

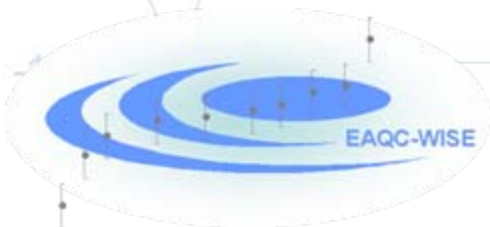


Scientific Support to Policies



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Validated methods

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- No priority as long as it meets the requirements
- More flexible
- But easier for labs to follow standard methods than to develop their own methods (less efforts + cost)

> Development of methods

- Should be done as national level as well as EU level
- EU level relies on methods developed at national level. EU level necessary to ensure harmonisation
- Not a one way process: ex. a method validated at the local level can be brought and saled at the EU level



Reference materials

> QA/QC tools database

- Good idea but...
- How can it be implemented and maintained?
- Who could be responsible for that? EU expert group?
- What about the physical place for the database? Commission?

> Miss of a list of RMs

- Only a few available. Ex. 40 priority substances but only a ten RMs available.
- Knowledge exists for many substances (e.g. long list of pesticides) but the cost + time limit certification
- Impossible to have RMs for others in a reasonable time
- Need for a priority list of substances
- Emphasize should be put on situation where we don't have RMs

> Reference to the PTs network

- Should be added in the document
- RMs producers and PTs producers: links should be discussed in the blueprint
- Could help to prioritise and support implementation

> Sediment, biota

- Demand from the daughter directive on EQS
- look at existing RMs and check whether they can certified for the EQS directive compounds (HCB; HCBd, Hg)

> Database of RMs

- Already a recommendation
- Very important for labs



General

> Sampling

- Should be developed in the blueprint
- How to ensure quality of sampling? Proper equipment? Training? Comparison exercise ?.....
- This could be part of the mandate of the expert group
- Training which could leads to certification
- Organising “sampling workshop” to compare the results
- Cost for sampling exercise are equal to cost for normal PTs
- Sampling exercise could also be a test for assessing training efficiency
- Validation of sampling is very low



Communication and expert groups

> **How should the expert group be?**

- Experts should be nominated at national level
- Necessary to have a « large » plenary representing member states and stakeholders (including accreditation bodies) + small « efficient and productive » working groups (next CMA mandate?)

