Research Infrastructures and **COVID-19** Research

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Responses to the questionnaire

METROFOOD-RI

METROFOOD-RI is a distributed-Research Infrastructure for promoting Metrology in Food and Nutrition, which will provide high level metrology services for enhancing food quality & safety and supporting the traceability and sustainability of the agrifood systems, in a view of circular economy.METROFOOD-RI is aimed to strengthen scientific knowledge, promoting scientific cooperation and encouraging the interaction between the various stakeholders, as well as the creation of a common and shared base of data, information and knowledge. It is characterized by a broad multidisciplinary approach with different application fields: agrifood; sustainable development; food quality, safety, traceability and authenticity; environmental safety; consumer sciences; human health. METROFOOD-RI combines a physical and the an electronic infrastructure strictly interconnected, including numerous facilities distributed in 18 European Countries that can provide scientific services in an integrated and collaborative way.

SERVICE/S IMPLEMENTED

There is currently no evidence that food is a likely source or route of transmission of the virus. Food represents a fundamental part of our life and wellbeing; it is essential to keep our food healthy and safe. Good practices must be followed during food production, distribution, retail, handling, storage and preparation, and potential contaminations or cross-contaminations must be avoided, in order to maintain nutritional and quality properties and ensure food safety. We organised an information service (https://www.metrofood.eu/metrofood-ri-on-covid-19.html) realising an organised and continuously updated collection on the official information, research findings, risk assessment and monitoring results related to food & COVID-19, with reference to the whole food chain, from primary production to final consumption. The info-collection is organised in two sections, specifically addressed to different user categories: Research, Inspection & Control and Production & Consumption.

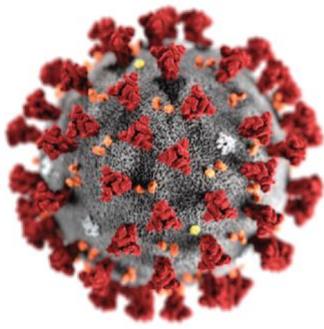- **What stage in COVID-19 intervention your RI is addressing?**
any relations with food

- **Instruments/databases involved:**

open information service with organised inventory of research findings, risk assessment and information for the wide public (specifically producers and consumers)

- **How is the proposal submitted?**
Not Applicable

- **Who evaluates the proposal?**

Not Applicable

- **Is the submission continuous, or linked to a deadline?**

Not Applicable

- **What is the estimated time from the submission to the access / service provision?**

Not Applicable

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ACCESS

Restrictions: NO

In the case of analytical facilities, modality of access allowed:

Comment for remote access only: METROFOOD-RI

All RIs: Is the access free for non-proprietary research?	YES
All RIs: Is commercial access available at reduced prices?	NO

Additional comments related to the questions above:

ACCESSIBILITY OF THE PUBLICATION AND DATA

Is there any requirement to publish in open access journals?	NO
Is the data generated associated to metadata and is it publicly available?	NO
Where is the data or metadata published? (e.g. in the institution's catalogue, in other open data repositories, etc).	Not applicable