

To: NRLs mycotoxins & plant toxins in food and feed
Mr. F. Verstraete (EC)

Dear colleagues,

With this newsletter I would like to share a few updates on PTs and workshop for 2026.

Workshop 2026 dates and venue

In case you did not pencil this in your agenda, the EURL MP 2026 Workshop will be held on 6-7 Oct, Breukelen, NL.

Proficiency testing schedule and expected sample dispatch dates

1. **Free gossypol** in cotton seeds and compound feed (Apr-May 2026)
Both gossypol and deuterated form are commercially available and affordable.
2. **Alternaria toxins** (*alternariol*, *alternariol monomethyl ether*, *altenuene*, *tenuazonic acid*, *tentoxin*) in tomato juice, sunflower oil and paprika powder (May-June 2026)
3. **Ergot sclerotia** in cereal grains (Jun-Aug 2026)
4. **Pyrrolizidine alkaloids** in honey and cumin (Oct-Nov 2026)

Please be advised that, depending on practical and technical circumstances, the EURL MP reserves the right to modify the scope, analytes, and/or matrices of the proficiency tests and training activities. Participation in PTs is subject to the availability of suitable test materials.

I hope that I have informed you sufficiently.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of
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