

# 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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- 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 meetings** will help in enhancing our ability of ensuring the highest level of safety for laboratory staff involved in the manipulation of prions

