

Molecular Epidemiology of MRSA in Europe

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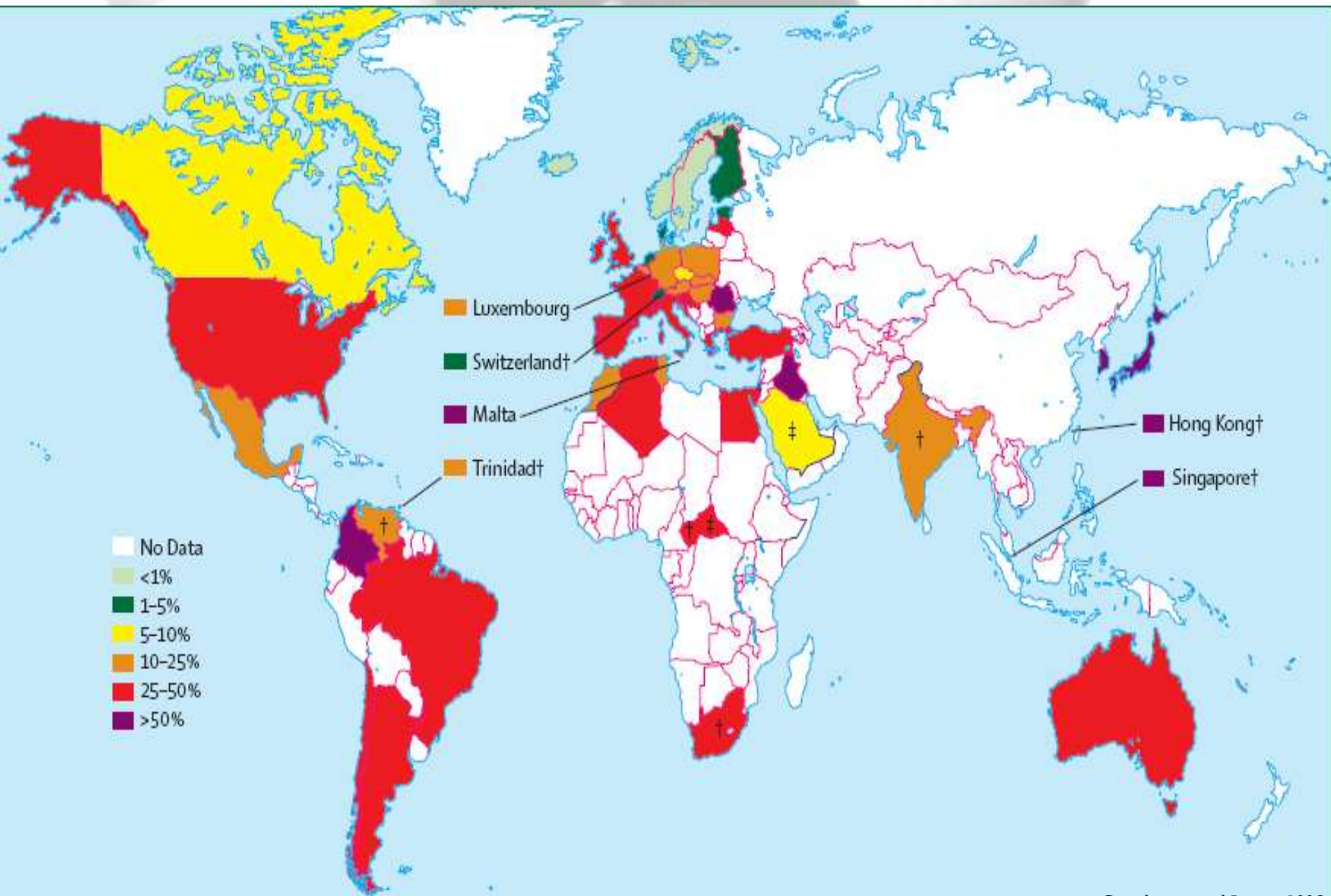
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MRSA prevalence in *S. aureus* bacteraemia worldwide



MRSA in Europe

- Affects **150.000 patients** per year in Europe
- **MRSA-infection:**
Up to 2,4 times significantly higher Mortality
- Issue of **patient safety**
- **Reason for emerging MRSA**
 - insufficient hygiene in hospitals
 - to many antibiotics given
 - lack of trans-mural case management
- **Nasal carriage** origin of infection
 - > Finding and treating carriers avoids infection !
- **MRSA additional costs:** Per patient: 5.000 € to 20.000 €
EU healthcare system: 380 Mio € per year
- **Differences in MRSA-Prevalence** between countries



REVIEW ARTICLES

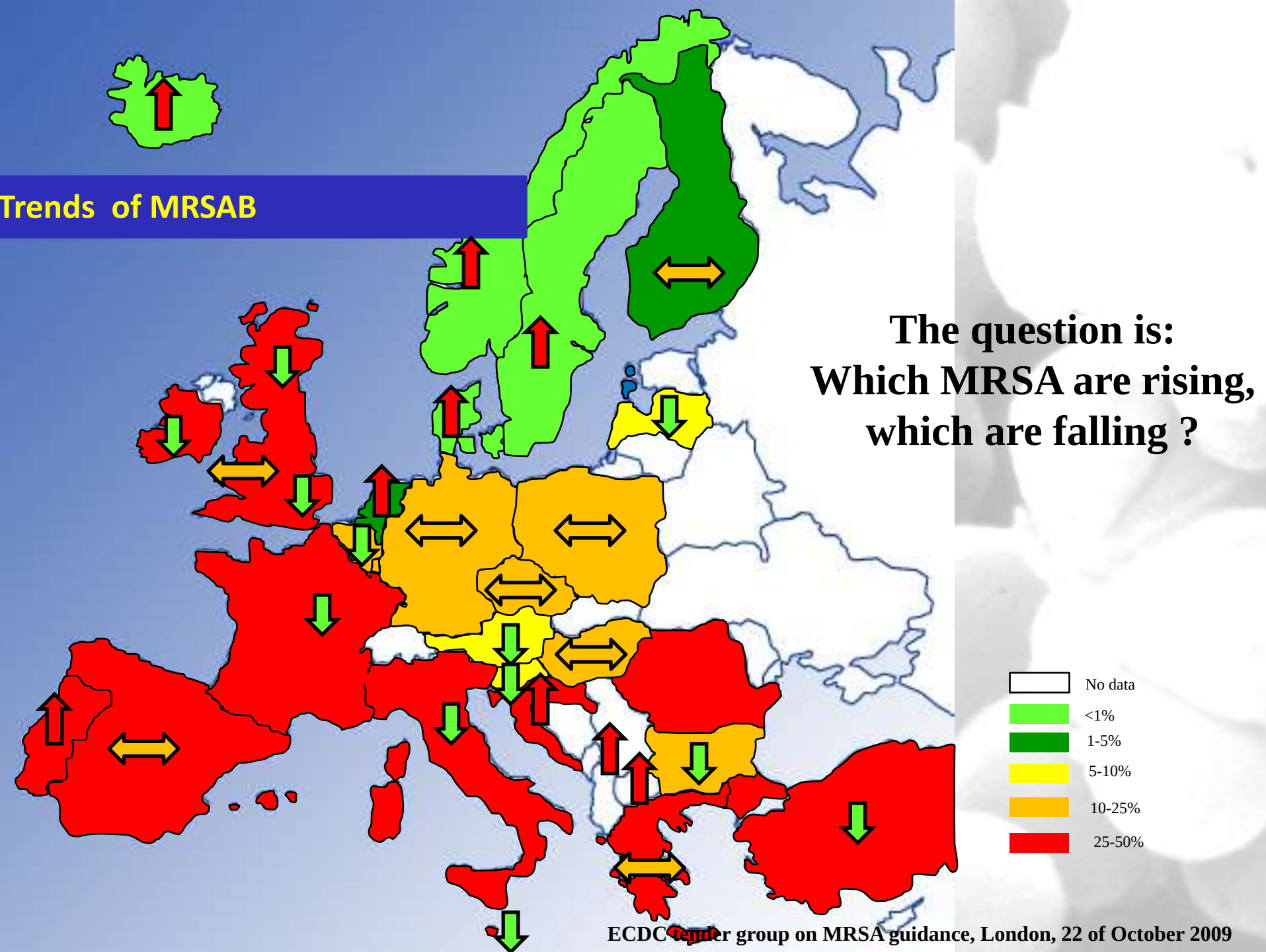
Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA): burden of disease and control challenges in Europe

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Type, place and period of study	Odds ratio/hazard ratio for MRSA-associated mortality (95% CI)	Percentage mortality in MRSA patients
Single-centre, university hospital, Taiwan, 1990–2004	1.78 (1.3–2.44)	50% ^a
Single-centre, university hospital, Belgium, 1992–1998	1.93 (1.18–3.18)	64% ^b
Single-centre, teaching hospital, UK, 1995–2000	1.72 (0.92–3.20)	12% ^c
Veterans affairs healthcare system, USA, 1995–2003	1.8 (1.2–3.0)	34% ^d
Single-centre, university hospital, USA, 1996–2001	5.4 (1.5–18.7)	35% ^d
Single-centre, university hospital, France, 1997–1998	2.97 (1.12–7.88)	43% ^e
Single-centre, tertiary-care teaching hospital, USA, 1997–2000	1.2 (0.68–2.12)	23% ^f
Multi-centre, Germany, 1997–2002	3.84 (1.51–10.2)	17% ^c
Two centres, teaching hospital UK, 1997–2004	1.49 (0.99–2.26)	34% ^a
Single-centre, teaching hospital, USA, 1999–2001	1.4 (0.7–3.0)	31% ^a
Single-centre, teaching hospital, Brazil, 2000–2001	2.52 (0.96–6.6)	55% ^a
Single-centre, university hospital, Taiwan, 2001–2006	0.73 (0.21–2.60)	10% ^a
Single-centre, university hospital, Belgium, 2002–2004	3.04 (1.15–8.04)	42% ^g
Single-centre, university hospital, Germany, 2002–2007	2.6 (1.4–4.9)	42% ^d
Single-centre, tertiary care, USA, 2004–2005	5.1 (1.1–22.9) ⁱ	47% ^h

