

## READING COMPREHENSION TASK 3: EU UPDATING

### Read the text below:

Throughout its existence the EU has always evolved in response to a constantly changing world. The most recent major change was the Lisbon treaty, which gave the Parliament new law-making powers.

However, the process never ends. In recent years there have been increasing calls for another institutional reform in response to developments such as the digital economy, climate change, migration and terrorism. These are challenges on a global level which require an international approach. Reforming the EU could make the institutions more flexible and able to respond quicker while facilitating cooperation between member states. In addition Brexit - the UK's decision to withdraw from the EU - has stressed the need to relaunch the EU in order to make it more democratic and more relevant to people.

An additional reason for reflecting on the future is the EU's 60th anniversary this year, or more specifically 60 years since the Treaties of Rome. This is not only an occasion to look back at past achievements, but also to look ahead to future challenges.

MEPs started their reflection on how the EU should adapt at the beginning of the year, followed by the European Commission.

On 16 February 2017 MEPs adopted three reports setting out how they believe the EU needs to be reformed in order to boost its capacity to act, restore people's trust and make the economy more resilient.

The report by Mercedes Bresso (S&D, Italy) and Elmar Brok (EPP, Germany) looks at what improvements are already possible using the existing system. Proposals include:

- The Council of Ministers should be turned into a genuine second legislative chamber, and its configurations into preparatory bodies similar to Parliament's committees
- Each member state should present at least three candidates, including both genders, for the role of "its" Commissioner
- The Council should switch completely to qualified majority voting, wherever this is possible under the treaties, to avoid blocking important draft laws and speed up the legislative process, and
- A permanent Council of Defense Ministers should be set up to coordinate the member states' defense policies

The report by Guy Verhofstadt (ALDE, Belgium) considers what treaty changes might be needed for additional reforms. In it MEPs:

- suggest creating an EU finance minister and giving the EU Commission the power to formulate and give effect to a common EU economic policy, backed up by a euro-area budget,
- reiterate that the European Parliament should have a single seat,
- propose reducing the size of the College of EU Commissioners substantially, including by cutting the number of Vice-Presidents to two, and
- state their belief in allowing EU citizens in each member state to vote directly on the European political parties' lead candidates for Commission President



**Read the questions and choose the correct answer. Mark your answer on the Answer Sheet**

- 1 What has been the evolution of EU?**
- A Trying to change the world**
  - B Constantly changing**
  - C In response to the changing world**
- 2 What is the latest change?**
- A Lisbon**
  - B New laws**
  - C The Lisbon treaty**
- 3 How did the Lisbon Treaty change the EU?**
- A They made new laws**
  - B The Parliament was constituted**
  - C The Parliament was given new law-making powers**
- 4 Why is it that the evolution process never ends?**
- A Digital economy, climate change, migration and terrorism have changed the EU**
  - B Digital economy, climate change, migration and terrorism are issues that require an institutional reform**
  - C Digital economy, climate change, migration and terrorism are calling for a reform**



- 5 How can digital economy, climate change, migration and terrorism be approached?
- A Internationally
  - B Like challenges
  - C On request
- 6 What is likely to be the result of reforming EU?
- A More institutions
  - B More flexibility and quicker response
  - C More member states
- 7 How has Brexit influenced the EU?
- A Has caused a lot of stress on EU
  - B Has made that EU have fewer members
  - C Stresses the need to make it more democratic and more relevant
- 8 What is another reason to reflect on the future?
- A The 60 year anniversary
  - B The Treaties of Rome
  - C This year's anniversary
- 9 What does the anniversary mean?
- A Look back to future challenges
  - B Look back but also look forward
  - C Look forward to past achievements
- 10 Who started reflecting on the adaptation?
- A The European Commission
  - B The EU
  - C The MEPs



- 11 What came after the MEPs meeting?
- A The European Commission
  - B The beginning of the year
  - C The reflection
- 12 What happened on 16 February?
- A MEPs' meeting
  - B MEPs adopted three reports
  - C MEPs reported on EU
- 13 What is the purpose of the reports
- A Setting out some directions for the reformation of EU
  - B Setting out some directions for order
  - C Setting out some needs of EU
- 14 What are the three improvements the MEPs are looking for?
- A Boost , more capacity and people
  - B Economy
  - C Capacity to act, people trust and more economic resilience
- 15 What did Mercedes Bresso and Elmar Brok do?
- A Looked at possible improvements
  - B Issued a report proposing improvements using the existing system
  - C Made a proposal
- 16 What do they propose about the Council of Ministers?
- A To be made genuine
  - B To configure it into preparatory body
  - C To make it similar to the Parliament's committees.



