

Criteria for outsourcing PT trials on *Listeria monocytogenes* detection/enumeration

**2015 EURL/NRLs *Lm* Workshop
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Background

- Outsourcing part(s) of PT trials to be organized by NRLs *Lm* for respective networks of official labs (OLs) coordinated by NRLs
- Enquiry to NRLs *Lm* on current practices
 - Beginning 2013
 - Outcome at 2013 annual workshop
- Annual workshop, April 2014
 - Based on exchanges with DG SANTE & EURLs on biological risks
 - Guidance document with criteria for NRLs
 - To outsource PT trials, incl. steps that can/cannot be outsourced
 - To select PT providers
 - At first EURL *Lm* document, with volunteering NRLs
 - Then to be shared with other EURLs

Launch of the NRL WG (1)

- Set-up of WG with volunteering NRLs
 - Circular letter 2014/18, 12/09/2014
 - 6 NRL members: Marie POLET (BE), Bernadette HICKEY (IE), Francesco POMILLIO (IT), Laurence NACHIN (SE), Wilma JACOBS (NL), Nita PATEL (UK)
 - EURL: Léna BARRE & Bertrand LOMBARD
- 1st draft, based on document of FR-NRLs (*Lm + Salmonella*), agreed with FR CA

Launch of the NRL WG (2)

- Kick-off teleconference meeting, 26 January 2015
 - Discussion of 1st draft
- 2nd draft, dispatched to WG, 10 February
- Current stage: to take into account comments received
- Then draft to all NRLs