EURL TSE EURL TSE Work programme 2024: updates





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the last round of EQAs

- All planned External Quality Assessments (EQA) have been carried out and completed: thanks to all of you as this year the deadlines were tight to get ready for this early meeting!!!
- Over this afternoon results & feedbacks will be provided for **9 EQAs**:
 - 2 Screening: **Rapid test** for BSE and for scrapie (RB23/RS22)
 - 3 Confirmatory: **Immunoblot** for BSE and scrapie (WB23, WS23) & **PrP immunohistochemistry interpretation** (IHC-I23) and **Technical**
 - 2 Discriminatory: Discriminatory western blot in small ruminants (DS23) & cattle (DB23)
 - 2 Genotyping: **PRNP genotyping** in sheep and in goats (GS23, GG23)

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Beyond the EQAs: interactions in our network

- As usual, fruitful interactions between NRLs and EURL
- Short list of interactions (e.g. assistance or exchanges of views or materials provided):
- 2023 with NRLs colleagues from of Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Finland, Ireland, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia
- 2024 with NRLs colleagues from of Cyprus, Ireland, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia

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Close to plan the new work programme

- Due to a reorganization at CE level the current 23-24 WP was submitted and approved in the second semester 2023.
- In few weeks we will be requested to prepare and submit the new one



- EQAs
- Assistance to NRLs
- Batch testing activities
- L/H BSE prop_project
- Biosafety issues

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Activities of the EU reference laboratories and EU reference centres in 2023-2024

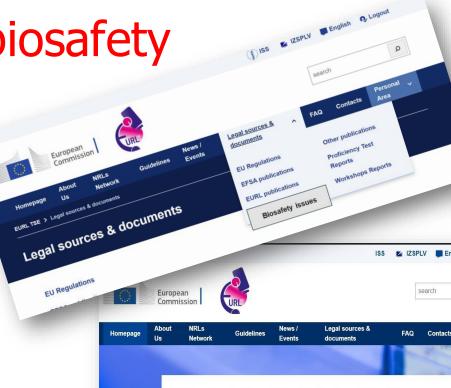
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- This new set of folders will be presented today later on
- This repository will represent a new tool that combined with a series of quick online virtual **mettings** will help in enhancing our ability of ensuring the highest level of safety for laboratory staff involved in the manipulation of prions



Welcome to the official website of the European Reference Laboratory for Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies

In general, here you can find information on the activities of the European Union Reference Laboratory for TSEs (EURL TSEs) but also contacts of the National Reference Laboratories for TSEs throughout Europe and news/events regarding animal TSEs. Moreover, by means of this website we disseminate technical information to the experts of the National Reference Laboratories for TSEs and make available references to laboratories dealing with TSEs worldwide. Lastly, this website serves as a portal for the access to services offered by EURL TSEs to the NRLs. A general introduction to animal TSEs can be found, for example, at the ad hoc web pages maintained by OIE (BSE, scrapie) or EFSA