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### QI-FoKuS

Research for Conformity Assessment  
and Safety

## SUBJECT

Conformity assessments are an essential pillar of the quality infrastructure (QI). For the economy and consumers, they are an important basis for trust and safety.

As part of the QI-FoKuS initiative we conduct studies on current and fundamental topics in conformity assessment and accreditation. The studies' basis is formed by our comprehensive surveys of companies and, in particular, conformity assessment bodies in Germany and internationally. By publishing the results, we contribute to an improved data basis, scientifically sound insights and the identification of trends in the quality infrastructure.

## OBJECTIVE

### Create data basis and identify trends

QI-FoKuS aims to improve our understanding of the elements of QI and their interactions. QI-FoKuS thus contributes to:

- creating a data basis for new scientific findings on influencing factors and effects in conformity assessment and accreditation,
- identifying mechanisms of action,
- recognizing necessary changes resulting from technical and economic developments at an early stage,
- identifying current trends in conformity assessment and accreditation and the resulting need for regulation, and
- informing political decision-makers, industry, and the public in a professional manner through evidence-based argumentation on conformity assessment and accreditation.



## STUDIES

The conceptual development of the QI-FoKuS studies, the data collection via surveys, and the data evaluation and processing are carried out by the Bundesanstalt für Materialforschung und -prüfung (BAM) in cooperation with the Technische Universität Berlin's Department of Innovation Economics under Professor Knut Blind. A network of other scientific partners, quality infrastructure institutions and industry associations supports our initiative.

### Previous studies

- **Corona Monitor** on the situation of conformity assessment bodies in the COVID-19 pandemic in Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, and New Zealand (2020)
- Use and impact of an information security management system in accordance with **ISO/IEC 27001** in companies in Germany (2020)
- Use and impact of **management systems** in companies in Germany (2019)

The studies are available for [download](#) on our website.

**A new study** in collaboration with Professor Pavel Castka from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, (2021) examines **digitalization** at conformity assessment bodies in Germany and other countries.

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