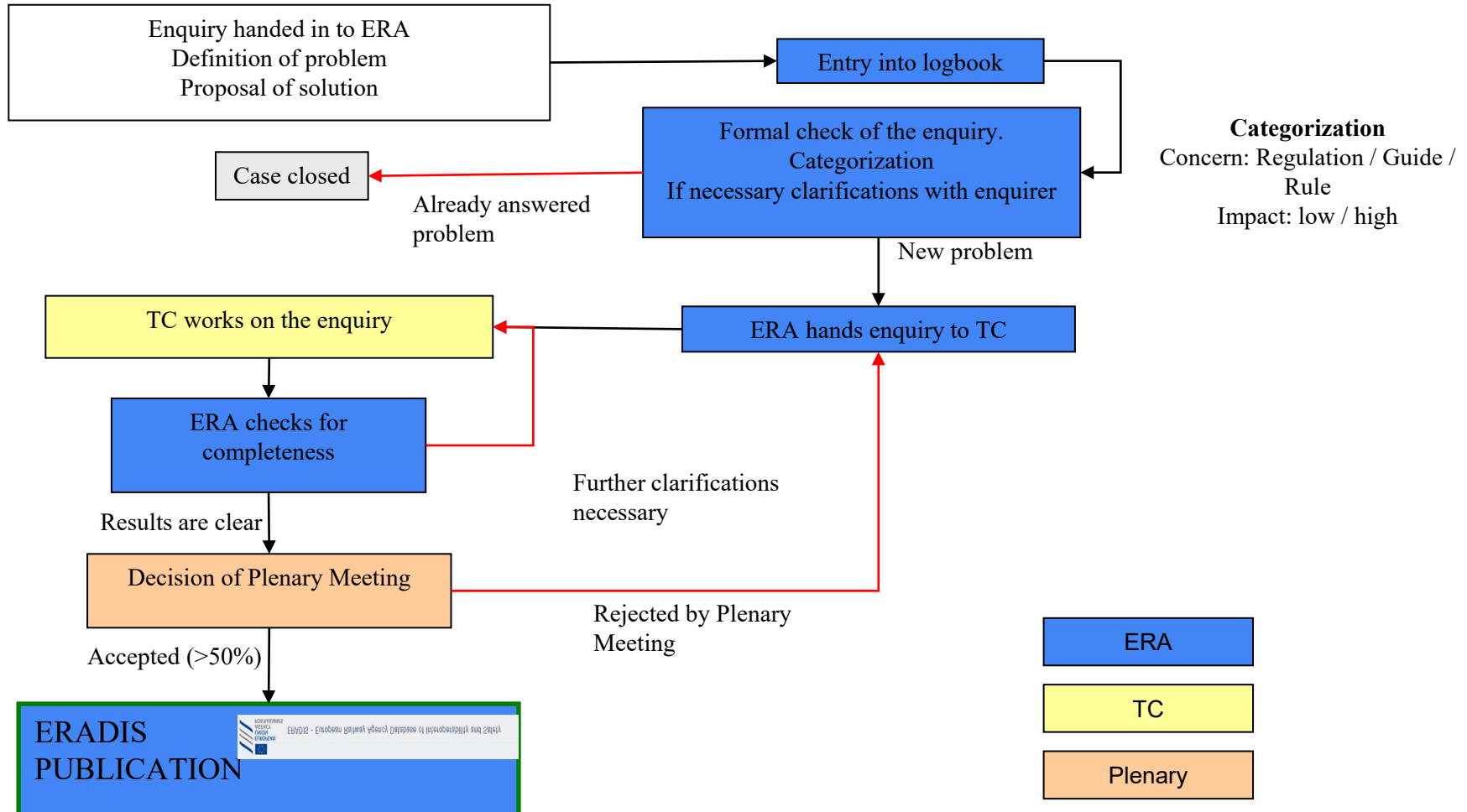


- 1st meeting 06/2014 – **25 meetings till now**
- **Main objectives of Cooperation of ECM certification bodies:**

Help ECM certification bodies sharing and improving understanding of Regulation 2019/779 on:


- ☐ ECM certification roles and responsibilities
 - ☐ ECM certification working method
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- ☐ Plenary Group meetings assisted by a Technical Committee
 - ☐ Development of Recommendations for Use [RFUs] by the technical committee
 - ☐ Vote of [RFUs] in the plenary group and applicable to ECM CB
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- **Members:** ECM certification bodies (voting) + CER, UIP (no voting)
 - **Follow up on Extranet:** <https://eraeuropaeu.sharepoint.com/sites/CCB>