- 17 What should the member states do?
- A Have three candidates
  - B Present three candidates
  - C Include both genders
- 18 Why should the Council switch to qualified majority?
- A To speed up the legislative process
  - B To vote treaties
  - C To vote for important drafts
- 19 Will it always be possible to use qualified majority?
- A Yes, after the change
  - B No
  - C Yes
- 20 How long has the Council of Defense been functioning?
- A It hasn't started yet
  - B Since the constitution of UE
  - C Since the member states had defense policies
- 21 What is Guy Verhofstadt's report about?
- A Treaty changes for UE
  - B Changes for Belgium
  - C Changes for additional reforms
- 22 What does the report propose about economy?
- A That the Commission applies a common economic policy
  - B That the Commission backs economy by a euro-area budget
  - C That the EU finance minister control the EU economy



- 23** Do they propose that the European Parliament reduce their seats?
- A** Yes, to two
  - B** Yes, to one
  - C** No
- 24** How do the report propose to reduce the size of the College of EU Commissioners?
- A** By reducing the number of Vice-Presidents
  - B** By reducing it substantially
  - C** By cutting the numbers
- 25** How does the report propose to change voting?
- A** Allowing citizens in each member state to vote for Commission President
  - B** Allowing citizens in each member state to vote for European political parties
  - C** Allowing citizens' their belief

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## **LISTENING COMPREHENSION TASK 6: New ISO standards**

**Listen carefully and choose the correct answer. Mark your answers on the Answer Sheet**

Beatriz Rivera, managing director of ENAC, gave a warm welcome speech to the LC colleagues, pointing out it was a first for ENAC to host such an EA committee meeting for 2 days, attended by more than 60 delegates. The main issue on the agenda and also on everyone's mind is the new ISO/IEC 17025 standard, published on 30 November 2017 with a 3 year transition period that started on the 30th November. It means that by 30 November 2020 all valid accreditations have to be granted on the basis of ISO/IEC 17025:2017.

To support the transition, the LC took several measures. Starting in September 2017 with a breakout session that focused on new issues identified in the then draft "DIS", the LC set up a train-the-trainer workshop in January.

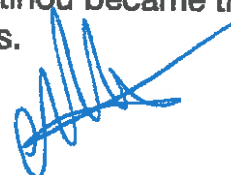
Two sessions took place between 23 and 26 January and were successful events. Having considered the feedback received from the participants in detail, the LC considered the need for a new workshop to be set up to support harmonization in the implementation of the new requirements.

It was finally agreed to wait for the first assessments to take place with some NABs reported to start in May or even earlier and to wait for the NABs to implement in practice the new requirements and gain substantial experience.

Issues will arise during the first months of the transition for new concepts and approaches have been introduced. The proposal is to collect the issues through a survey to be distributed in October/November. The results will be used to design the program of a follow up workshop planned to take place in March 2019.

Meanwhile LC members will have the opportunity to raise their questions either to the LC directly for horizontal issues or to the technical networks for more specific points. The material collected will also be used to reflect on during the March 2019 event.

The Committee confirmed the setting up of 2 new technical networks. Ludmila Marina, LATAK became the Convenor of the new TN for Mechanical, Electrical and Construction products while Kondylia Sotiriou became the Convenor for the new TN for Consumer goods and Toys.





The LC now operates with 7 TNs. In addition to the new TNs: TN Calibration, TN Forensics, TN Environment, TN PTPT/RMP and TN Food & Feed. It is important to recall that TNs are an important tool for harmonization. It is the place to exchange information on day-to-day accreditation assessment practices, share experience and identify topics for discussion at an EA LC or even ILAC level.

Stakeholder input remains very active. EUROLAB presented the “Cook Book” to assist laboratories in the transition to the new standard; EGOLF welcomed the appointment of an LC TFG responsible for harmonizing practices of accreditation in the EXAP sector and the EDQM delegate confirmed the good cooperation with EA in joint assessments.