Trends of MRSAB

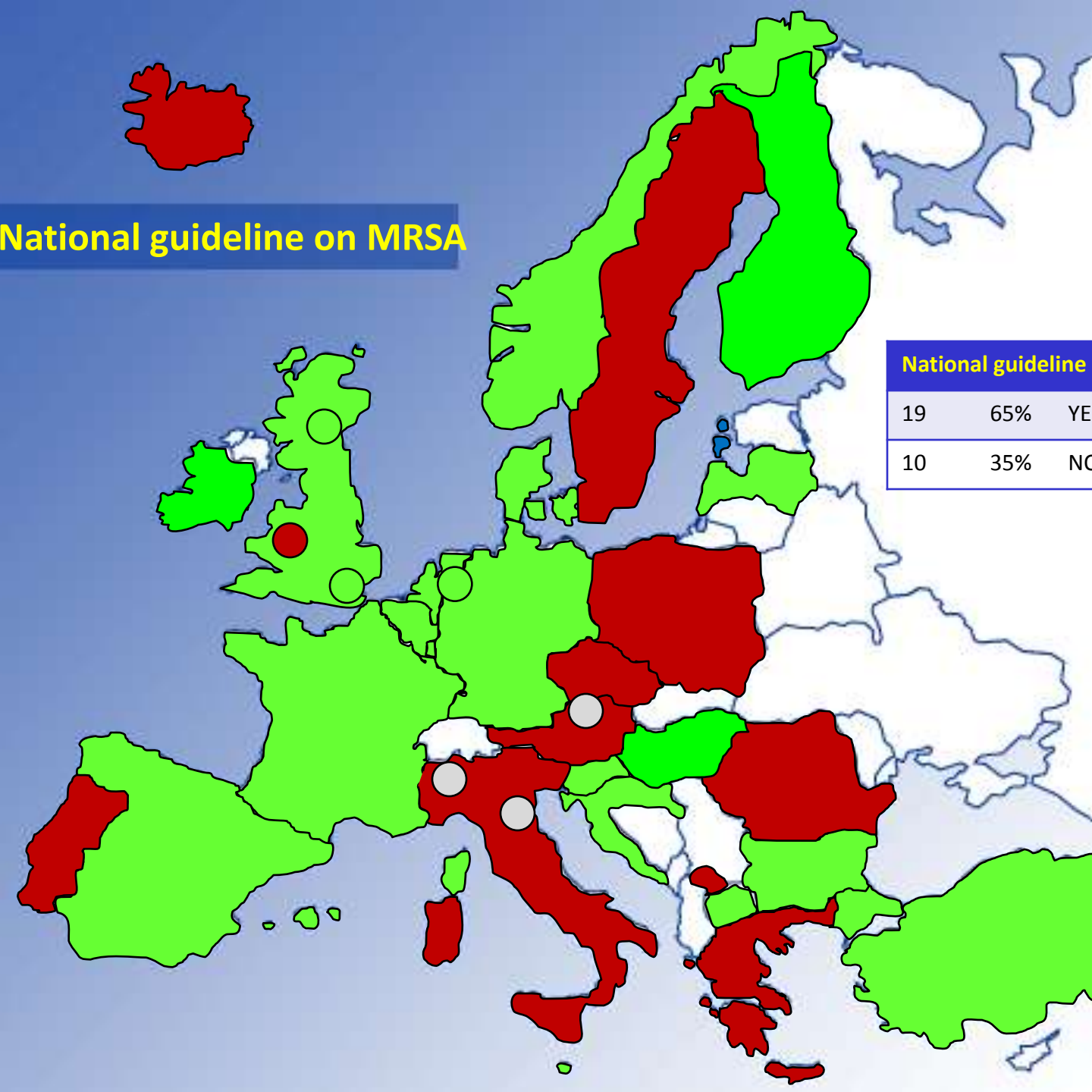


National guideline on MRSA

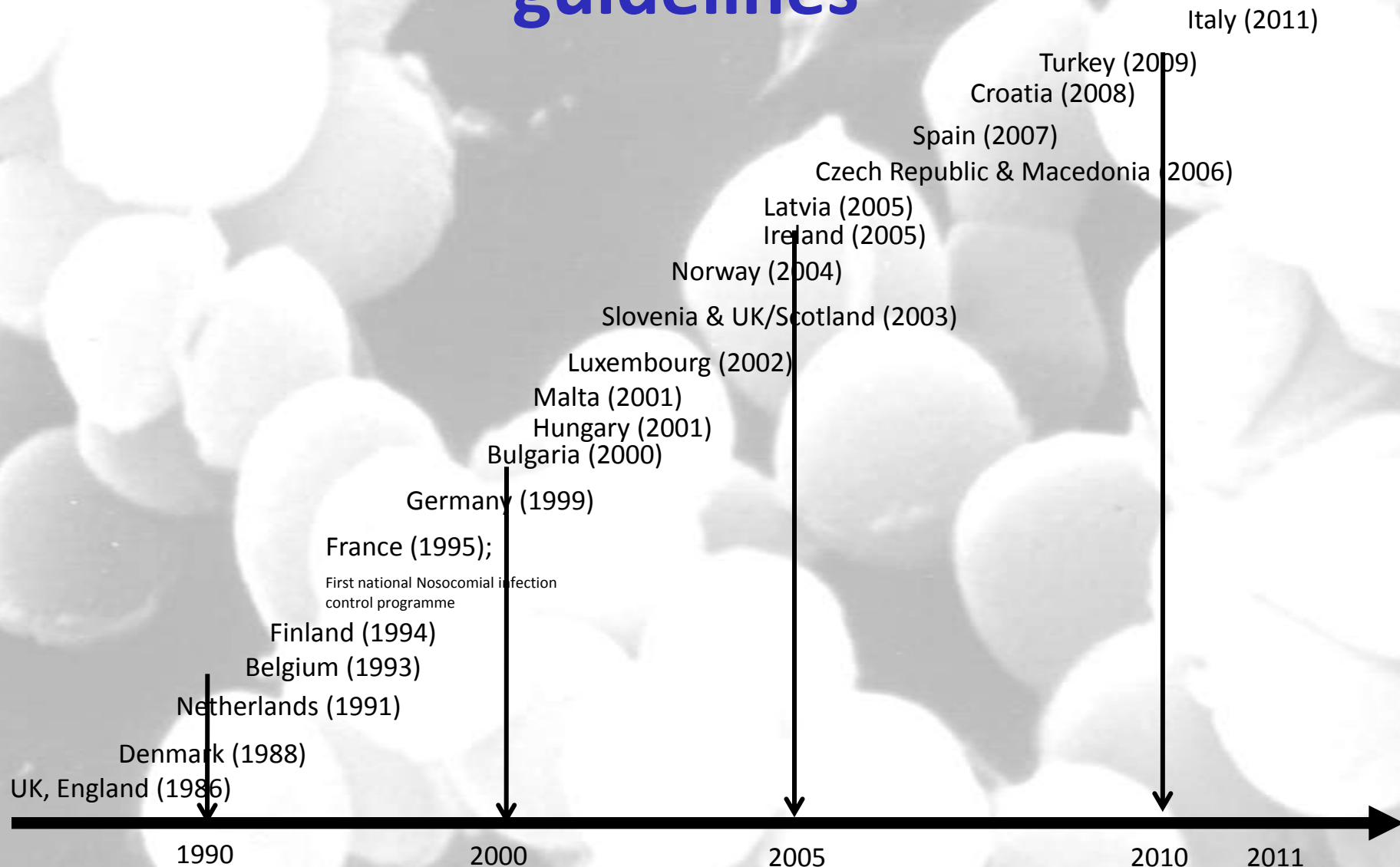
National guideline available (n=25)

19 65% YES

10 35% NO



First edition of national MRSA guidelines



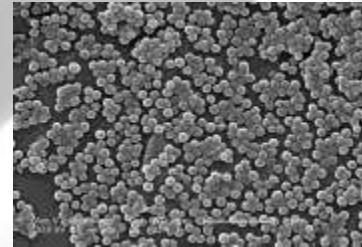
Preventive Microbiology = infection control



Robert Koch,
founder of modern bacteriology



Vibrio cholerae,



MRSA,

Cholera-infection control measures (1908):

„Everything depends on the fact that we have valid detection methods for the microorganisms.

This counts especially for the human carriers who contribute most for the spread of the disease“

Speech of Robert Koch on 11.2.1908 in front of the Medical order of Berlin
Deutsche Medizinische Wochenschrift, 1908, Nr. 8

MRSA „search&follow-Strategy“ (2010)

Colonisation comes before infection

A: Rapid identification of MRSA-carriers

B: Decolonization of MRSA-carriers,

In order to:

- a.) prevent infection in the patient
- b.) prevent spread to other patients

c.) start early an optimal antibiotic therapy

Health-care settings covered by MRSA national guideline

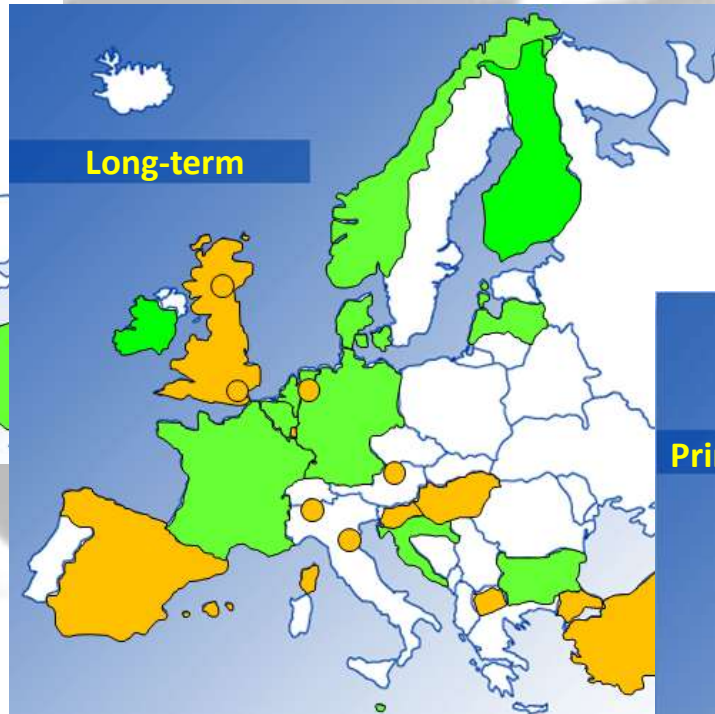
Acute care



Guideline available (n=19) ?

19	100%	YES	■
0	0%	NO	■

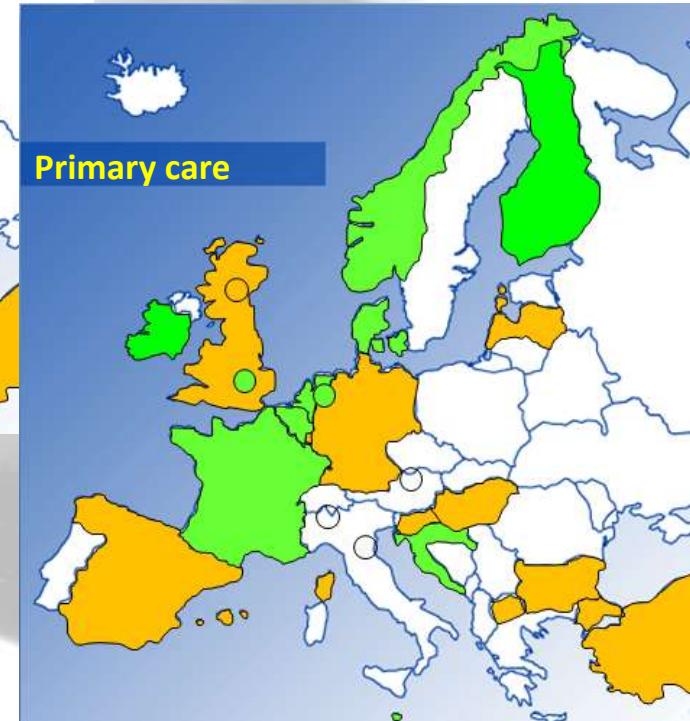
Long-term



Guideline available ?

12	63%	YES	■
7	37%	NO	■

Primary care



Guideline available ?

6	32%	YES	■
13	68%	NO	■

SeqNet.org does...

