

Group “B”
Summary of Discussion

Implementation issues EGs

- Terminology – EG? Technical? National experts? – facilitate communication
- Use existing structures – but have clear role (mandate) re QA/QC Directive and work done to support it
- Need use Directive as a driver – how do MSs organise compliance with Directive?
- EGs offer a model to do this – need national coordination of QA/QC of a sort

Implementation 1

- Need for specific mode of communication from MSs to Com (regardless of within-state organisation)
- **Role of EU advisory Group – helps to focus attention on the key issues:**
 - 17025 – principles at least
 - Performance criteria re EQSs
 - PT and RMs

Implementation 2

- Multiple CAs? (or devolved competence) Adds complication – common awareness and understanding of needs
- Transposition mandatory – concentrates minds (but only in 2yrs)
- Different national models – need for different approaches (Competence to administer and to participate?)

Implementation 3 Accreditation

- Sector (in this case WFD) specific requirements
 - either via accreditation or by other means –
 - other means open unlikely to be specified or checked by Com
- Role in defining training needs

Implementation 4 Finance

- Concerns about resources for expert groups possible gaps
- OK for RMs(?), PT(?) and accreditation – from analysis (some hard cases – spm tbt PAHs)
- Coordination activities - uncertain where finance from – not just meetings
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Implementation 5 Public private

- Who deals with hard cases
- Institutional support for development activity (pump priming)
- Sustainability needs to rely on market forces –
 - [Note distinction between interlaboratory development exercises and PT]
- Where this not available – need to considers risks of gaps