Meeting for the Network laboratories of EURL-PH-FWDB

Date: 8-9 October 2026

Location: Scandic Copenhagen, Vester Søgade 6, 1601 Copenhagen V, Denmark

Room: Christiansborg/Kronborg

Meeting agenda

Thursday, 8 October

Time	Topic	Contributors
12:30 - 13:30	*Arrival, registration, coffee and snacks*	
13:30 - 13:55	**Welcome and introduction to the meeting**	
	Welcome from the Director of Statens Serum Institute Introduction to the meeting	*Henrik Ullum* *Eva Møller Nielsen and Egle Kudirkiene*
13:55 – 15:30	**SESSION 1 – Current status and capacity of the laboratory network: focus on WGS**	
	First-year survey findings on whole genome sequencing capacity and its use across the network Discussion in groups to identify and prioritise areas where further support is needed	*Egle Kudirkiene* *Egle Kudirkiene and Kasper Rømer Villumsen*
15:30 – 16:00	*Coffee break*	
16:00 – 17:20	**SESSION 2 – Culture-independent diagnostic testing as an emerging surveillance challenge**	
	Introduction and first-year survey findings on CIDT use across the network Discussion on current CIDT-related challenges, approaches used by countries and how these challenges could be addressed in the future	*Linda Visser and Cecilia Jernberg* *Linda Visser and Cecilia Jernberg*
17:20 – 17:30	**Summary of Day 1**	

Friday, 9 October

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9:00 – 9:10	**Introduction to Day 2**	
9:10 – 10:15	**SESSION 3 – EURL activities: lessons from 2026 and priorities for 2027**	
	Support to network laboratories	*Rosangela Tozzoli*
	External quality assessment schemes (EQAs)	*Maren Lanzl*
	In-person trainings, and scientific and technical webinars	*Vera Irene Erickson*
10:15 – 10:45	*Coffee break*	
10:45 – 12:00	**SESSION 4 – Networking and future collaboration**	
	Implementing WGS in Routine Practice: Challenges and Lessons Learned from Estonia	*Jekaterina Jutkina*
	Salmonella Bovismorbificans Outbreak	*Christina Clarke*
	Keeping balance: genomic surveillance of Shiga toxin-producing *Escherichia coli* and sustainable resources	*Florence Crombe*
	Interactive discussion on shared challenges, collaboration and EURL support	*Maaike van den Beld*
12:00 – 12:15	**Meeting conclusions and next steps**	
12:15 – 13:15	*Lunch*	