A. Capacity building for sequence based typing in European laboratories

- International workshops since 2004, next 5-8 of October 2010
Münster, Zagreb, Sophia

B. Internal quality control

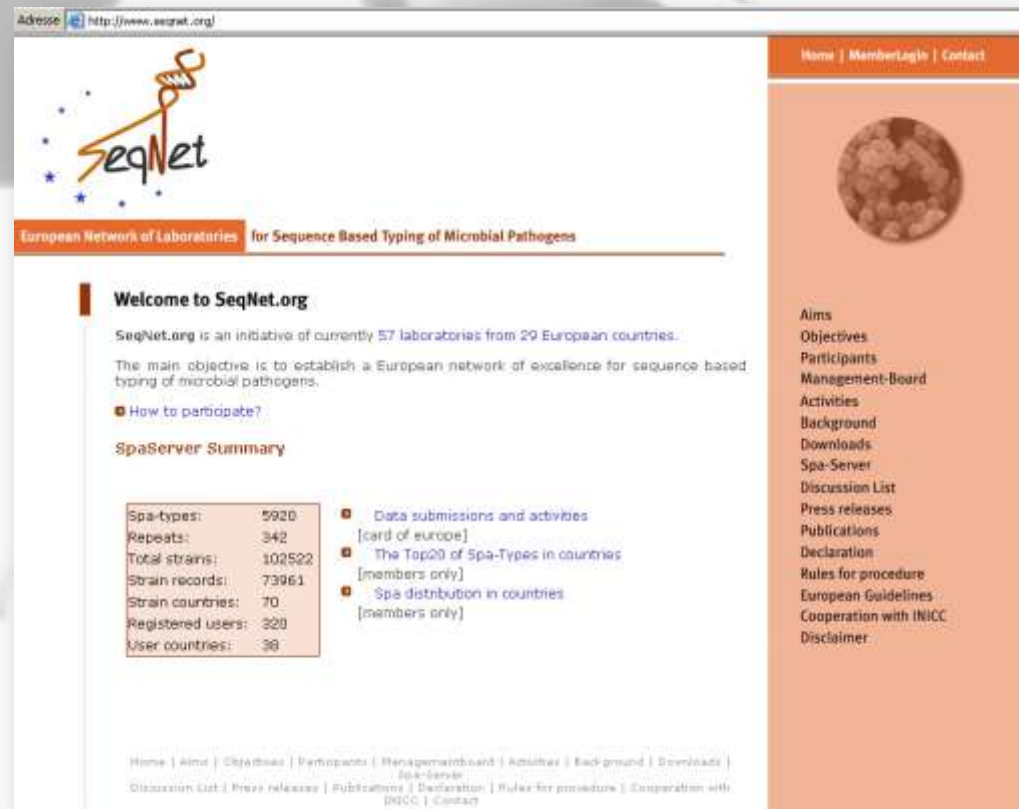
- SOP for internal quality control

C. External quality control

- SeqNet.org certification
- Annual proficiency testing
- Continuous quality control

D. Curatorship for spa server

- Synchronization of typing data
- Access via StaphType and Bionumerics
- Study groups within spa server
(Euregio study area, SRL-study group)



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Repeats:	342
Total strains:	102522
Strain records:	73961
Strain countries:	70
Registered users:	320
User countries:	38

- Data submissions and activities [card of europe]
- The Top20 of Spa-Types in countries [members only]
- Spa distribution in countries [members only]

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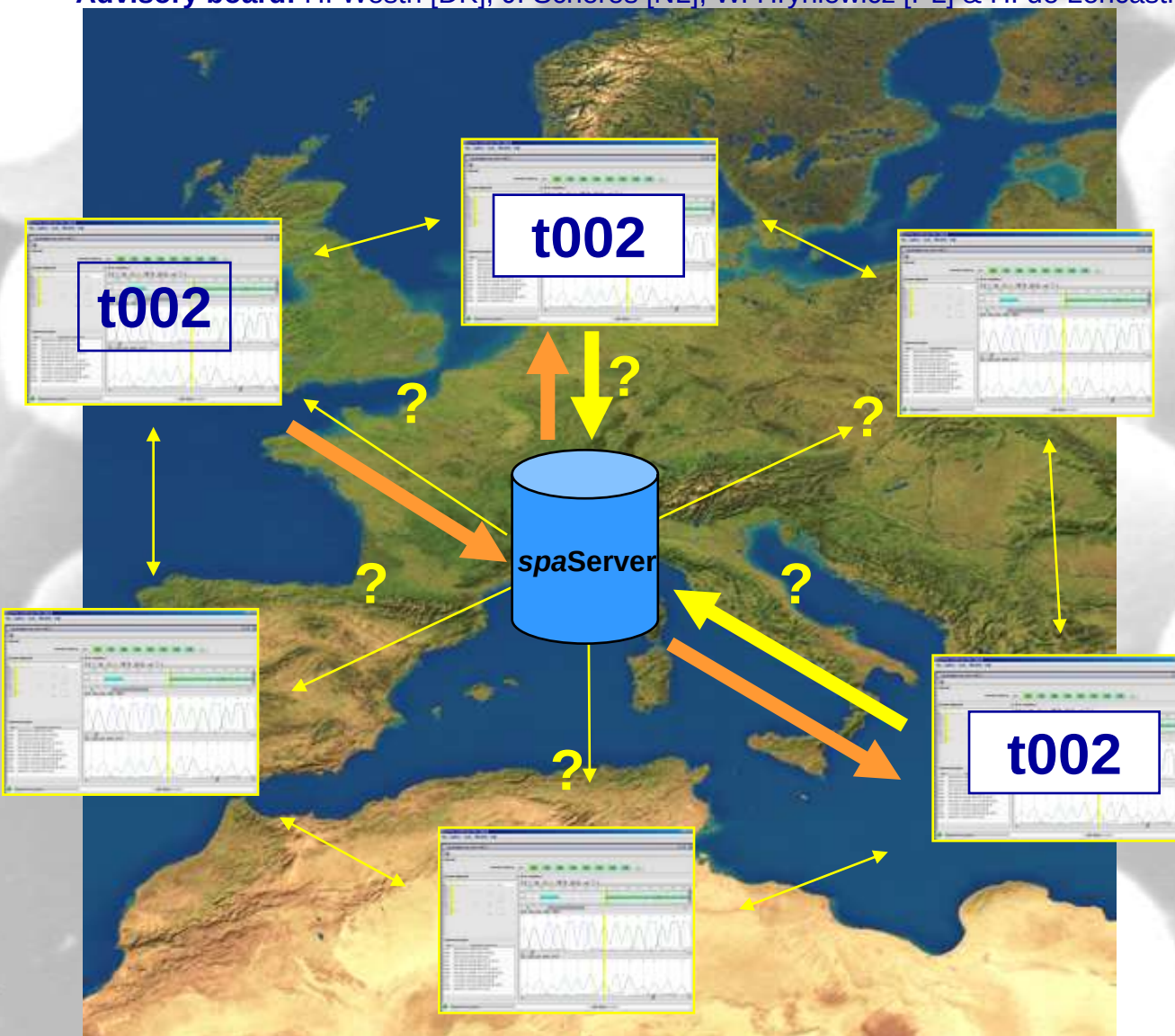
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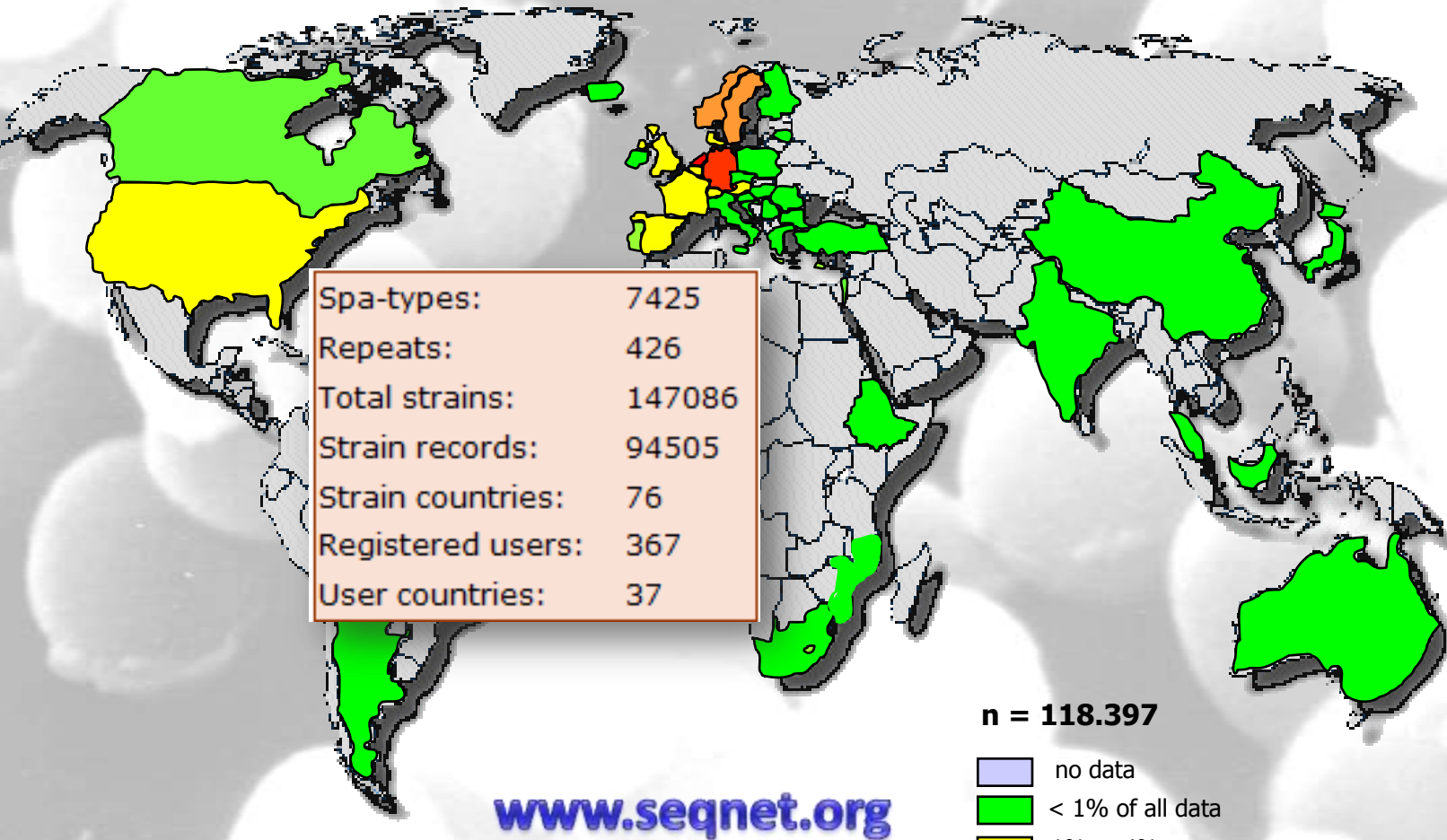
SeqNet.org Network

Laboratory-Esperanto for *S. aureus*



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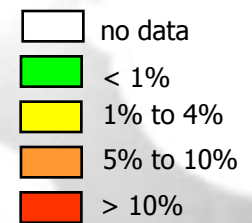
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spa typing



n = 105443



Geographic Distribution of *Staphylococcus aureus* Causing Invasive Infections in Europe: A Molecular-Epidemiological Analysis

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Abstract

Background: *Staphylococcus aureus* is one of the most important human pathogens. Methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) are a major cause of hospital and community-acquired infection. We investigated the geographic distribution of the dominant clones that cause invasive infections in Europe.

Methods and Findings: In each country, staphylococcal reference laboratories collected isolates from a representative number of hospital laboratories to achieve national geo-demographic representation. Isolates of successive methicillin-susceptible (MSSA) and MRSA isolates from patients were collected according to a standard protocol. All isolates were sent to the respective national reference laboratory for molecular typing. Sequence typing of the variable region of the staphylococcal *spa* gene (*spa* typing) was performed using a Web-based mapping application. Between September 2006 and February 2008, 28 countries collected 2,890 MSSA and MRSA isolates from patients with invasive infections. The geographic distribution of *spa* types was found with some prevalent in all European countries. Genetic diversity of MRSA differed considerably between countries with distinct geographical clusters. We provide evidence that a network approach consisting of aggregated data using an interactive mapping tool can provide important information on populations such as early signalling of emerging strains, cross border spread.

