



ECTN VEC COMMITTEE REPORT AT THE GA ON October 3, 2020

Antonio Laganà (AL) gave a brief overview of the EChemTest[®] sustainability roadmap within the ad hoc ECHEMTEST⁺ special project, of the Learning Objects (LO)s repository GLOREP and of the relevant communication activities.

The number of established Test Centres (TC) and Accredited Test Sites (ATS) is 17. The aim of the VEC is to consolidate the services of the active ones and possibly increase them. During the past year 3254 Self Evaluation Sessions (SES) were run (of which only 2001 were officially reported by the TC/ATS) and 17 paid Individual Proficiency Certificates (IPC) were issued. Unfortunately, the Universities of Helsinki and Thessaloniki did not renew their ECTN membership, some other Universities still member of ECTN did not confirm their intention of continuing with EChemTest[®] activities. At the same time some panels of experts of the EChemTest[®] Questions and Answers (Q&A) libraries were left without coordinator.

AL reminded the credit and debit rules for SESs. Each TC has 100 free SESs provided that the TC coordinator and a library expert attend relevant VEC meetings. Some criticisms to the debit/credit offsetting rules were raised and requests for the formulation of a new ANNEX to the TC/ATS MoUs to come into force starting from January 1, 2021 were made. The decision of centralizing the financial management of EChemTest at the ECTN Secretariat was also taken.

The following recently introduced important novelties are:

- on line EChemTest sessions can be run by TC/ATSS;
- training sessions can be run on line;
- non-ECTN Members (for example schools) can name a Local ECTN Advisor (LEA) and can activate a local ATS-School through a national TC (a first trial case for this is being implemented);
- a new platform has been adopted for GLOREP and re-usable micro-granular LOs are being implemented open to possible collaborations with the STEM-CPD European project.
- collaboration with the editorial board of the education section of the OJS VIRT&L-COMM magazine is going to be continued with the hosting of two papers per year from ECTN.
- it is planned to strengthen the European Open Science Cloud-Molecular Science character of VEC activities.