

Dear NRL-FV,

The EURL-FV is pleased to invite the National Reference Laboratories for Fruits and Vegetables to the EURL/NRLs-FV Pesticide Residue Workshop. **The workshop will be held in Almería, Spain, on 18th and 19th of November 2026 at the Hotel Vértice Indalo (Almería, Spain).**

The programme will cover the following topics:

- Results and discussion of EUPTs-FV
- Advances in analytical methods.
- SANTE AQC-document
- NRL experiences
- General exchange of information

In one of the sessions, we would like to have your experiences and main difficulties encountered as an NRL. If you are willing to share your experience, please let us know so we can programme the session.

You can register in the following link: <https://forms.gle/RvuHxd4DN48chgfl7>

Travel and hotel expenses will be covered by the EURL-FV budget according to the unit costs. The EURL-FV will book and pay the hotel for you, but you will have to pay for the flight tickets (and after attending the workshop, upon reception of the flight's invoices, they will be reimbursed). The unit costs for the flights can be checked using the Flight calculator in the following link:

https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/procedures-guidelines-tenders/information-contractors-and-beneficiaries/calculate-unit-costs-eligible-travel-costs_en

The unit costs are listed in Table 2. Unit cost per distance band (reference Commission Decision C(2023)4928).

For example, if the flight is Rome-Madrid-Almería, you have to calculate the distance between Rome and Almería (no matter how many stops there are). The calculator will give you a distance of 1399.74 km. Then, in table 2, look at the segment 1201-1600. In that case, the unit cost is 288 €. That means that we will reimburse that maximum amount (if you can't find flights within the unit costs, please contact Octavio Malato omalato@ual.es).

In addition to eligible participants, there will be 30 spots available for non-eligible attendees (additional persons from EU-NRLs, NRL representatives from EU-candidate, EFTA, and third countries, OfL representatives from EU Member States and third-country labs, and representatives from other commercial labs). Registration for non-eligible participants will open next week.

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On a personal note, this workshop will be the last one I will have the honour of hosting. After many years working alongside the EURL/NRL network, it would mean a great deal to me to welcome you once more in Almería, and to close this chapter surrounded by the colleagues and friends who have made this community what it is. I look forward to sharing these two days with you — and I can promise you that a special surprise celebration is being prepared to mark the occasion together.

Kind regards,

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