Conclusions: In contrast to MSSA, MRSA *spa* types have a predominantly regional distribution, which is indicative of the selection and spread of a limited number of clones within health care systems. Efforts aimed at interrupting the spread within and between health care institutions should be successful and should therefore be strongly encouraged.



General results

Statistics	<i>n</i> ^a	MSSA	MRSA	Total/Overall	<i>p</i> -Value*
Frequency (%)	2,890	1,923 (66.5)	967 (33.5)	2,890 (100%)	—
Median age (IQR)	2,836	63 (46–75)	69 (55–78)	66 (49–76)	<0.0001
Male gender (%)	2,862	1,159 (60.8)	606 (63.3)	1,765 (61.7)	0.2
All-cause mortality after 14 d (%)	1,838	153 (13.2)	141 (20.8)	294 (16.0)	<0.0001
Hospital acquisition (%)	2,322	777 (51.6)	585 (71.7)	1,362 (58.7)	<0.0001
<i>N spa</i> types	2,850	565	155	660 ^b	—
<i>N</i> not typeable	2,850	27 (1.4)	13 (1.3)	40 (1.4)	0.9
Index of diversity (95% CI)	2,850	0.985 (0.983–0.987)	0.940 (0.933–0.947)	0.983 (0.982–0.984)	<0.05 ^c
Mean distance in kilometres between laboratories that isolated identical <i>spa</i> types (95% CI)	1,614 ^d	1,046.2 (1109.5–983.0)	786.8 (975.7–597.9)	—	0.03 ^d

**p*-Value for the comparison of MSSA versus MRSA.

^aNumber of isolates for which data were available.

^bTotal number of *spa* types includes 60 *spa* types that contain both MSSA and MRSA.

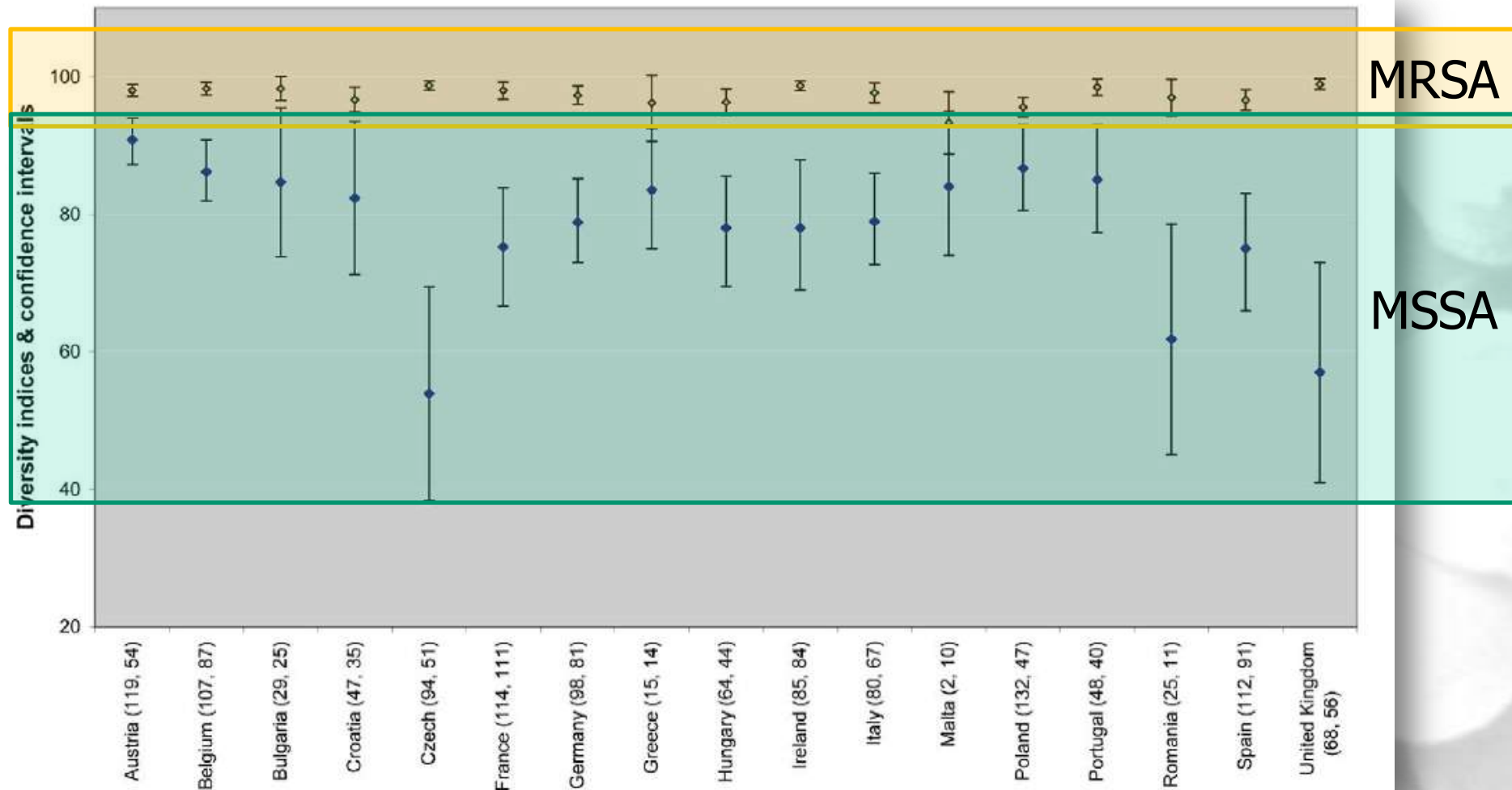
^cDeduced from non-overlapping 95% confidence intervals.

^dIncludes only MRSA and MSSA with more than ten isolates per *spa* type.

IQR, interquartile range.

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MRSA vs. MSSA



S. aureus blood culture isolates in Europe

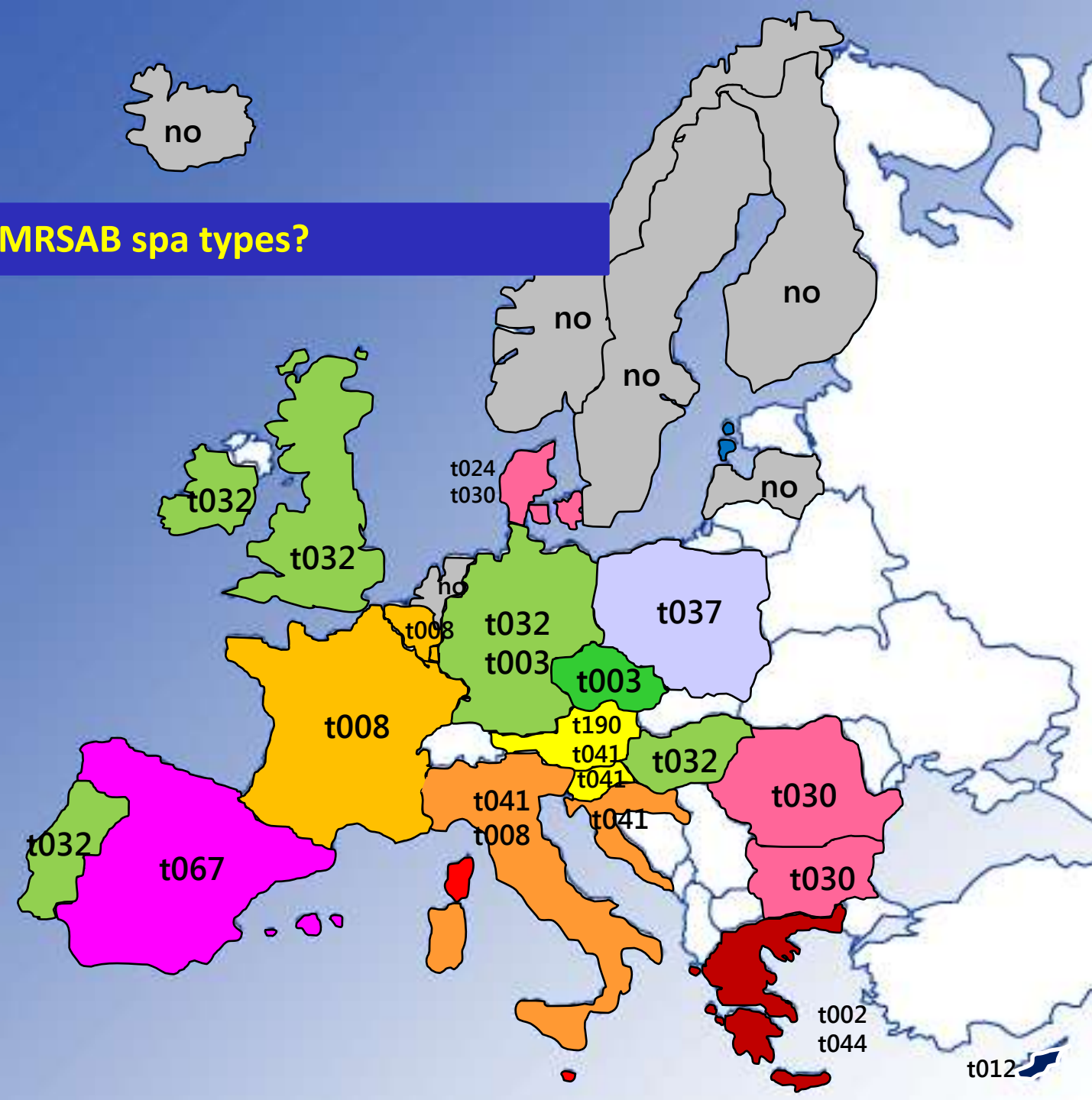
Rank	MSSA	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent	Rank	MRSA	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
	<i>spa</i> Type MLST					<i>spa</i> Type MLST			
1	t002 ST-5 ^a , S-231 ^a	93	4.8	4.8	1	t032 ST-22 ^a	140	14.5	14.4
2	t084 ST-15 ^a (ST-18)	89	4.6	9.5	2	t008 ST-8 ^a (ST-247, ST-250, ST-254)	120	12.4	26.8
3	t015 ST-45 ^a	84	4.4	13.8	3	t041 ST-111 ^a , ST-228 ^a	72	7.4	34.2
4	t091 ST-7 ^a	82	4.3	18.1	4	t003 (ST-5) ST-225 ^a	71	7.3	41.6
5	t012 ST-30 ^a	77	4.0	22.1	5	t002 ST-5 ^a , ST-231 ^a	62	6.4	48.1
6	t127 ST-1 ^a	57	3.0	25.1	6	t067 ST-5 ^a , ST-125 ^a	50	5.2	53.3
7	t008 ST-8 ^a (ST-247, ST-250, ST-254)	55	2.9	27.9	7	t001 (ST-5, ST-222) ST-228 ^a	30	3.1	56.4
8	t021 ST-30 ^a (ST-33, ST-55)	49	2.5	30.5	8	t037 ST-239 ^a (ST-240), ST-241 ^a	27	2.8	59.2
9	t005 ST-22 ^a (ST-23, ST-60)	42	2.2	32.7	9	t030 ST-239 ^a (ST-246)	20	2.1	61.2
10	t026 (ST-45, ST-47)	27	1.4	34.1	10	t024 ST-8 ^a	14	1.4	62.7
11	t065 (ST-45, ST-46)	26	1.4	35.4	11	t190 ST-8 ^a	14	1.4	64.1
12	t160 (ST-12, ST-13)	26	1.4	36.8	12	t515 ST-22 ^a	12	1.3	65.5
13	t056 (ST-101)	25	1.3	38.1	13	t038 ST-45 ^a	12	1.2	66.7
14	t050 ST-45 ^a	21	1.1	39.2	14	t022 ST-22 ^a	11	1.1	67.8
15	t078 (ST-26)	21	1.1	40.2	15	t740 ST-45 ^a	11	1.1	69.0
16	t164 (ST-20)	19	1.0	41.2	16	t012 ST-30 ^a	9	0.9	69.9
17	t346 (ST-15, ST-620)	18	0.9	42.2	17	t015 ST-45 ^a	9	0.9	70.8
18	t024 ST-8 ^a	17	0.9	43.1	18	t044 ST-80 ^a	9	0.9	71.8
19	t230 ST-45 ^a	17	0.9	43.9	19	t045 ST-5 ^a (ST-225)	8	0.8	72.6
20	t166 (ST-34)	16	0.8	44.8	20	t127 ST-1 ^a	8	0.8	73.4
—	Other —	1,062	55.2	100.0	—	Other —	258	26.6	100.0
Total	—	1,923	100	—	—	—	967	100	—

STs in parentheses are those associated with the *spa* type in the SeqNet.org *Spa* typing data base.

