



# Microbiological shelf-life studies Proposals for 2016 work programme

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- To **organise**, for NRLs, a **PT trial** related to a **challenge test on growth potential** (the technical part).
  - If necessary, to organise a **training session** dedicated to the **implementation of the new version of EURL *Lm* Technical Guidance Document**.
  - Depending on the outcome of consultation of Competent Authorities, to update **the EURL *Lm* Guidance Document to evaluate the competence of laboratories implementing challenge tests of *Listeria monocytogenes* in RTE foods**.
  - Participation to **WG 19 Challenge tests of ISO/TC 34/SC 9**
  - **Guidance on the storage of *Lm* strains in the frame of shelf-life studies (keeping biochemical, serogenotypic and growth characteristics)**



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