



INVITATION FOR PARTICIPATION

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INTERLABORATORY TECHNICAL PROJECT MC 06/2026

To the Managers of construction laboratories

INVITATION

For participation in interlaboratory comparison and proficiency testing according to the requirements of EN ISO/IEC 17043:2023.

Dear Colleagues,

PT provider UCLSB invites you to take part in Interlaboratory Technical Project MC 06/2026. Test subject will be: Bitumen and bitumen products, according to the pointed standards and parameters (characteristics) in the following table:

Test subject	Code of the standard	Name of the standard	Tested parameters (characteristics)	Range of expected values
Bitumen and bitumen products	EN 1426	Bitumen and bituminous binders - Determination of needle penetration.	Needle penetration ^{ua}	45 to 65[0.1mm]
	EN 1427	Bitumen and bituminous binders - Determination of the softening point - Ring and Ball method.	Softening point - Ring and Ball method ^{ua}	44°C to 60°C
	EN 12593	Bitumen and bituminous binders - Determination of the Fraass breaking point.	Fraass breaking point ^{ua}	< -5°C
	EN ISO 2592	Petroleum and related products - Determination of flash and fire points - Cleveland open cup method (ISO 2592:2017).	Flash point ^{ua}	>200 °C
	EN 15326+A1	Bitumen and bituminous binders - Measurement of density and specific gravity - Capillary-stoppered pycnometer method.	Density ^{ua}	950 kg/m ³ to 1150 kg/m ³
	EN 12592	Bitumen and bituminous binders - Determination of solubility.	(Determination of) Solubility ^{ua}	> 95 %

^{ua} - under accreditation, within the scope of accreditation of the PT provider; ^{oa} - out of the scope of accreditation of the PT provider

- Each laboratory may participate with the requester parameters according to the filled application form (QF 7.2-4).
- Test will be carried out according to the latest versions of the standards
- For the purpose of uncertainty calculation of test results and their statistical analysis we **may** ask you in cases where the test method requires determination of less than three test results, still their minimum number of determinations to be not less than 3 (only when it is required by the PT provider).
- The samples will be taken, homogenized, reduced, tested for homogeneity and stability by one of the subcontractors of PT provider UCLSB under its supervision.
- The participants will receive their samples after the PT provider UCLSB has established an appropriate level of homogeneity, which allows obtaining of repeatable and reproducible results.
- By completing and submitting the application for participation (QF 7.2-4), each participant agrees and accepts the proven homogeneity and representativeness of each sample for the purposes of the proficiency test in this interlaboratory technical project.
- The samples will be distributed until **06.11.2026**.
- The statistical analysis of the results and the report will be prepared by the technical expert of PT provider UCLSB – Professor Eng. Ljubomir Brakalov until 15.01.2027, and send by an e-mail to the participants by 31th January 2027 at latest.
- **Period of realization of the project:** June 2026 ÷ January 2027

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Participation fee:

The price for participation depends on which country the relevant participant is from, due to the difference in the expenses for the delivery of the test sample. For more information please use the contacts given in the end of this invitation for participation!

The participation fee includes the delivery of the samples to the participants.

The participation fee includes: taking and reducing of the samples, preparing of the test subjects, homogeneity and stability tests, packing, **distribution/shipping**, statistical analysis, preparing and receiving of a report in Bulgarian and English languages (QF 7.4-1) and a certification for participation (QF 7.4-2/(electronically) in interlaboratory comparison and proficiency testing. The report and certificate will be sent by e-mail.

NOTE: You will receive the Report in Bulgarian language at first according to the given deadline. The English version of the report is free of charge and it will be sent to you 2 or 3 weeks after the Bulgarian version.

Application form (request for participation) QF 7.2-4 will be accepted not later than 01.10.2026.

The participation fee should be transferred to 01.10.2026 on the following bank account:

PT Provider UCLSB Ltd

Bulgaria, 5300 Gabrovo

№ 6 “Ivan Dimov” str.

VAT: BG 206627780

Accountable person: eng. Iliyan Iliev

Account: First Investment Bank

IBAN : BG 40 FINV 91501017572086

BIC : FINVBGSF

ATTENTION!

- Interlaboratory technical project MC 06/2026 will be performed if minimum 5 participants decide to participate for at least one of the parameters/characteristics of the relevant product!
- The minimum number of participants for a parameter to be included in the relevant PT scheme is 5.
- All participants will receive further instructions for the process of implementing the relevant PT scheme.
- Only participants with paid participation fee will be included in the project!
- You will receive a pro-forma invoice and after the payment is made you will receive the original invoice.
- So, if you would like to participate in the project, please fill in the application form (QF 7.2-4) and send it to the pointed e-mail below not later than 01.10.2026!
- **Important:** For more details on participation and conditions for participation, preparation, report and statistical processing, see QF 7.2-1 - Suitability test plan.

To all who will decide to take part in the project we wish luck and successful performance!

For more information use the contact person below.

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