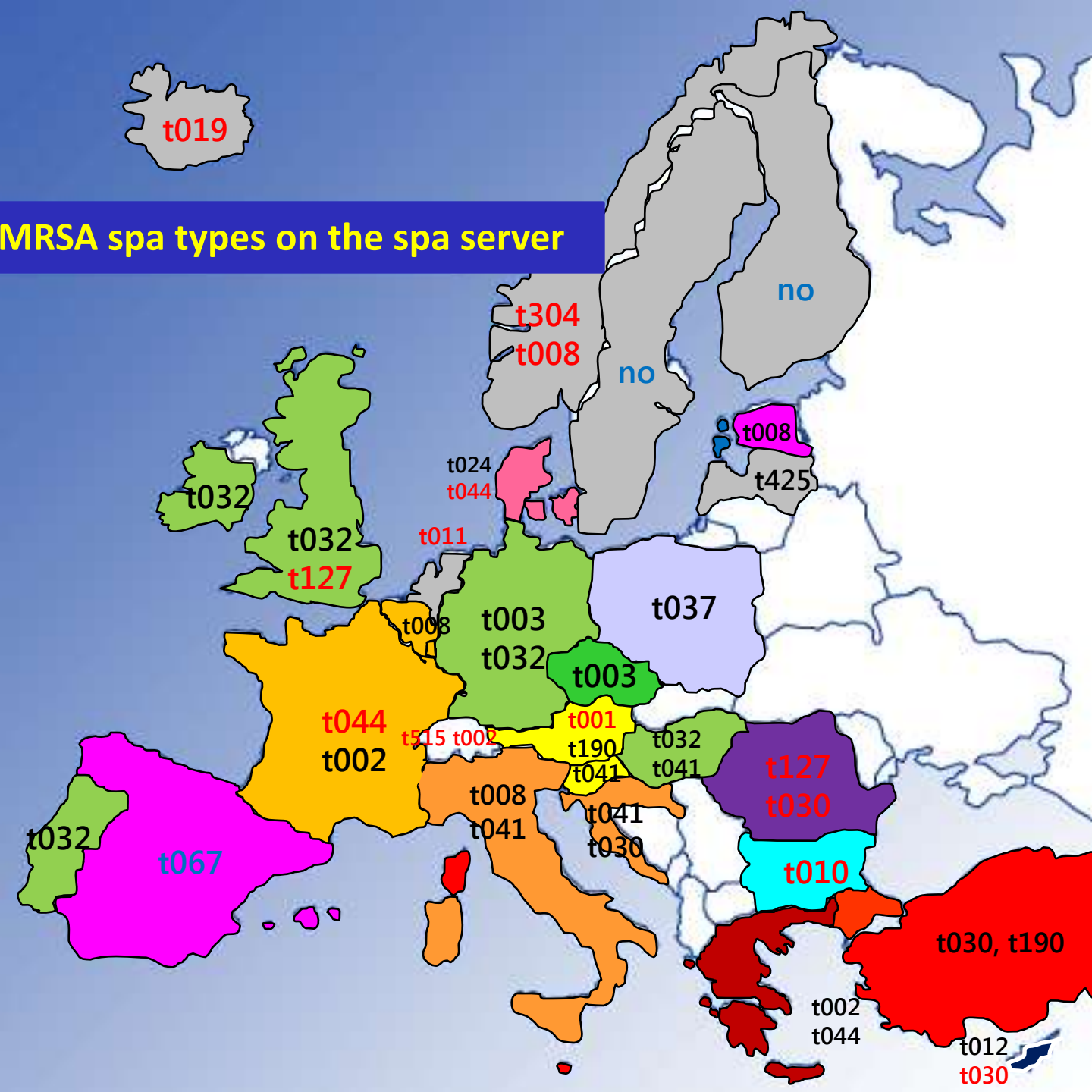
^aMLST as determined by SRLs.

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MRSAB spa types?



