Planned Molecular Typing Data Collection at EU level for food and animal isolates
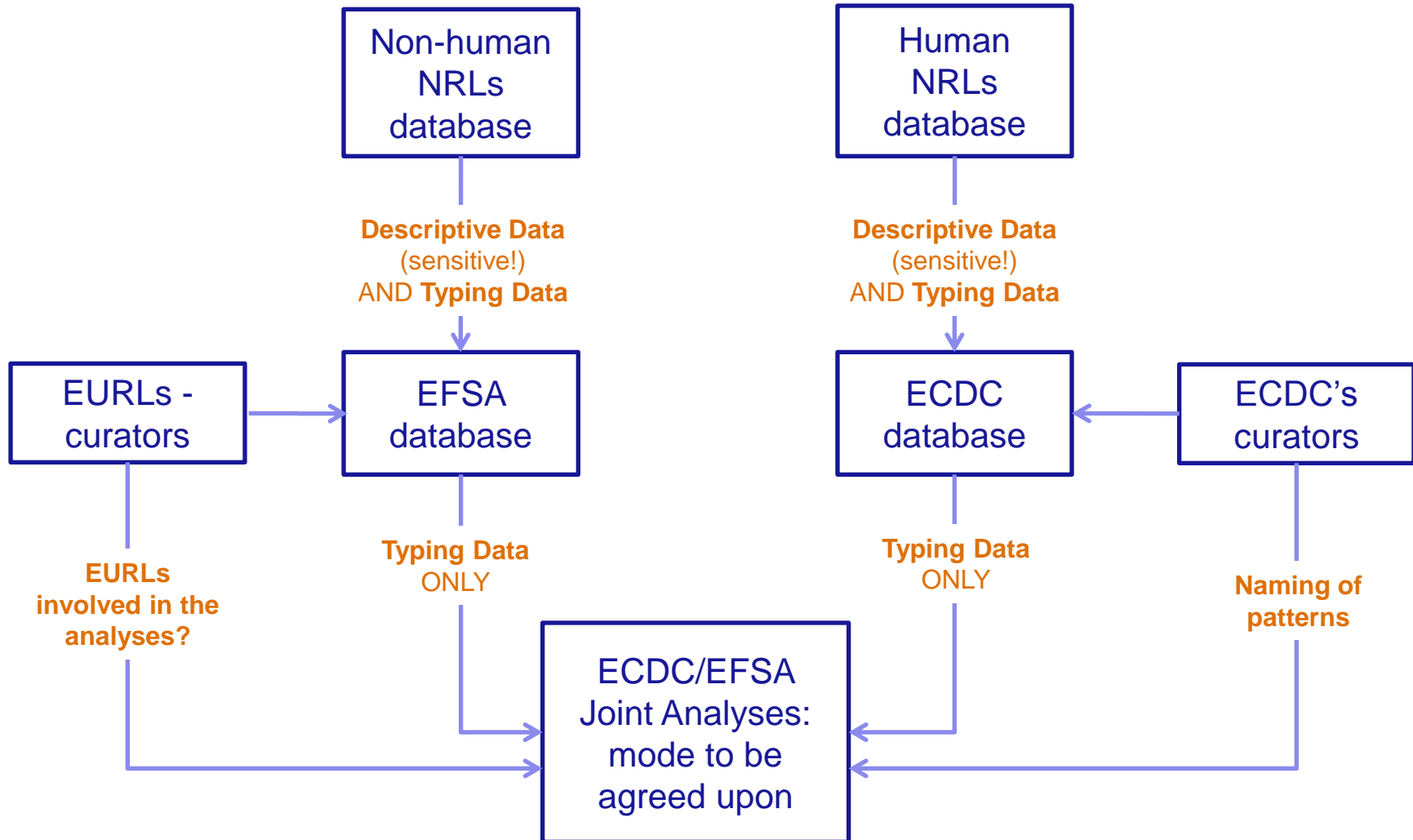
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Objectives of molecular typing data collection at EU level

- To enable the comparison of the isolates from human cases, food and animals at high discriminatory power level

- To contribute to epidemiological investigations of (multi-country) food-borne outbreaks at EU/national level
  - Identify outbreaks in humans
  - Identify or give background information on possible food and animal sources of the outbreaks

- To provide data for source attribution analyses at the EU level, *e.g.* to those carried out by EFSA's BIOHAZ panel
  - Identify the most important food and animal sources of human infections in the EU

- To detect and perform epidemiological analyses of clonal diffusion between MSs

- ECDC to collect molecular typing data from human cases

- EFSA, in collaboration with EURLs, to collect data from food, feed and animal isolates

- Joint analyses of the data by ECDC and EFSA, when needed:

  ➢ The mode of the analyses still to be defined...

- MSs' competent authorities (for 'Zoonoses' Directive 2003/99/EC), NRLs and possibly other laboratories to submit the data:

  ➢ Who to authorise the data submission still to be defined...

- To cover *Salmonella*, VTEC and *Listeria* with PFGE and MLVA (*S*. Typhimurium) methods initially

EFSA's and ECDC's proposal on a general scheme

Proposal for the datasets

	Descriptive Data (sensitive!)					Typing Data (not sensitive by itself)		
ID[1]	Country	Animal/Food Type	Area	Date of Sample		Serotype	PFGE_XbaI	AST_NAL
EFSA-001	BE	Smoked salmon	X	2012-06-01		STANLEY		S
EFSA-002	HU	Turkey	Y	2012-07-01		STANLEY		R

Descriptive Data

- o Data about an isolate in terms of time, place (country of origin), origin (human, food), etc.

- o This data can normally be captured in simple text fields of a single record

Typing Data

- o The results of typing experiments performed on an isolate.

- o *e.g.* serotype, PFGE gel restriction pattern, antimicrobial susceptibility results, MLVA results.

Next steps…

- Commission's vision paper to be agreed upon at SCoFCAH meeting

- EFSA to set up an expert Working Group to plan the molecular typing data collection system for the animal/food/feed isolates:

  - EC, ECDC, EURLs, EFSA Zoonoses TF and NRLs to be represented in the WG

- EFSA, ECDC, EURLs and NRLs to establish close collaboration in the field

  - Memorandum of understanding

  - Collaboration and working agreements

Thank you for your attention !