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 |