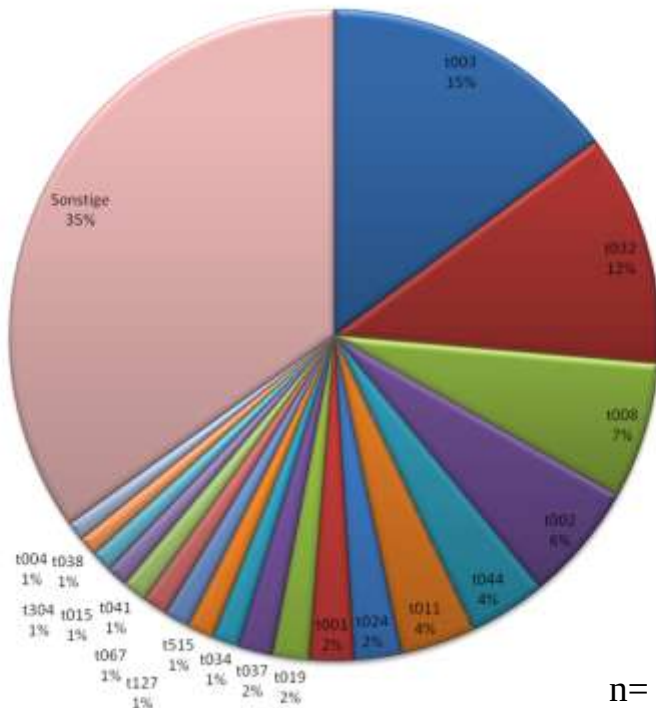
MRSA spa types on the spa server



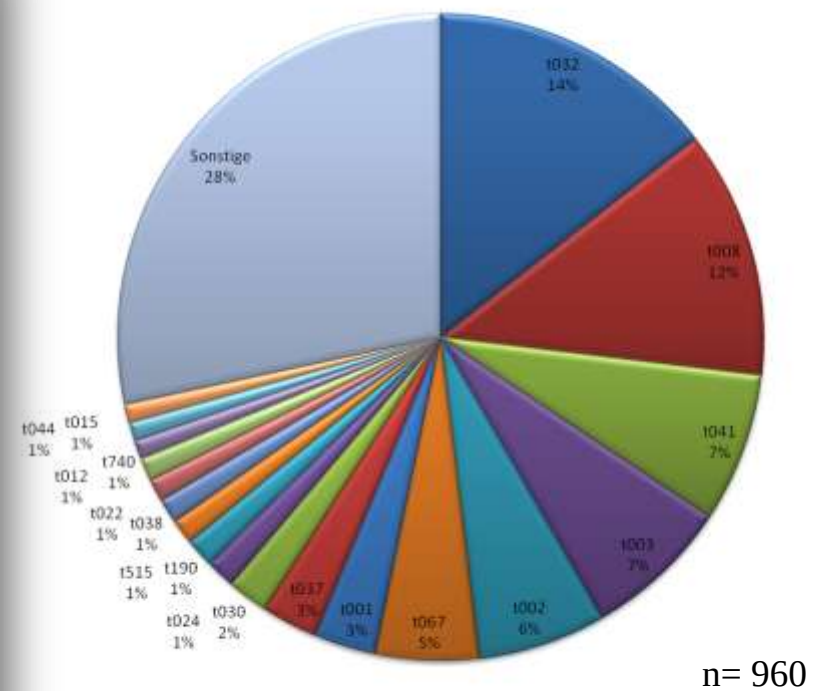
t030	t190
ST239	ST8
CC8	CC8

TOP 30 MRSA in Europe

MRSA on the *spa* server

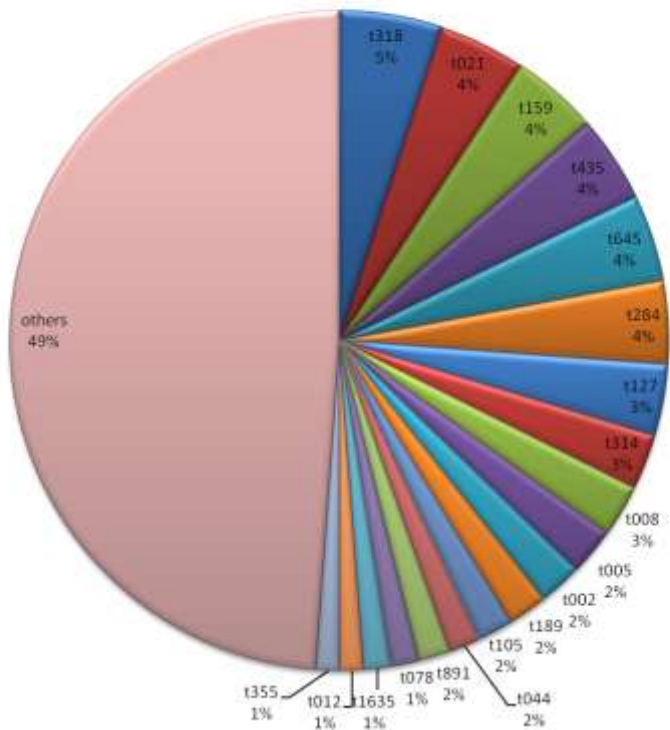


MRSAB from SRL-study



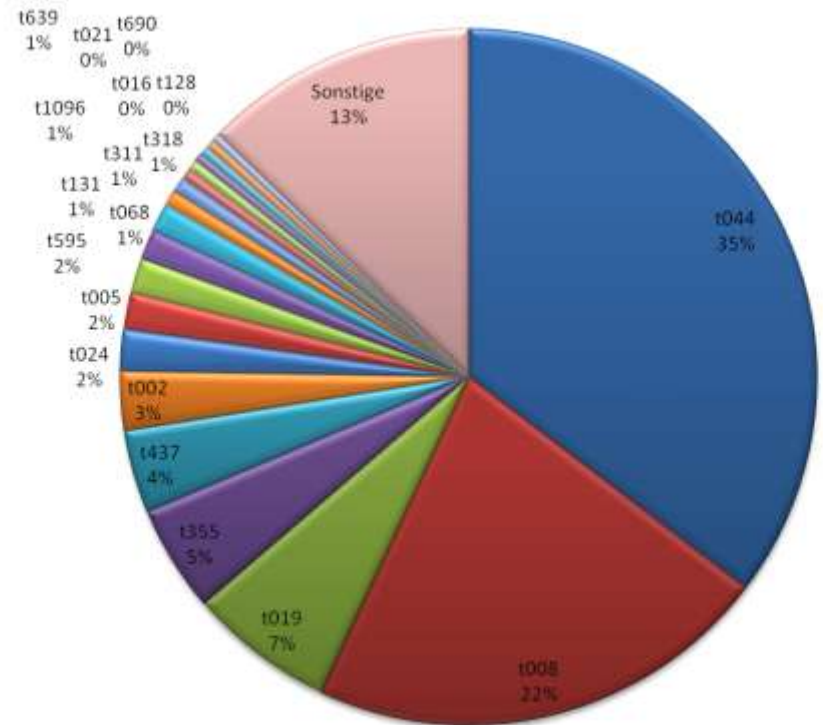
PVL-positive CA-MRSA

PVL+ MSSA



194 different *spa* types

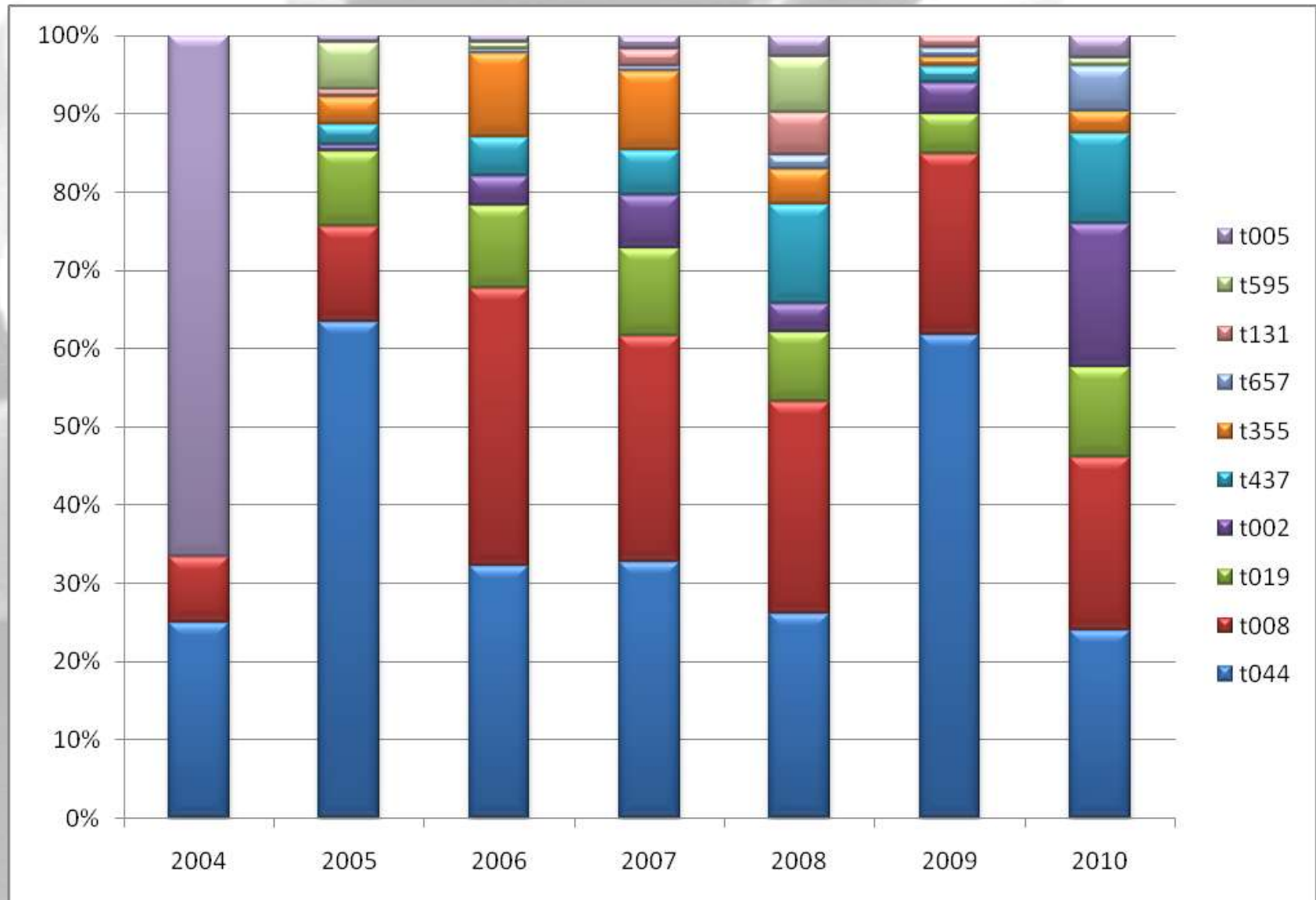
PVL+ MRSA



75 different *spa* types

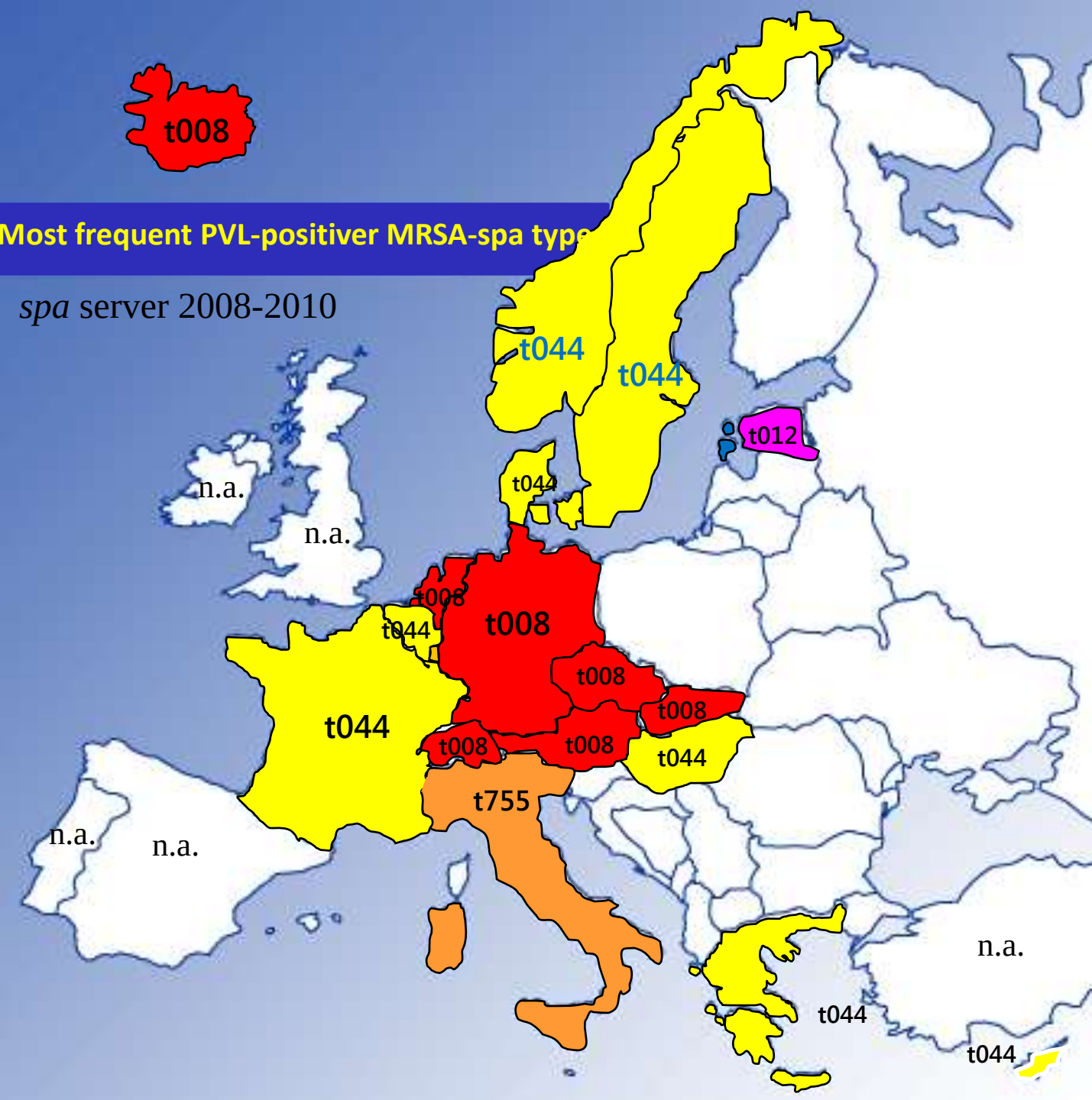
Change over time

PVL+ MRSA (n= 2035)



