

The consolidated text of the Decision on the Establishment of the Accreditation Body of Montenegro includes the following regulations:

1. Decision on the Establishment of the Accreditation Body of Montenegro ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro", No. 21/07 of 13.04.2007),
2. Decision Amending the Decision on the Establishment of the Accreditation Body of Montenegro ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 13/2025 of 14.02.2025.),
3. Decision Amending and Supplementing the Decision on the Establishment of the Accreditation Body of Montenegro ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 35/2025 of 02.04.2025.),
4. Decision Supplementing the Decision on the Establishment of the Accreditation Body of Montenegro ("Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 117/2025 of 15.10.2025.),

## **DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACCREDITATION BODY OF MONTENEGRO**

**("Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro", No. 21/07 of 13 April 2007 and  
"Official Gazette of Montenegro", No. 13/2025 of 14.02.2025, 35/2025 of 02.04.2025 and 117/2025 of 15.10.2025)**

### **I GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 1**

This Decision establishes the Accreditation Body of Montenegro (hereinafter: the Accreditation Body) for the purpose of determining the competence of bodies performing conformity assessment activities.

#### **Article 2**

The Accreditation Body shall be an independent non-for-profit organisation.

The Accreditation Body shall have the status of a legal entity, with rights, obligations and responsibilities determined by the law, this decision and the statute.

The Accreditation Body shall be registered in the Central Register of the Commercial Court in Podgorica.

### **II NAME AND SEAT**

#### **Article 3**

The name of the Accreditation Body shall be: Akreditaciono tijelo Crne Gore.

The name of the Accreditation Body in English shall be: Accreditation body of Montenegro.

The abbreviated name of the Accreditation Body shall be: ATCG.

The seat of the Accreditation Body shall be in Podgorica.

### **III FOUNDER**

#### **Article 4**

The Founder of the Accreditation Body is the Government of the Republic of Montenegro (hereinafter: the Founder).

## **IV TASKS**

### **Article 5**

The Accreditation Body shall perform the following tasks:

- 1) determine the competence of bodies performing conformity assessment activities, i.e.:
  - testing,
  - calibration,
  - inspection,
  - certification of products and processes,
  - certification of management systems,
  - certification of persons;
- 2) establish and make publicly available the rules of accreditation which shall be based on the relevant Montenegrin, European and international standards and documents of European and international organisations for accreditation;
- 3) participate in the work of European and international organisations for accreditation and represent Montenegrin interests in them, in accordance with the obligations assumed by international agreements;
- 4) maintain the register of accredited bodies;
- 5) perform other tasks in the area of accreditation in accordance with the law, this decision and the statute.

### **Article 6**

The Accreditation Body shall have a Statute.

The Statute shall regulate in detail the manner of constituting its bodies, the procedures for their work and decision-making, general acts, the manner of informing the public about its activities, detailed organizational structure, and other matters related to the functioning of the Accreditation Body.

## **V GOVERNING BODIES**

### **Article 7**

The governing bodies of the Accreditation Body shall be: the Management Board, the Director and the Supervisory Board.

### **Article 8**

The Management Board shall consist of a Chairperson and four members.

The Chairperson and members of the Management Board shall be appointed and dismissed by the Founder.

When appointing the Chairperson and members of the Management Board, due consideration shall be given to the representation of interested parties that have no direct interest in accreditation.

### **Article 9**

The term of office of the President and members of the Management Board shall be four years, with the possibility of reappointment.

The procedures for the work of the Management Board shall be further regulated by the Statute and the Rules of Procedure.

### **Article 10**

The Management Board, as a professional and governing body:

- 1) adopts the Statute;
- 2) approves financial statements;
- 3) approves the annual financial report on the operations and activities of the Accreditation Body;
- 4) adopts the annual work plan and program of activities;
- 5) decides on the purpose and for the use of funds, in accordance with the work plan;
- 6) decides on the disposal of assets of higher value;
- 7) determines the level of accreditation fees;
- 8) adopts rules of accreditation, in line with the law and relevant international standards in the field of accreditation;
- 9) adopts act on internal organization and the systematization of job positions;
- 10) performs other tasks in accordance with the law, this Decision, and the Statute.

The acts referred to in paragraph 1 items 1), 2), 3), 4), 6) and 7) of this Article, the Management Board shall adopt with the consent of the Founder.

Assets of higher value shall mean assets having the value of at least 20% of book value of the assets of the Accreditation Body.

The decision on the amount of accreditation fees shall be published in the "Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro".

### **Article 11**

The Director of the Accreditation Body shall be appointed by the Management Board on the basis of a public competition, with the consent of the Founder.

The Director's term of office shall be four years, with the possibility of reappointment for one additional term.

A Director whose term has expired shall continue to discharge the duties of office until a new Director is appointed, but in no event for a period exceeding six months from the date of expiration of the term.

### **Article 11a**

A member of the Management Board shall be entitled to a monthly remuneration amounting to 35% of the average salary of employees of the Accreditation Body in the preceding year.

