

# Workshop on Validation and Certification of Alternative Methods for Food Analysis

for laboratory personnel, method producers/users, and food authorities

28 May 2024

Hotel Ibis Vilnius Centre, Lithuania

## Program

**11:00 – 12:00** Registration

**12:00 – 13:00** Lunch at the hotel (included)

**13:00 – 13:05** Welcome and introduction (Eystein Oveland, Egidijus Pumputis)

**13:05 – 13:30** Introduction to NMKL and NordVal International (Eystein Oveland)

**13:30 – 14:00** Application of ISO 16140-2:2016 Microbiology of the food chain Part 2: Protocol for the validation of alternative (proprietary) methods against a reference method (Hilde Skår)

**14:00 – 14:30** Validated and certified state-of-the-art methods for food pathogen testing by Thermo Fisher Scientific (Piotr Gutry)

**14.30 – 15.00** Break and mingling

**15:00 – 15:30** When to use alternative methods and being in accordance with control regulation (Hilde Skår)

**15:30 – 16:00** Explanation of a certificate for an alternative method that is better than the reference (Listeria) (Hrólfur Sigurdsson)

**16.00 – 16.30** Break

**16:30 – 17:00** New revision of NordVal Protocol 2 for Chemical alternative methods (Natasa Desnica and project group)

**17:00 – 17:20** Introduction to food analyses at NMVRVI (Egidijus Pumputis)

**17.20 – 17.40** Traditional local food snack (kibinai)

**18:00 –** Guided walking tour in the city

*The workshop is arranged in collaboration with the  
National Food and Veterinary Risk Assessment Institute in Lithuania*

