

European Organization for Quality (EOQ) becomes Honorary Member of The International Personnel Certification Association (IPC)

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The International Personnel Certification Association (IPC) is pleased to announce that the European Organization for Quality (EOQ) has been formally admitted as an Honorary Member of IPC.

This distinction recognizes EOQ's long-standing and influential contribution to the advancement of quality, competence, and professional development across Europe and around the world. This milestone underscores the shared commitment of IPC and EOQ to **building a robust international network** dedicated to competence, impartiality, and harmonized certification practices, further connecting and strengthening both the European and global quality communities.

"We are honored to welcome EOQ as an IPC Honorary Member," said **Dr. George Anastasopoulos**, IPC General Secretary, adding "EOQ has been a long-term partner of IPC and a key factor in the European and international quality movement for decades. This honorary membership reflects our appreciation of EOQ's contribution to competence, professionalism, and trust, and it opens a new chapter of deeper cooperation between our organizations."

Mr. Thomas Votsmeier, IPC Vice Chair and EOQ Representative to IPC, stated:

"IPC granting this recognition to EOQ is an honor and I see it as an opportunity for further cooperation of the two organizations to work on future proof solutions for accreditable certification schemes in Europe and world-wide. As great challenges are facing EOQ currently, I hope and wish that our common experience in the field of **certification scheme development, standardization and conformity assessment** will also in future find fruitful ways of cooperation."

The International Personnel Certification Association (IPC), based in Michigan, USA, is a global non-profit association dedicated to developing harmonized personnel certification schemes and promoting international recognition of certified professionals. IPC unites certification bodies, training providers, regulators, and industry experts to ensure **competence-based certification** that is credible, impartial, and aligned with international standards. IPC's Multilateral Agreement (IPC MLA) and its scheme endorsement by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) strengthen global confidence in certified professionals.

More info at: <https://ipcaweb.org/>

The European Organization for Quality (EOQ), headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, is Europe's leading non-profit Quality organization. EOQ brings together national quality associations and professional networks to promote quality management, innovation, and competence across Europe. Through its certification models, training resources, and pan-European initiatives, EOQ fosters excellence and supports the development of strong, future-ready quality professionals and organizations.

More info at: <https://www.eoq.org/>

