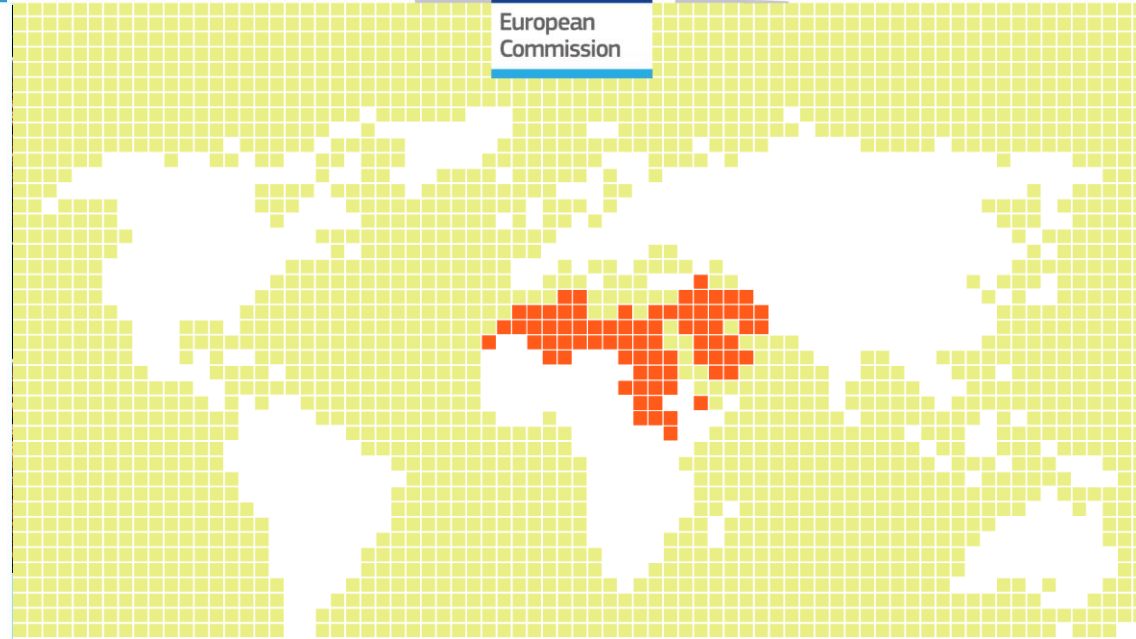




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1st day: 22 November 2017

- 9:00 - 9:30 Welcome and opening remarks
Framing the Workshop: Format & Agenda (Maddalena Querci)
Introduction of participants
- 9:30 - 11:00 **Session 1: Update - from the JRC**
- Update from the EC Joint Research Centre
 - The 'Global Harmonisation of GMO Analysis Support to Regional Networking' Project
 - The European Network of GMO Laboratories (ENGL): the European Networking example (Lutz Grohmann)
 - The role of EFSA in ensuring GMO safety in the EU (Claudia Paoletti)
- 11:00 - 11:15 **Coffee break**
- 11:15 - 12:30 **Session 1 - Update - from the MENA region**
- Strengthening Collaboration within the MENA Network of GMO Laboratories (MENANGL): Current Status and Future Perspective & Endeavors (Nesreen Alhmoud)
 - Establishment of a Tunisian Network of GMO Laboratories (Maher Chaouachi)
 - Update on GMO detection and analysis in Kuwait city (Suad Almazrooei)
 - Report on MENANGL First comparative testing round (Gretta Abou Sleymane)
- 12:30 - 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 14:00 - 15:30 **Session 2: training session on selected topics**
- Overview of GMO testing methodology (Frank Narendja)
 - Basic principles for representative GMO sampling (Claudia Paoletti)
- 15:30 - 15:45 **Coffee break**

- 15:45 - 17:30 **Session 2 - continuation**
- Screening strategies and the matrix approach (Lutz Grohmann)
 - PSP and the JRC GMO matrix (Maddalena Querci)
 - Quality Indicators and Methods Verification (Frank Narendja)
- 17:30 **End of day 1**
- 20:00 **MEETING DINNER**

2nd day: 23 November 2017

- 9:00 - 10:45 **Session 3: from theory to practice**
- Implementation of Day1 training to the MENANGL project
 - Sampling strategy applied to the MENA project
 - Project experimental design
- 10:45 - 11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00 - 12:30 **Session 4: MENA regional meeting**
- ICGEB Biosafety Group Activities (Wendy Craig, ICGEB)
 - Regional and sub-regional networking opportunities
 - Future collaborations between the ENGL and the regions
 - Distant sharing of technical expertise and training opportunities
 - Organization of regional workshops/trainings
 - Funding opportunities
- 12:30 - 14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 14:00 - 17:00 **Session 4: continuation**
- Conclusions and next steps
 - Summary of the conclusions from the different sessions.
 - Identification of the next steps and follow-up activities
- 17:00 **Goodbye coffee - end of the meeting**