The Chairperson of the Management Board shall be entitled to a monthly remuneration amounting to 50% of the average salary of employees of the Accreditation Body in the preceding year.

### **Article 12**

The Director:

- 1) represents and acts on behalf of the Accreditation Body;
- 2) organizes and manages the operations of the Accreditation Body;
- 3) ensures the legality of operations and is responsible for the lawfulness of the Accreditation Body's activities;
- 4) decides on the use of the Accreditation Body's funds, except for matters decided by the Management Board;

- 5) implements and executes the decisions of the Management Board;
- 6) proposes and organizes the preparation of acts adopted by the Management Board;
- 7) proposes acts on organization and the systematization of job positions;
- 8) proposes the annual report on operations;
- 9) decides on the engagement of experts for performing specific tasks within the competence of the Accreditation Body and concludes contracts with them regulating mutual rights and obligations;
- 10) decides on the rights and obligations of employees of the Accreditation Body, in accordance with the law;
- 11) verifies accreditation decisions following the recommendation of the Accreditation Committee;
- 12) performs other tasks in accordance with the law, this Decision, and the Statute.

### **Article 13**

The Supervisory Board shall consist of a Chairperson and two members, appointed and dismissed by the Founder.

The term of office of the members of the Supervisory Board shall be four years, with the possibility of reappointment.

### **Article 14**

The Supervisory Board:

- 1) supervises the legality of the operations of the other governing bodies of the Accreditation Body;
- 2) reviews the reports on operations and the financial statements of the Accreditation Body;
- 3) performs other tasks prescribed by law, this Decision, and the Statute.

The Supervisory Board shall inform the Founder of the results of its supervision at least once a year. The procedures for the work and decision-making of the Supervisory Board shall be further regulated by the Statute and the Rules of Procedure.

### **Article 14a**

A member of the Supervisory Board shall be entitled to a monthly remuneration amounting to 20% of the average salary of employees of the Accreditation Body in the preceding year.

The Chairperson of the Supervisory Board shall be entitled to a monthly remuneration amounting to 30% of the average salary of employees of the Accreditation Body in the preceding year.

### **Article 15**

The composition of the Accreditation Committee and the procedures for its work shall be determined by the Statute and the Rules of Procedure.

### **Article 16**

The Accreditation Body shall submit a work report to the Founder at least once a year.

## **VI FINANCING**

### **Article 17**

The funds for the operations of the Accreditation Body shall be provided from:

- 1) the collection of accreditation fees;
- 2) the Budget of the Republic of Montenegro;
- 3) other sources.

### **Article 18**

Accreditation fees refer to funds derived from revenues generated through the provision of accreditation services to clients, in accordance with the Decision on the Level of Accreditation Fees.

The prices for accreditation services shall be established by agreement between the Accreditation Body and the client, in accordance with the Decision on the Level of Accreditation Fees.

The amount of funds allocated for the operations of the Accreditation Body from the Budget of the Republic of Montenegro shall be determined based on the tasks and activities set forth in the program and the annual work plan.

Funds for the membership of the Accreditation Body in European and international accreditation organizations shall be provided from the Budget of the Republic of Montenegro.

Funds from other sources shall comprise gifts (donations) and other revenues obtained in accordance with the law.

Gifts (donations) shall not be provided by users of the Accreditation Body's services.

## **VII RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES OF THE ACCREDITATION BODY IN LEGAL TRANSACTIONS**

### **Article 19**

The Accreditation Body shall be liable for its obligations towards third parties with all of its assets.

The Founder shall be liable for the obligations of the Accreditation Body if the Accreditation Body is unable to fulfil its obligations from its own assets, or if the fulfillment of such obligations from the Accreditation Body's assets would seriously jeopardize its operations.

## **VIII SUPERVISION OVER THE WORK OF THE ACCREDITATION BODY**

### **Article 20**

Supervision over the operations of the Accreditation Body in performing tasks prescribed by law shall be carried out by the ministry responsible for quality infrastructure.

With regard to the proper use of funds for the operations of the Accreditation Body provided from the Budget of the Republic of Montenegro, supervision shall be exercised by the ministry responsible for finance and the ministry responsible for quality infrastructure.

## **IX TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 21**

The acting Director of the Accreditation Body shall be appointed by the Founder within 15 days from the date of entry into force of this Decision.

## **Article 22**

The acting Director of the Accreditation Body shall convene the first meeting of the Management Board for the purpose of adopting the Statute no later than 15 days from the date of appointment of the members of the Management Board.

## **Article 22a**

The members of the Management Board shall be appointed in accordance with Article 8 of this Decision within 30 days from the date of its entry into force.

Upon the appointment of the members of the Management Board in accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, the mandate of the current members of the Management Board shall terminate.

## **Article 23**

The Founder shall provide the Accreditation Body with the premises, funds, and equipment necessary for its operations, in accordance with the law.

## **Article 24**

The Accreditation Body shall commence operations on the date of its registration in the Central Register of the Commercial Court in Podgorica.

## **Article 25**

This Decision shall enter into force on the eighth day following its publication in the “Official Gazette of the Republic of Montenegro.”