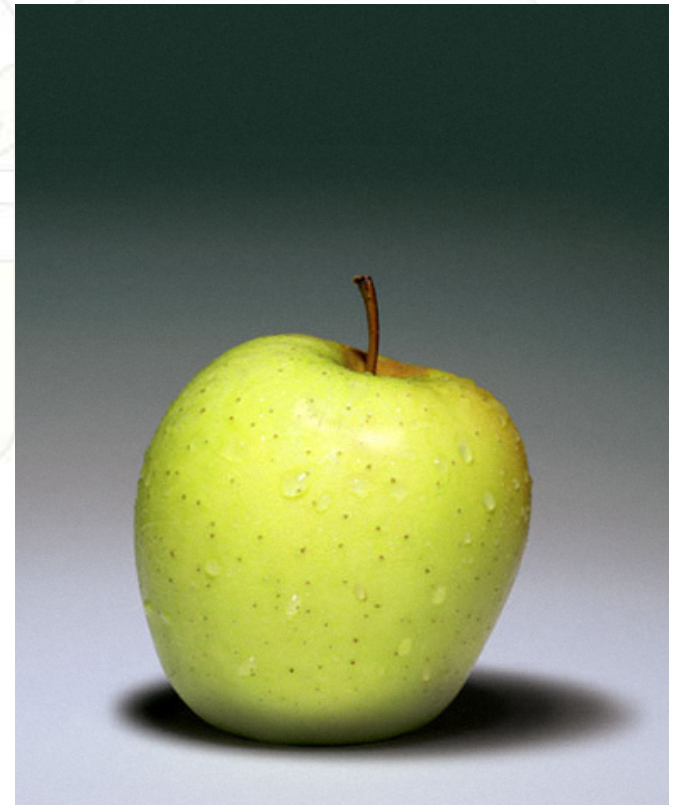


## **EURL *E. coli* Workshop**

**Outcome of the DG  
SANCO process of  
evaluation of the EU-  
RLs network**

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# Evaluation of the EURLs

- The Commission launched an evaluation of EU-RLs in 2010
- All 26 food and feed safety EURLs evaluated (2006-2010)
  - 11 labs for biological risks
  - 6 labs for contaminants
  - 6 labs for pesticides
  - 1 GMO, 1 contact materials, 1 food additives
- Performed by "CIVIC CONSULTING"

# Objectives of the evaluation

- Evaluate functioning and performance of the labs
- Obligations and duties laid down in Regulation 882/2004, working programmes
- Assess relevance of tasks, possible overlaps or synergies, appropriateness of current mandate

# Methods

- Desk research
- Exploratory interviews (Com, EU-RLs, NRLs)
- Surveys: EU-RLs, NRLs, Commission
- In-depth evaluation interviews – EU-RLs
- Complementary interviews

# Assessment

## ■ Indicator

- basis for assessment
  - assessment criteria

## ■ e.g.:

### Proficiency tests organised

- number of PTs organised in the last 5 years
- assessment criteria:

excellent (A):  $> 1/\text{year}$

adequate (B):  $= 1/\text{year}$

underperformance (C):  $< 1/\text{year}$

# Evaluation themes

1. Adequacy of assistance to NRLs
2. Appropriateness of analytical methods and techniques
3. Extent of coordination and training activities
4. Extent of support to the Commission
5. Extent of meeting Reg. 882/2004 requirements and other legislation

# Results for: EU-RL *E. coli*

■ Overall assessment	B <sup>+</sup>
1. Assistance to NRLs	= B
2. Analytical methods	= A
3. Coordination and training	= B
4. Support to the Com	= A
5. Fulfilment of legislation	= B

# Excellent performance (1)

- Development/validation/assessment of analytical methods
- Information on website
- Number of proficiency testing (PT)
- Reports on PT
- Follow-up activities for underperforming NRLs
- Reports workshop
- Relevance of workshops
- Ad hoc trainings

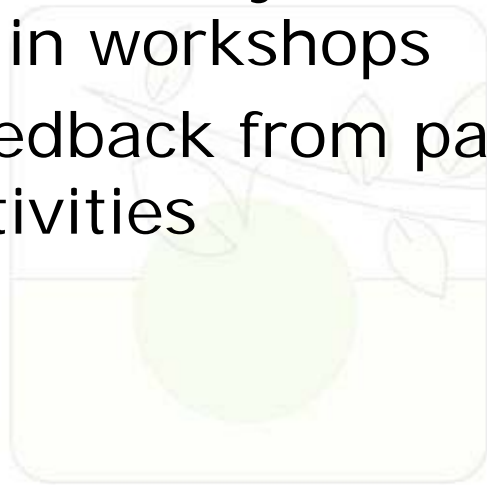
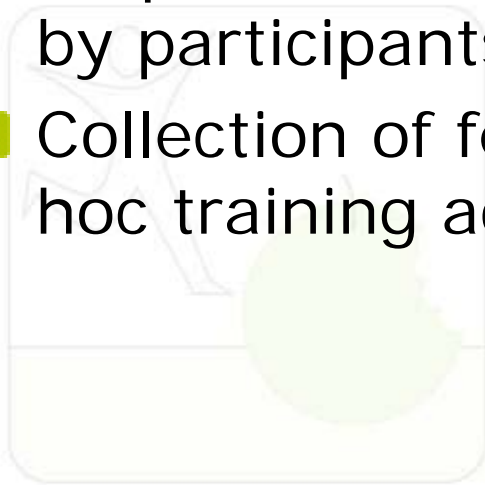


## Excellent performance (2)

- Ability to deliver requested scientific advice/expertise
  - Based on state-of-art knowledge
  - In a timely matter
- Knowledge of international standards and practices
- Achievement of objectives pursued by the EU legislation and improvement of food and feed safety in the EU

# Underperforming

- Preparation of summary of feedback provided by participants in workshops
- Collection of feedback from participants in ad hoc training activities



The evaluation was before  
the STEC O104:H4 outbreak:

**Extra points should  
certainly be added for the  
support, availability and  
rapid actions requested  
during and as follow-up of  
the crisis!**

Thank you very  
much for your  
attention!

