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GMP Certification Programme
Certified GMP Auditor

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The GMP-Auditor

Initial and Continuous Professional Training
for GMP Auditors

05 – 07 May 2026 | Berlin, Germany



Highlights

- Expectations of the Authorities
- Risk-based Audit Planning
- Categorisation of Audit Findings
- What makes a good Auditor?
- Communication Skills and Conflict Solving
- Distant Assessments/Hybrid Audits
- Suppliers from China, India and South America
- Audit Simulation Workshop with Role Plays and Video Feedback
- Audit Report Writing

- Efficiency in Audit Planning and Performance
- Global Auditing
- Communication and Conflict Management

Objectives

In this training course you will learn

- How to plan and conduct audits efficiently
- How to face various audit challenges
- What communication techniques are needed?
- How you can avoid and solve conflicts

Background

Initial and continuous professional training for auditors is of utmost importance as the authorities expect highly qualified personnel performing audits. Therefore, ECA has developed the programme at hand to give you a detailed overview about important matters to consider and to discuss important tasks and challenges like:

- Expectations of the authorities
- Audit types
- Risk-based audit planning
- Audit plan and audit team
- Audits in China, India and South America
- Categorisation of audit findings
- Auditor skills and technical knowledge requirements
- Communication skills
- Conflict solving

In a special Audit Simulation Workshop with role plays and video feedback, you will be able to deepen your skills and knowledge.

Target Audience

GMP-Auditors from Pharmaceutical and API Industry.

Moderator

Wolfgang Schmitt (on behalf of ECA)

Programme

How to Optimise the Audit Programme

- Who needs to be audited
- The Audit Programme
- How to optimise the Programme
- What can go wrong

How to Plan an Audit

- Audit programme to audit plan
- Setting audit scope
- Selecting the auditor/team
- Defining roles in the audit team
- Gathering information
- Preparing an audit plan/agenda
- Interactive part



Workshop: Categorisation of various Audit Findings

Based on typical audit situations and real case studies, proposals on how to evaluate the given examples will be developed in small working groups. Possible follow-up activities will be discussed.

Distant Assessments and the Combination with on-site Audits

- Distant Assessments as part of the overall supplier qualification system
- Possibilities and limits of Distant Assessments
- Distant Assessments in combination with on-site audits
- Tips for technical implementation

The Auditor – what makes you a good Auditor?

- Auditor skills
- Auditor technical knowledge
- Auditor training
- Mistakes auditors make



Participants' comments:

"Well structured and presented, a wealth of information and industry experiences learned",
Ahistha Chanerika, FineChemicalsCorporation (Pty) Ltd, South Africa

"A very thorough view on audit preparation, conduction and follow up. This course is very helpful for both new and experienced auditors. Highly recommended!"

Michael Janisiw, Octapharma, Austria



Interactive Sessions on: Communication Skills

1. The challenge of appropriate communication
2. How to recognise, understand and solve conflicts
3. Body Language
4. Questioning Techniques

Suppliers from China, India and South America

- How to prepare audits abroad
- Challenges and pitfalls
- Typical compliance issues: what to look for
- Cultural particularities



Audit Simulation Workshops



- Role plays
- Video Feedback

Selected working groups will simulate pre-defined audit situations. The experience and performance will be evaluated and discussed with the team.

Audit Report Writing

- How to take proper audit notes
- Best practices for audit report writing
 - Using standardised report templates
 - How to generate a clear and concise list of findings
 - Phrases that should be avoided
 - Purpose and conclusion
- When is a report final?
- Timelines for finalisation, distribution, feed-back and follow-up
- Difference between internal and external audit report



Social Event

On 05 May, you are cordially invited to a social event (city tour and dinner). This is an excellent opportunity to share your experiences with colleagues from other companies in a relaxed atmosphere.

Speakers



Dr Christian Hösch
Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Hamburg, Germany

Dr Christian Hösch is the head of the unit "pharmaceutical manufacturers" and is mainly responsible for inspecting manufacturers of medicinal products and APIs worldwide. Christian also actively supports the Board of Directors of the ECA GMP-Auditor Association.



Stefan Reintgen
Team Connex AG, Germany

As Trainer and Consultant Stefan Reintgen focuses on the topics of Leadership, Communication and interpersonal relations. His prior experience includes working for BASF and Celanese.



Charis Schmidt
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Charis Schmidt is Team Lead Sterile Production. Before that, she was Quality Auditor at Vetter Pharma.



Thomas Schmidt
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Thomas Højsholm Schmidt is Associated Director and Corporate Lead Auditor at CSL Behring AG in Switzerland. Before that, he was GMP Domain Expert and GMP Lead Auditor at LEO Pharma A/S in Denmark. Thomas is a member of the Board of Directors of the ECA GMP Auditor Association.

Your Benefits:

Internationally Acknowledged Certificate from ECA Academy



The EU GMP Guide requires:

„... All personnel should be aware of the principles of Good Manufacturing Practice that affect them and receive initial and continuing training,...“. This is why you receive an acknowledged participant certificate, which lists the contents of the seminar in detail and with which you document your training.

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Reservation Form (Please complete in full)

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Department

Company

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Date

Tuesday, 05 May 2026, 9.00h – 18.00h
(Registration and coffee 8.30h - 9.00h)
Wednesday, 06 May 2026, 9.00h – 17.30h
Thursday, 07 May 2026, 8.30h – 15.30h

Venue

HYPERION Hotel Berlin
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Fees (per delegate, plus VAT)

ECA Members € 2,290
APIC Members € 2,390
Non-ECA Members € 2,490
EU GMP Inspectorates € 1,245
The conference fee is payable in advance after receipt of invoice and includes dinner on the first day, lunch on all three days and all refreshments. VAT is reclaimable.

Accommodation

CONCEPT HEIDELBERG has reserved a limited number of rooms in the conference hotel. You will receive a room reservation form/POG when you have registered for the course. Reservation should be made directly with the hotel. Early reservation is recommended.

Registration

Via the attached reservation form, by e-mail or by fax – **or search and register directly at www.gmp-compliance.org under the number 22137.** To avoid incorrect information, please give us the exact address and full name of the participant.

Presentations/Certificate

The presentations for this event will be available for you to download and print before and after the event. Please note that no printed materials will be handed out on site and that there will not be any opportunity to print the presentations on site. After the event, you will automatically receive your certificate of participation.

Conference language

The official conference language will be English.

Organisation and Contact

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