Dear Colleagues,

The European Union Reference Laboratory for Pesticide Residues in Fruit and Vegetables (EURL-FV) is organising a workshop for the EURL-FV and its network of National Reference Laboratories for Fruit and Vegetables (NRL-FV), to be held in **Almería from 18 to 19 November 2026**. In addition to the NRL-FV network, which will take part in the workshop, a limited number of places (30) are open to additional laboratories with an interest in pesticide residue analysis, and we cordially invite you to participate.

VENUE

The workshop will take place at:

HOTEL VÉRTICE INDALO ALMERÍA

Av. del Mediterráneo, 310, 04009 Almería, Spain

TOPICS

- General exchange of information of interest for routine pesticide residue control
- Recent advances in mass spectrometry coupled to chromatography, at low and high resolution

  Emerging and priority compounds: PFAS pesticides, transformation products and metabolites beyond the enforcement residue definition
- Sample preparation trends: automation, miniaturization and greener extraction approaches
- Analytical Quality Control (AQC): technical approval of the changes to Document No. SANTE 11312/2021 v2026
- EU Proficiency Tests (EUPTs): results, feedback, prospects and discussion
- MACP-related issues: analytical and practical difficulties in routine control
- Data handling and digitalization: databases, libraries, and the role of artificial intelligence in residue analysis
- Networking and data-exchange activities (databases, websites, webinars)
- Scientific presentations and contributions by NRL-FV representatives, offering a broad perspective of the typical problems encountered in routine pesticide residue control

LANGUAGE

The official language of the workshop will be English.

REGISTRATION AND PLACES

The number of places for additional laboratories is limited to 30 and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Following the registration deadline, the organisers will confirm your acceptance by e-mail and provide further instructions.

Registration deadline: 30th September 2026

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REGISTRATION FORM:

https://forms.gle/MsNwHftpLxhLBxs69

PARTICIPATION FEE

Additional participants attend at their own cost. A participation fee of **€400 per person (early-bird)** is requested, covering full catering during the workshop, including the get-together and one dinner. Registrations after **30th September 2026** will be subject to a late fee of €450 per person (subject to availability). Travel and accommodation are to be arranged and covered by the participants themselves.

ACCOMMODATION

For your convenience, a number of rooms have been reserved at Hotel Vértice Indalo Almería (the workshop venue), breakfast included, and may be available to additional participants at a special rate, subject to availability. Please check the workshop webpage, which will be updated as soon as possible. Several other hotels are available nearby.

We look forward to welcoming you in Almería.

With warm regards,

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