ECM interpretation and improvement process



ECM Recommendations for use search results

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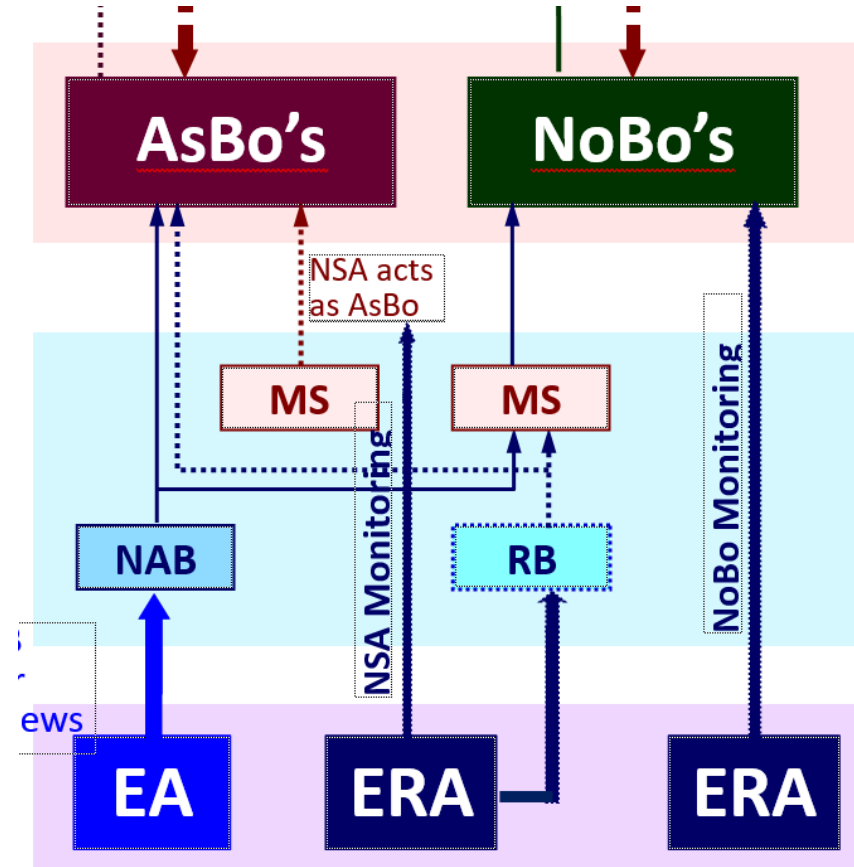
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32.2	Clarification on the role of the Certification Committee	12/04/2021	12/10/2021	22	Accepted by CCB plenary vote	 flowcharts.pdf	View
36.1	Technical scope of the maintenance of OTM to consider during ECM/ECMF assessments	01/10/2021	12/10/2021	22	Accepted by CCB plenary vote	n/a	View
36	Technical scope of the maintenance of OTM to consider during ECM/ECMF assessments	01/10/2021	12/10/2021	22	Rejected by CCB plenary vote	n/a	View
35	ECM Reg. Wrong translation into German Annex V Art. 1	04/06/2021	12/10/2021	22	Accepted by CCB plenary vote	n/a	View
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31	Clarification on point 2 of Annex V of Regulation 2019/779	12/04/2021	26/05/2021	20	Rejected by CCB plenary vote	n/a	View
32	Clarification on the role of the Certification Committee	12/04/2021	26/05/2021	20	Rejected by CCB plenary vote	n/a	View
33	Clarification on par.3.3.4.3 of Certification Scheme	12/04/2021	26/05/2021	20	Accepted by CCB plenary vote	n/a	View
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28	Application of the 2019 Accreditation Scheme to already existing Certification Bodies	11/11/2019	26/05/2021	20	Accepted by CCB plenary vote	 ERA1172-001-V1.0 -clarification ECM accreditation scheme V1-0.pdf	View
24	Date of validity of the certificate	20/07/2017	27/06/2018	16	Accepted by CCB plenary vote	n/a	View
26	Publication of renewed certificates with future validity dates	15/05/2018	27/06/2018	16	Accepted by CCB plenary vote	n/a	View

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Assessment bodies (117)

- Assessment bodies accredited (71)
- Assessment bodies recognised (43)
- NSA (3)



What is AsBo Cooperation? – Functioning



- 1st meeting 21/09/2017 – 14 meetings till now
- Main objectives of AsBo Co-operation:

Help AsBos sharing and improving understanding of Regulation 402/2013 on:

- ❑ AsBo roles and responsibilities
- ❑ AsBo working method

- **Functioning of AsBo Co-operation**
 - ❑ Development of Recommendations for Use [RFUs] applicable to AsBos
 - ❑ Plenary Group meetings assisted by a Technical Committee
 - ❑ RFUs used for sharing experience and **harmonising AsBo working methods**
- **Members:** AsBos (voting) + EA, Recognition Bodies, NSAs, CER, EIM, UNIFE (no voting)
- **Follow up on Extranet:** <https://eraeuropaeu.sharepoint.com/sites/ASBO>

Achievements of ECM CCB/AsBo Cooperation

- Either legal or no legal basis, most of ECM CB or AsBos volunteer for creating a Cooperation Group
- Participation rate of members:
 - ❑ ≈ 50% for physical meetings until 2020
 - ❑ > 60% for remote meetings from 2020
- AsBos: open minded & flexible from start: EA, RBs, NSAs, CER, EIM, UNIFE welcome
- Good cooperation with European Co-operation for Accreditation
- Cooperation work fully transparency:
 - ❑ Agenda, presentations, minutes on Extranet for all meetings
 - ❑ All ECM CB RFUs publicly available on ERADIS
 - ❑ all AsBo RFUs publicly available on ERA webpage
- Development of GUIDE, new accreditation and certification scheme
- fostering mutual recognition of AsBo reports





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