Most frequent PVL-positiver MRSA-spa type

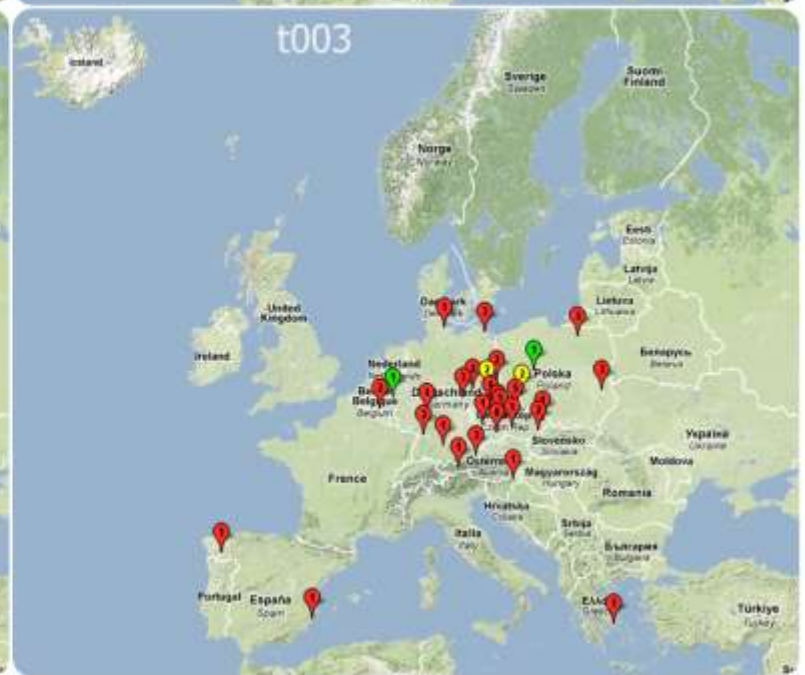
spa server 2008-2010



Regional Cluster

Regional Cluster Number	spa Type	spa Complex ^a	ST ^b	Window Centre	Window Radius (km)	Countries reporting Clustered spa Type within Window	n Isolates Observed	n Isolates Expected ^c	Log Likelihood Ratio	n MRSA among Observed Isolates	Percent MRSA among Observed Isolates
1	t067	2	5 & 125	Alicante, Spain	716	ES, FR	55	4.7	126.9	46	84
2	t041	1	228	Split, Croatia	522	AT, HR, HU, SI, IT	59	10.6	84.76	59	100
3	t032	32	22	Belfast, Northern Ireland (UK)	596	IE, UK	77	15.9	84.74	75	97
4	t003	45	225	Leipzig, Germany	386	CZ, DE, PL	58	10.0	82.26	54	93
5	t008	8	8	Perpignan, France	931	AT, BE, DE, ES, FR, HR, PT, SI	119	45.5	72.96	105	88
6	t740	740	45	Goes, Netherlands	81	BE, NL	15	0.6	50.36	11	73
7	t030	12	239	Pleven, Bulgaria	331	BG, RO	16	0.7	45.24	15	94
8	t037	12	239	Plock, Poland	330	PL	21	2.2	36.02	18	86
9	t038	740	45	Wilrijk, Belgium	92	BE	12	0.8	32.71	12	100
10	t190	190	8	St Pölten, Austria	56	AT	10	0.3	29.63	9	90
11	t001	1	228	Sibenik, Croatia	885	AT, DE, HU, IT, MT	29	10.2	27.55	29	100
12	t435	435	427	Daugavpils, Latvia	189	LV	8	0.2	25.82	0	0
13	t425	239	368	Riga, Latvia	0	LV	5	0.1	22.76	5	100
14	t127	127	1	Inowroclaw, Poland	131	PL	12	0.9	22.65	0	0
15	t032	32	22	Berlin, Germany	128	DE	19	3.2	22.2	19	100
16	t015	15	45	Lomza, Poland	581	CZ, LV, PL	35	11	20.72	7	20
17	t091	91	7	Ried, Austria	771	AT, BE, CZ, DE, FR, HR, HU, IT, NL, PL, SI	71	42.8	20.68	4	6
18	t777	777	5	Laval, France	277	FR	7	0.3	20.61	7	100
19	t081	78	25	Maków Mazowiecki, Poland	0	PL	4	0.0	19.37	3	75
20	t515	32	22	Mullingar, Ireland	196	IE, Northern Ireland (UK)	9	0.7	18.94	9	100
21	t002	2	5, 231	Coimbra, Portugal	484	ES, PT	33	10.6	18.37	20	61
22	t230	728	45	Hilleroed, Denmark	235	DE, DK, SE	11	1.4	17.19	0	0
23	t044	44	80	Nicosia, Cyprus	916	GR, CY	6	0.2	17.09	6	100
24	t2054	8	8	St Mandé, France	226	BE, FR4	5	0.2	16.64	3	60
25	t062	singleton	5	Szolnok, Hungary	145	HU	6	0.3	15.24	6	100
Total	—	—	—	—	368 (mean)	339	702	173.1	—	522	74

SatScan Analysis for border independent cluster





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Spa Type t067 summary

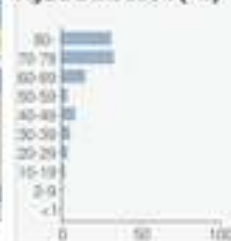
Total: 62 isolates
 MRSA/MSSA



Mort 14d



Age Distribution (%)



ES056 spa Type Summary

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No. isolates	spa Type	Pattern	other laboratories (no. isolates elsewhere with same spa Type)	Action
4	t067	r26r23r17r34r17r29r17r12r17	25(58)	click to view on map
1	t078	r04r2r12r4r20r17r12r12r17	15(20)	click to view on map
1	t630	r08r16r02r16r34r17r34r16r34	6(6)	click to view on map
1	t012	r15r12r16r02r16r02r25r17r24r24	68(85)	click to view on map
1	t129	r15r12r24	0	-
1	t1051	r15r2r12r12r16r02r16r02r25r17r24r24	0	-
1	t837	r26r17r26r17r12r17	0	-

22% of European population lives close borders

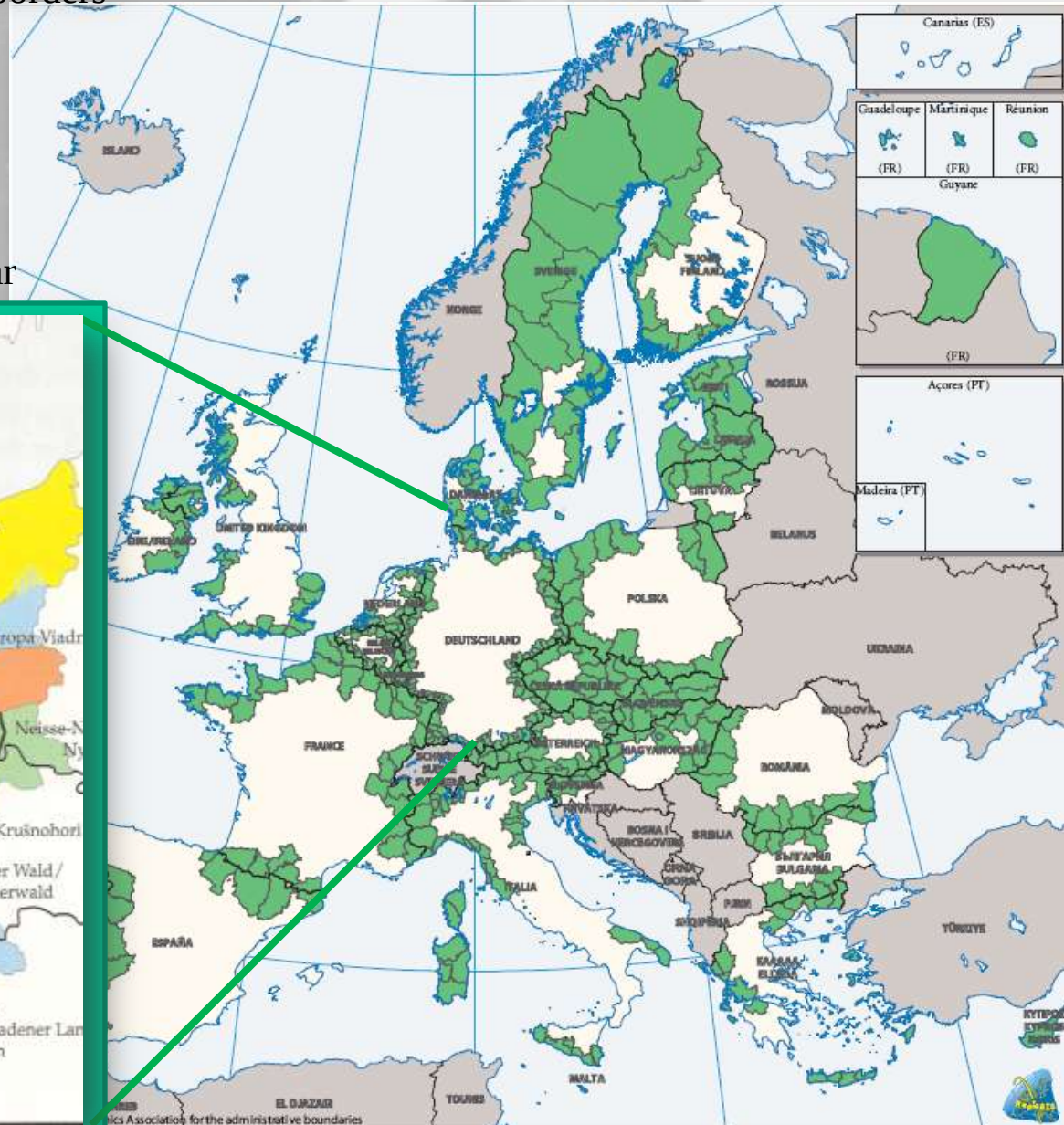
Dutch-German Euregios

Since 1958

12,4 Mio inhabitants

12.000 crossborder commuters/day

500 to 30.000 crossborder patient per year





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EUREGIO MRSA-net (2009)

- Crossborder network of 44 German and Dutch hospitals
- Integrated network with GPs
- Common quality standards (search&follow)

- Prevalence screening of 23566 (D) and 3544 (NL) patients
- Each new MRSA isolate from all patients is *spa* typed by hospitals
- Hospital and laboratory data collected on EUREGIO server

Twente/Achterhoek

Inhab. 990.000

2,5 beds/ 1000 inhab

36 GPs/100.000 inhab

Microbiologists: 2,9 per 1000 patients

MRSA : 78 (7,8/100.000 inhab)

0,1 per 100 admissions

MRSA/ *S. aureus*: 1%

MRSAB: **1** (0,1/100.000)



Münsterland

Inhab: 1.566.000

6,9 beds/1000 Einw.

146 GPs+Specialists/100.000 inhab

Microbiologists: 1,0 per 1000 patients

MRSA: 2953 (189/100.000 inhab)

1,6/100 admissions

MRSA/ *S. aureus*: 3%-30%

MRSAB: **41** (2,6/100.000)

EUREGIO mrsa-net
Twente/Münsterland

INTERREG - Grenzregionen gestalten Europa
Europäischer Fonds für Regionale Entwicklung der Europäischen Union
INTERREG - Grensregio's bouwen aan Europa
Europees Fonds voor Regionale Ontwikkeling van de Europese Unie

provincie
Gelderland

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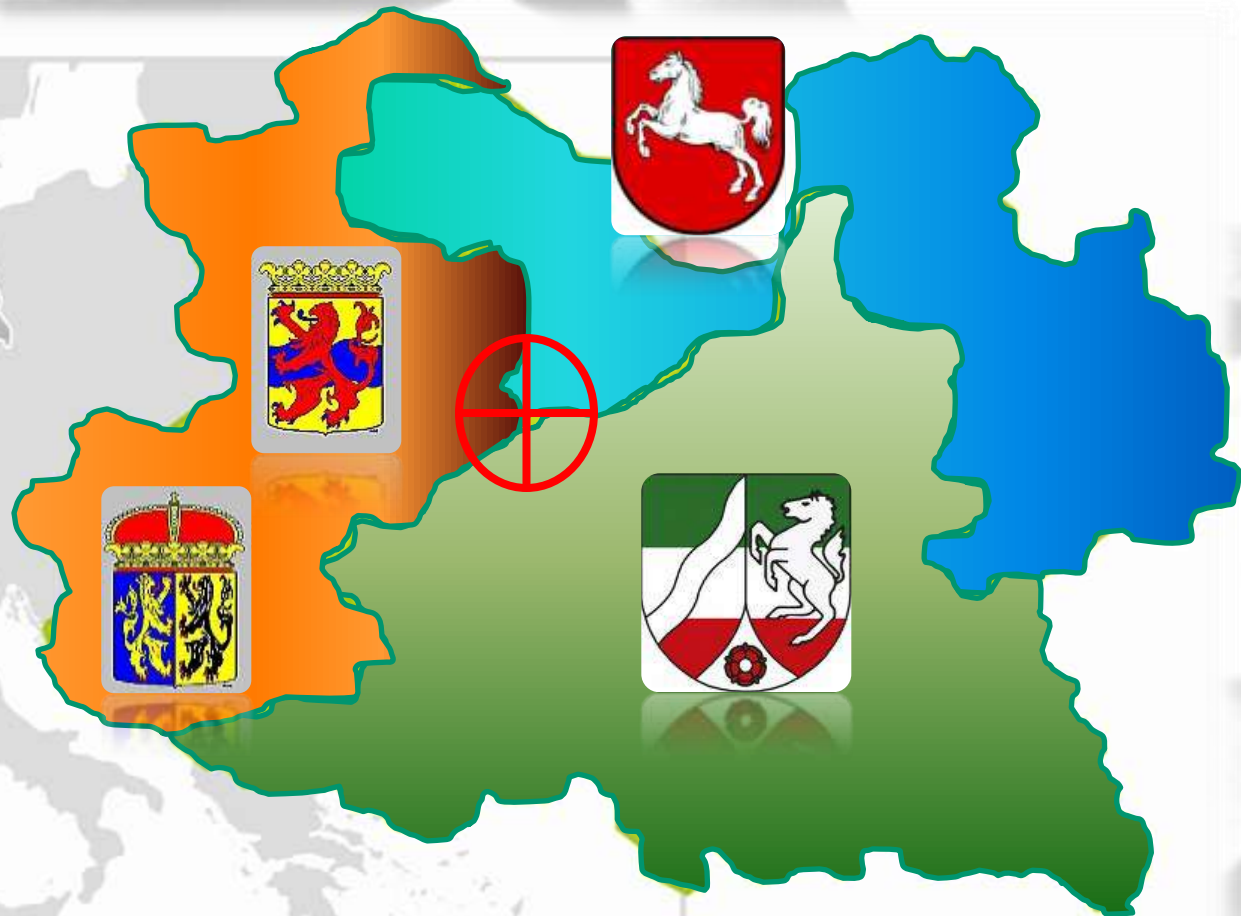


