

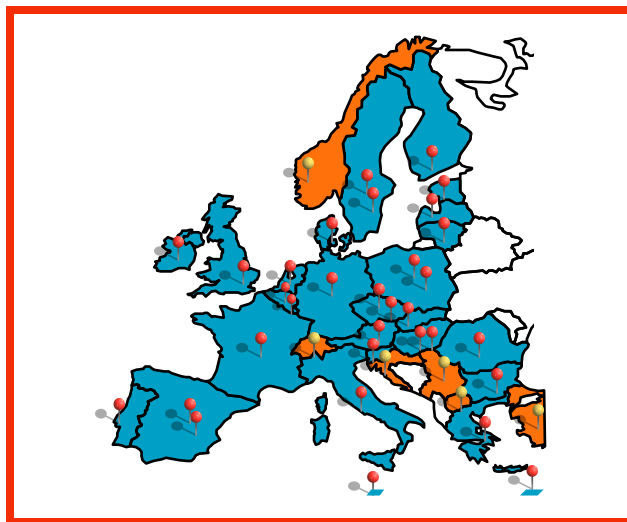


# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop of the National Reference Laboratories for *E. coli* in the EU



5 – 6 November, 2015

Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy



Funded by the European Commission – DG SANTE

# The network of National Reference Laboratories (NRL) for *E.coli*

**35 NRLs designated by  
28 EU countries**

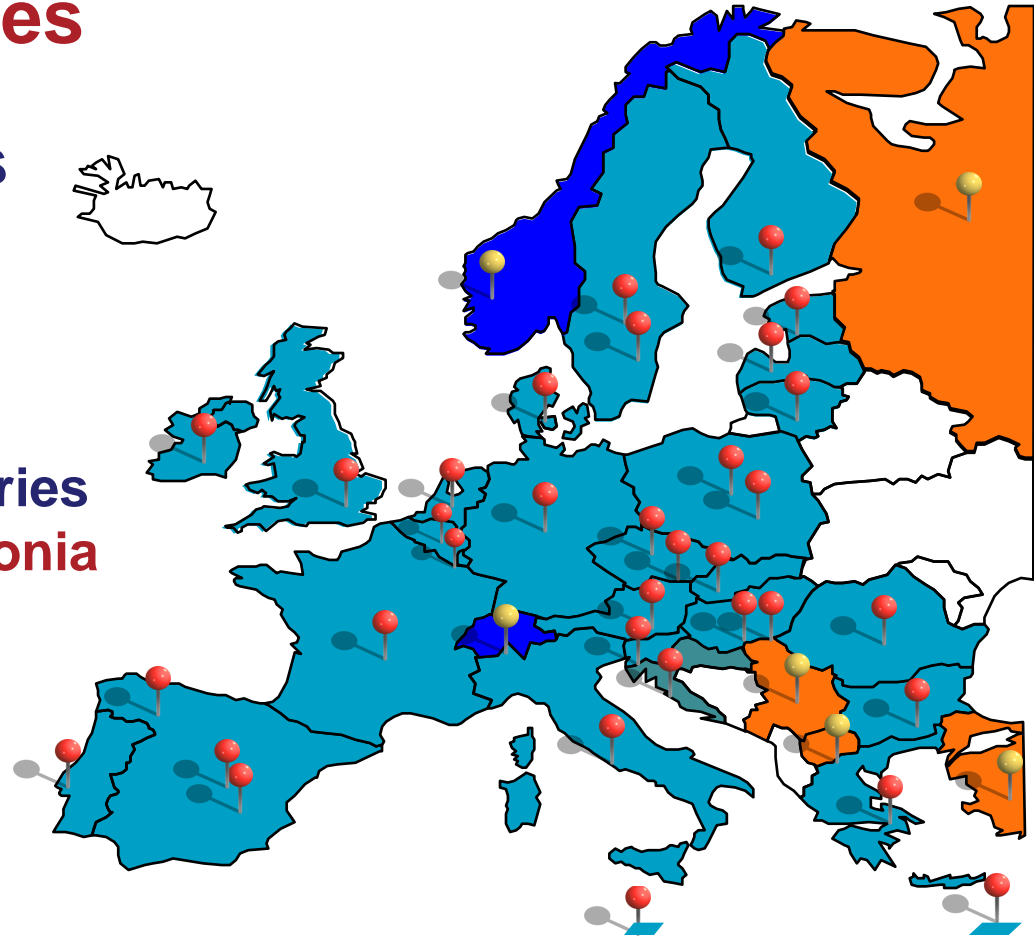
**3 NRLs of EEA countries**

**Iceland  
Norway  
Switzerland**

**4 NRLs of other European countries  
Former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia**

**Russia  
Serbia  
Turkey**

**+  
2 Labs in Egypt  
2 Labs in Argentina**



## **Aims of the workshop**

- **Update of surveillance and monitoring activities on VTEC in the EU**
- **Development of data bases for molecular testing of foodborne pathogens in view of outbreak preparedness**
- **Preparedness of the *E. coli* Network for molecular typing**
- **Laboratory methods and Proficiency Testing (PT):**
  - The results of PT14 and PT15 (VTEC in sprouts)
  - VTEC isolation from PCR screening positive samples
- **News about VTEC from the Commission**
- **News from the NRLs**

## Aims of the workshop

- **Invited talks**

- Acid treatment for improved recovery of VTEC from enrichment broths
- Guidelines on the application of article 14 of Reg. (EC) 178/2002 to VTEC-positive food samples
- The evolving epidemiology of VTEC infections

- **Network activities**

- Presentation of NRL activities (surveys, outbreaks)
- Training at the EU-RL VTEC

**Further consolidation of the network of EU Reference Laboratories**

# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual workshop of the EU Reference Laboratories for *E. coli*

## NRL Satisfaction Survey, by the ISS QA Unit on:

- The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop
- The last PTs (**PT 14, PT15**)
- The web site

**Please, remember to fill the questionnaires and return them to the desk with your badge**

**Remember to send back your travel summary forms complete of boarding cards and meal receipts within**

**13 November 2015**

**Delay will jeopardize your reimbursement !!!!!**

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual workshop of the EU Reference Laboratories for *E. coli***

**YOU ARE URGENTLY REQUESTED TO SEND A COPY OF YOUR  
BOARDING PASSES and RECEIPTS OF TRAIN, BUS and MEALS  
EITHER**

**BY FAX (+39 06 49387101) OR E-MAIL ([susan.babsa@iss.it](mailto:susan.babsa@iss.it)) IN PDF  
VERSION**

**THE ORIGINAL RECEIPTS & BOARDING PASSES SHOULD BE SENT  
BY POST WITHIN 13 November 2015 TO:**

**Susan Babsa  
Dipartimento di Sanità Pubblica Veterinaria  
e Sicurezza Alimentare  
Istituto Superiore di Sanità  
Viale Regina Elena 299  
00161 Rome - Italy**



# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual workshop of the EU Reference Laboratories for *E. coli*

**Dinner Together at Osteria Gran Sasso (25€)**

Via Como, 10 (Tel.06-440-3901)



**Meeting at Hotel Globus at 7:20**

**(10 min walking from the Restaurant)**