After fruitful cooperation within the EEE-PT Working Group, the LC endorsed the final draft of the EA Guidelines for the assessment of the appropriateness of small ILCs within the process of laboratory accreditation. The document will soon be available on the EA website.

The LC will meet next on 25-26 September in Tallinn, Estonia.

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Candidate Number

## LISTENING COMPREHENSION TASK 6: NEW ISO STANDARDS

Listen carefully and choose the correct answer. Mark your answers on the Answer Sheet

- 26 Who is Beatriz Rivera?
- A Managing director of NAEC
  - B Managing director of ANEC
  - C Managing director of ENAC
- 27 How long did the committee meeting last?
- A 60 days
  - B 60 hours
  - C 2 days
- 28 What was the main issue on the agenda?
- A The transition period
  - B The issue on everyone's mind
  - C The new ISO/IEC 17025
- 29 When was the new standard published?
- A On 13 November 2017
  - B On 30 November 2017
  - C On 13 November 2020



- 30** What does the transition period of the new standard mean?
- A** That by November 2020 all valid accreditations have to be granted on the basis of ISO/IEC 17025:2017
  - B** That after November 2020 all valid accreditations have to be granted on the basis of ISO/IEC 17025:2017
  - C** That after November 2020 all valid accreditations have to be granted on the basis of ISO/IEC 17025
- 31** What were the measures the LC took?
- A** The "DIS draft
  - B** A breakout session in September 2017 and a workshop in January
  - C** A breakout session in January 2017 and a workshop in September
- 32** What were the sessions between 23 and 26 January for?
- A** To give feedback
  - B** To install the new ISO standard
  - C** To train-the-trainer
- 33** Which sessions were successful events?
- A** The workshops between 23 and 26 January
  - B** The transition and the application of the new standard
  - C** The workshops in september
- 34** What did the LC see the need for a new workshop for?
- A** To support harmonization in the implementation of the new ISO
  - B** To support harmonization in the implementation of the new requirements
  - C** To receive feedback
- 35** When are the first assessments reported to start?
- A** Starting from May
  - B** After the NABs have reported
  - C** In May or earlier



- 36** What are NABs expected to do?
- A** Run first assessments and implement in practice the new requirements
  - B** Assess in May
  - C** Gain experience
- 37** Why will issues arise in the first months
- A** Because it is a new transition
  - B** Because new concepts and approaches have been introduced
  - C** Because everything is new
- 38** What will the survey be about?
- A** About the issues that will arise
  - B** About a proposal
  - C** About a collection
- 39** What will the results be used for?
- A** For a new programme
  - B** For followup
  - C** For a new workshop in March 2019
- 40** Who will LC members be able to raise their questions to?
- A** To horizontal issues
  - B** To either LC or technical networks
  - C** To specific networks
- 41** Who are the two new technical networks?
- A** Ludmila Marina and Kondylia Sotiriou
  - B** Latak and TN
  - C** TN for Mechanical, Electrical and Construction products and TN for Consumer Goods and Toys



- 42 Who is the Convenor of TN for Mechanical, Electrical and Construction products?
- A LATAK
  - B Ludmila Marina
  - C Kondylia Sotiriou
- 43 Who is the Convenor of TN for Consumer Goods and Toys?
- A Kondylia Sotiriou
  - B LATAK
  - C Ludmila Marina
- 44 How many Tis are there in addition to the new TNs?
- A 7
  - B 5
  - C 4
- 45 Why are TNs an important tool for harmonization?
- A Because it is possible to exchange information, share experience and identify topics for discussion
  - B Because they are day-to-day places
  - C Because they are at ILAC level
- 46 What stakeholders have provided input?
- A EUROLAB, Cook Book and EGOLF
  - B EXAP and TFG
  - C EUROLAB, EGOLF and EDQM
- 47 What made the final draft possible?
- A A fruitful cooperation with the EEE-PT Working group
  - B A lot of hard work
  - C The endorsement



- 48 What is the draft about?
- A LC
  - B EA guidelines
  - C ILCs
- 49 Where will the document be available?
- A On the EA website
  - B Within EA
  - C Soon
- 50 What will happen in Estonia?
- A The LC next meeting
  - B The Tallin
  - C The LC will decide what happens next

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