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The present document is part 1 of a multi-part deliverable covering Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment, as identified below:

**ETSI EN 319 403-1: "Requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing Trust Service Providers";**

ETSI TS 119 403-2: "Additional requirements for Conformity Assessment Bodies auditing Trust Service Providers that issue Publicly-Trusted Certificates";

ETSI TS 119 403-3: "Additional requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing EU qualified trust service providers".

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# Modal verbs terminology

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# 1 Scope

The present document contains requirements for the competence, consistent operation and impartiality of conformity assessment bodies assessing and certifying the conformity of Trust Service Providers (TSPs) and the trust services they provide towards defined criteria against which they claim conformance.

NOTE 1: Those requirements are independent of the type and class of trust service provided.

The present document also contains requirements for the conformity assessment of trust services component services, which later forms part of a separate conformity assessment of a TSP.

NOTE 2: This enables a provider of such component services, which are used as part of the service provided by several TSPs, to avoid having to be assessed several times, or even for a TSP to provide a service based just on a component service or collection of components whether or not they are recognized as a trust service under Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 [i.1].

The present document applies the general requirements of ISO/IEC 17065 [1] to the specific requirements of conformity assessment of TSPs.

The present document is part 1 of a multi-part deliverable. Other parts include:

- ETSI TS 119 403-2 [i.14]: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment; Part 2: Additional requirements for Conformity Assessment Bodies auditing Trust Service Providers that issue Publicly-Trusted Certificates".
- ETSI TS 119 403-3 [i.15]: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment; Part 3: Additional requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing EU qualified trust service providers".

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- [1] ISO/IEC 17065: "Conformity assessment -- Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services".

### 2.2 Informative references

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- [i.1] Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on electronic identification and trust services for electronic transactions in the internal market and repealing Directive 1999/93/EC.
- [i.2] ETSI EN 319 411-1: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and security requirements for Trust Service Providers issuing certificates; Part 1: General requirements".
- [i.3] ETSI EN 319 411-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and security requirements for Trust Service Providers issuing certificates; Part 2: Requirements for trust service providers issuing EU qualified certificates".
- [i.4] Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 339/93.
- [i.5] ISO/IEC 17000:2004: "Conformity assessment -- Vocabulary and general principles".
- [i.6] ETSI EN 319 401: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); General Policy Requirements for Trust Service Providers".
- [i.7] ISO/IEC 15408: "Information technology -- Security techniques -- Evaluation criteria for IT security".
- [i.8] ISO/IEC 27001: "Information technology -- Security techniques -- Information security management systems -- Requirements".
- [i.9] ETSI EN 319 421: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and Security Requirements for Trust Service Providers issuing Time- Stamps".
- [i.10] CA/Browser Forum Baseline Requirements for the Issuance and Management of Publicly-Trusted Certificates.
- [i.11] ISO/IEC 27006: "Information technology -- Security techniques -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems".
- [i.12] ISO/IEC 17021: "Conformity assessment -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems".
- [i.13] ISO/IEC 27002: "Information technology -- Security techniques -- Code of practice for information security controls".
- [i.14] ETSI TS 119 403-2: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment; Part 2: Additional requirements for Conformity Assessment Bodies auditing Trust Service Providers that issue Publicly-Trusted Certificates".
- [i.15] ETSI TS 119 403-3: "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Trust Service Provider Conformity Assessment; Part 3: Additional requirements for conformity assessment bodies assessing EU qualified trust service providers".
- [i.16] ETSI TS 119 431 (all parts): "Electronic Signatures and Infrastructures (ESI); Policy and security requirements for trust service providers".

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## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in ISO/IEC 17065 [1] and the following apply:

**auditor:** person who assesses conformity to requirements as specified in a given requirements document

**competence:** ability to apply knowledge and skills to achieve intended results



**conformity assessment:** process demonstrating whether specified requirements relating to a product, process, service, system, person or body have been fulfilled

NOTE: From Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 [i.4] and section 2.1 of ISO/IEC 17000:2004 [i.5].

**conformity assessment body:** body that performs conformity assessment services which is accredited as competent to carry out conformity assessment of a qualified trust service provider and the qualified trust services it provides

NOTE: This is equivalent to conformity assessment body as specified in point 13 Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 [i.4].

**minor nonconformity:** non-fulfilment of a specified requirement that does not have any major security impact, and does not have any major impact on the ability of the TSP to meet the intended service

**national accreditation body:** sole body in a State that performs accreditation with authority derived from the State

NOTE: This is equivalent to national accreditation body as specified in point 11 Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 [i.4].

**technical expert:** person who provides specific knowledge or expertise to the audit team

NOTE 1: Specific knowledge or expertise relates to the organization, the process or activity to be audited, or language or culture.

NOTE 2: A technical expert does not act as an auditor in the audit team.

**trust service:** electronic service which enhances trust and confidence in electronic transactions

NOTE: Such trust services typically, but not necessarily, use cryptographic techniques or manipulate confidential material.

**trust service component:** one part of the overall service of a TSP

NOTE 1: A typical example of such component services are those identified in clause 4.4 of ETSI EN 319 411-1 [i.2]. Also, ETSI TS 119 431 [i.16] defines requirements for a Server Signing Application Service Component (SSASC) which can be implemented as part of TSP's service which also includes other service components.

NOTE 2: Other standards, including ETSI standards, can also specify requirements for other service components which can form part of a wider TSP's service.

**Trust Service Provider (TSP):** entity which provides one or more electronic trust services

## 3.2 Symbols

Void.

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

CA	Certification Authority
CAB	Conformity Assessment Body
EC	European Commission
EU	European Union
IT	Information Technology
SSASC	Server Signing Application Service Component
TSP	Trust Service Provider

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## 4 General requirements

### 4.1 Legal and contractual matters

#### 4.1.1 Legal responsibility

The requirements from ISO/IEC 17065 [1], clause 4.1.1 shall apply.

#### 4.1.2 Certification agreement

The requirements from ISO/IEC 17065 [1], clause 4.1.2 shall apply.

#### 4.1.3 Use of license, certificates and marks of conformity

The requirements from ISO/IEC 17065 [1], clause 4.1.3 shall apply.

### 4.2 Management of impartiality

#### 4.2.0 General requirements

The requirements from ISO/IEC 17065 [1], clause 4.2 shall apply. In addition, the requirements and guidance specified in clause 4.2.1 apply.

#### 4.2.1 Activities not conflicting with impartiality

Conformity Assessment Bodies and its personnel may carry out additional activities provided they do not constitute a risk to its impartiality. These activities may include but are not limited to:

- a) organizing and participating in information meetings about the certification scheme in general;
- b) arranging and participating as a lecturer in training courses, provided that, where these courses relate to TSPs, related security controls or auditing, lecturers shall confine themselves to the provision of generic information and advice which is publicly available;
- c) activities prior to audit, solely aimed at determining readiness for audit; however, such activities shall not result in the provision of recommendations or advice for specific solutions and shall not result in a reduction in the eventual audit duration;
- d) performing third party audits according to standards, publicly available specifications or regulatory requirements other than those being part of the scope of accreditation; or
- e) adding value during audits.

**EXAMPLE:** Adding value during audits includes identifying opportunities for improvement, as they become evident during the audit, without recommending specific solutions.

### 4.3 Liability and financing

The requirements from ISO/IEC 17065 [1], clause 4.3 shall apply.

### 4.4 Non-discriminatory conditions

The requirements from ISO/IEC 17065 [1], clause 4.4 shall apply.