



**Terms of Reference**  
Working group: Virology / Pandemic  
Preparedness

The purpose of this document is to clarify the terms of reference for the EQALM working group (WG) for Virology / Pandemic Preparedness.

**Tasks and purpose**

Status analysis and derived measures to improve the pandemic readiness of EQA providers and their schemes

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**Current ongoing projects**

- Status analysis of pandemic readiness of EQA providers and their schemes (in preparation);
- project based on these results to identify and implement possible potentials for pandemic preparedness (in planning);
- achievements to be verified in an “EQALM super-challenge”, a feasibility study for the central control of several national and regional coordinated EQA rounds with different specific goals (in planning)

**Financial aspects**

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**Publication list**

Design of external quality assessment (EQA) schemes and definition of the roles of their providers in future epidemics; <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-2072782/v1> (under review; preprint not peer-reviewed)

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