

**INFORMATIVE CIRCULAR****Ref. DC2025SPM044****Milan, 15-04-2025**

To all accredited V&amp;V Certification Bodies

To the associations of Conformity Assessment Bodies

To the DC Department Assessors and Experts

Their offices

**SUBJECT: Informative circular DC N°11/2025 – Transition to the standard UNI ISO 14066:2023.****Introduction**

In August 2023 the standard UNI ISO 14066:2023 “Environmental information – competence requirements for teams validating and verifying environmental information” was published. This edition of the standard replaces the first edition of 2011.

The main modifications are as follows:

- the application of the standard has been extended from greenhouse gas emissions to environmental information;
- annexes have been included that provide additional competence requirements for certain types of environmental information declarations.

It is useful to remember that, if a specific programme is applicable as described in the standard UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17029, the competence requirements of that programme are additional to the requirements of UNI ISO 14066.

With regard to accreditation, UNI ISO 14066 is a level 4 standard as described in the IAF MLA scopes:

- IAF MLA Level 1 – UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17011;
- IAF MLA Level 2 – Accreditation activities – Validation and Verification;
- IAF MLA Level 3 – IAF endorsed generic normative documents used by Accreditation Bodies – UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17029;
- IAF MLA Level 4 – IAF – endorsed sector-specific normative documents used by Accreditation Bodies – UNI EN ISO 14065, UNI ISO 14066, UNI EN ISO 14064-3.

In the light of the publication of the new edition of the standard, at IAF level it has been requested that the Bodies demonstrate that they have made the transition to UNI ISO 14066:2023 by August 31, 2025, in order to maintain accreditation according to UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17029 and UNI EN ISO 14065.

## **1. TRANSITION**

### **1.1 Activities of Verification and Validation Bodies**

The VB (Verification and Validation Body) accredited according to UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17029 and UNI EN ISO 14065 must prepare and send the following documents by May 16, 2025:

- A gap analysis relating to the impact on the VB's documents of the requirements of the standard UNI ISO 14066:2023 rather than the requirements of the 2011 version. The document must also describe any impact on the VB's activities with reference to competence.
- A transition plan that takes into account the gap analysis to establish the relevant adaptation actions with an indication of the application timeline (adaptation programme) and the relevant update status.
- Procedures for managing the competence of audit groups, experts and independent auditors, highlighting any changes with regard to the 2023 version of UNI ISO 14066.
  - a) The documentation must highlight the specific competence requirements to carry out the verification and validation process and agreed procedures (AUPs).
  - b) Sectoral competence shall be defined based on the specific activity performed. It should be noted that for some programmes sectoral competence is already established (for example EU ETS).
  - c) If the sectoral competence is not described in the programme, it must be established by the VB. Examples of sectoral classification are table F.1 reported in Annex F of UNI ISO 14066:2023 for the verification/validation/AUPs of greenhouse gases or Annex A of the document IAF MD 14 for some GHG verification/validation activities.
- Updated list of independent verifiers, experts and independent reviewers with any reclassification of skills for each accreditation programme in reference to the:
  - 1) typology of activity: verification, validation and AUPs
  - 2) sectoral competence

### **1.2 Accreditation activities**

Starting from the date of publication of this circular and following receipt of the documents requested in the previous paragraph, ACCREDIA will verify the adaptation of the VB's processes to the new standards (transition assessment) with a document review lasting 0.5 days.

ACCREDIA, unless otherwise specified, will proceed with the remote document review. Any findings relating to the VB's accreditation transition process that emerge during the transition assessment must be managed by the VB, which must make the relevant implementation/closure records available, before the ACCREDIA management can propose to the relevant Sector Accreditation Committee a recommendation for the transition of accreditation to the standard UNI ISO 14066:2023. Note that the deadline for completing the transition is August 31, 2025.

If the outcome of this assessment is negative, it may be necessary to conduct a further assessment activity, which could consist, based on the nature of the failures found, in an additional document review, or in an on-site or witnessed assessment.

If the transition is not be completed by August 31, 2025, ACCREDIA will proceed with the:

- suspension of accreditation in accordance with UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17029:2019, in cases where the transition process has already been started but not completed within the applicable deadlines ;
- withdrawal of accreditation in accordance with UNI CEI EN ISO/IEC 17029:2019 in cases where the CAB has not started the transition process.

With kind regards.

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