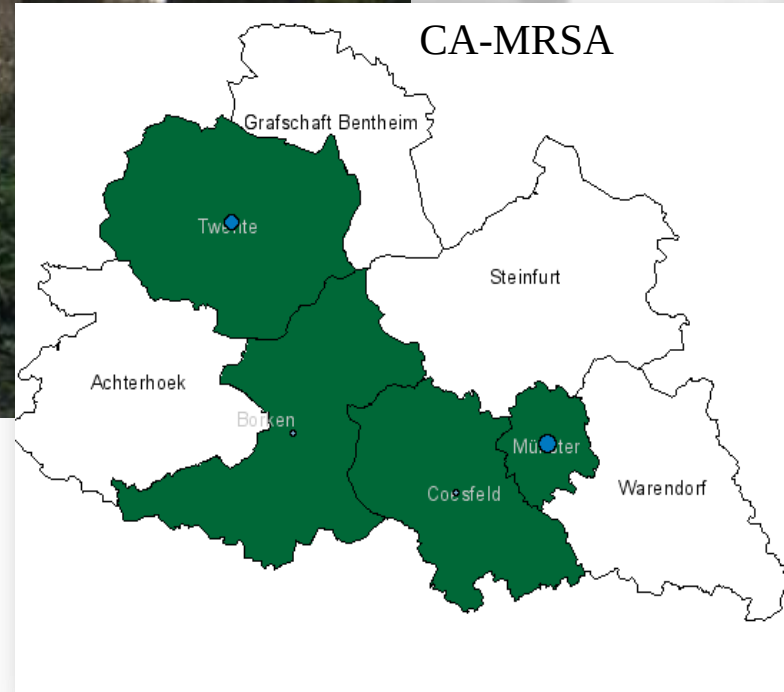
The Netherlands



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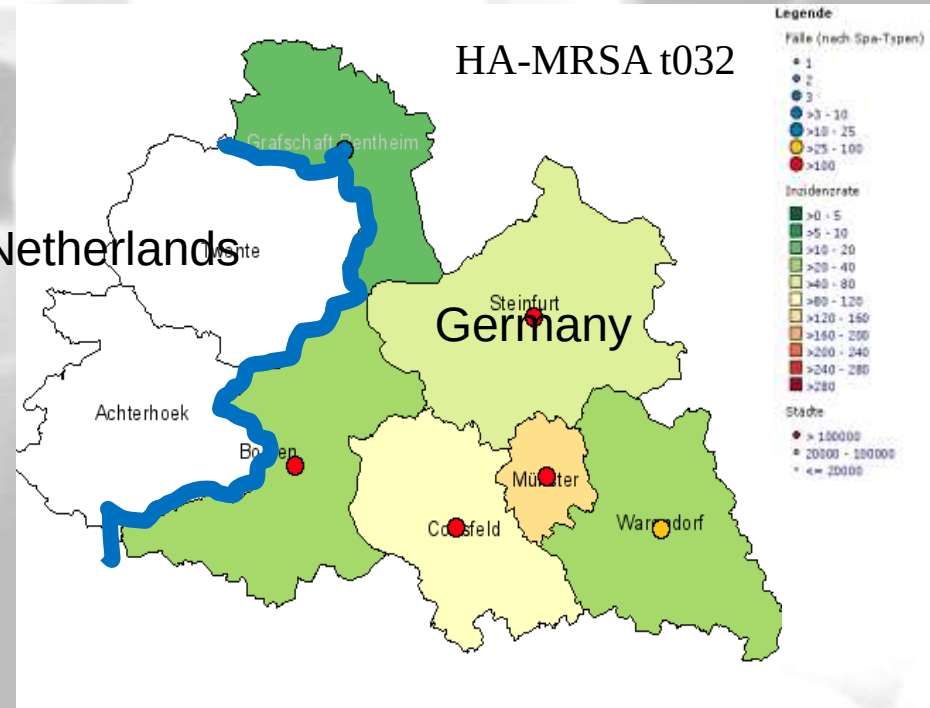




Dreiländereck: NL, NRW, Nds

Real-time Surveillance of human MRSA isolates in the EUREGIO

Healthcare-associated (HA-) MRSA



- HA-MRSA respect the borders
- **Patients coming from German hospitals are put into isolation**
- **HA-MRSA not transmitted via social contacts**

Livestock-associated (LA-)MRSA



Incidence of *spa* types indicative for MLST CC398 (t011, t034, t108, t567, t571, t588, t753, t898, t899, t1184, t125, t1451, t1456, t1457, t2123, t2330, t2383, t2582, t3013):

Equal incidence of LA-MRSA genotypes on both sides of the border

Prevalence screening in the EUREGIO (n= 23,566)

- Admission screening and risk factor analysis of all patients in all 44 hospitals in the EUREGIO
- All MRSA spa typed
- 1,6 / 100 patients colonized at admission
- 33% of all patients with MRSA risk factor
- 89% of patients with MRSA show up with classical HA risk factors

Risk factor	MRSA (n=354)	No MRSA (n=20836)	Beta Coefficient	OR	95% CI	P
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22% of MRSA carriers without classical risk factors

home							
Antibiotics	89	2742	0.29	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.0776
Haemodialysis	3	179	-§	-§	-§	-	-§
Burning trauma	0	39	-§	-§	-§	-§	-§
Chron. wounds	48	415	4.0	54.5	26.2	113.6	<0.001
Katheter	49	541	2.09	8.1	4.1	15.9	<0.001
Chron. nursing	55	662	1.22	3.4	1.8	6.4	<0.001

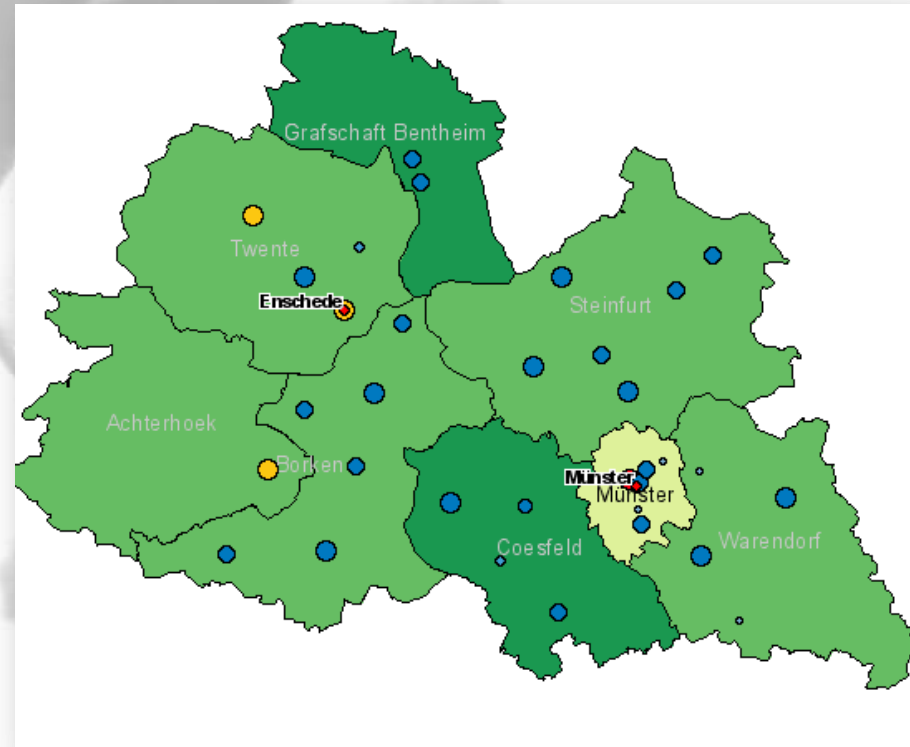
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Incidence of all MRSA cases per 100.000 inhabitants:
HA-MRSA respect the borders

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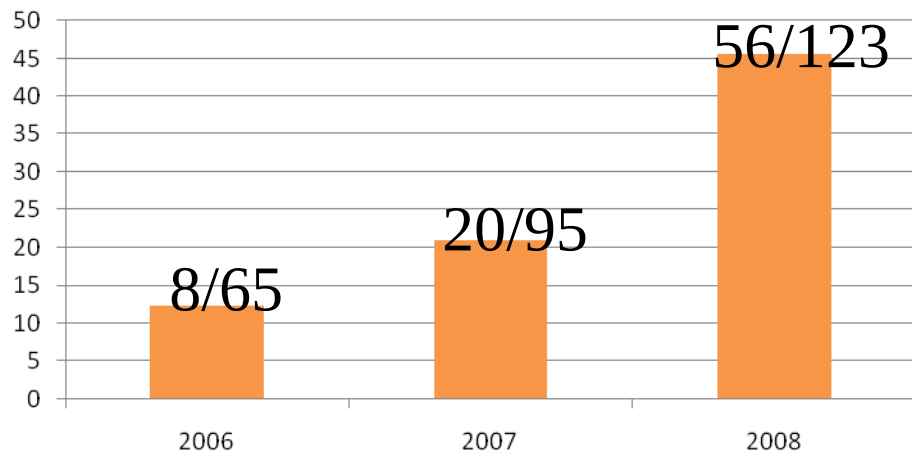
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LA-MRSA in human MRSA-isolates of the EUREGIO

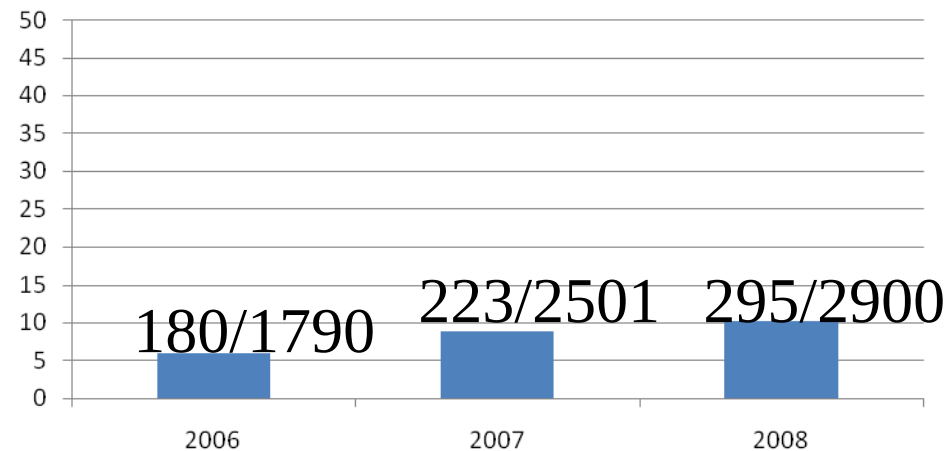
n = 283

EUREGIO (NL)



n = 7191

EUREGIO (DE)

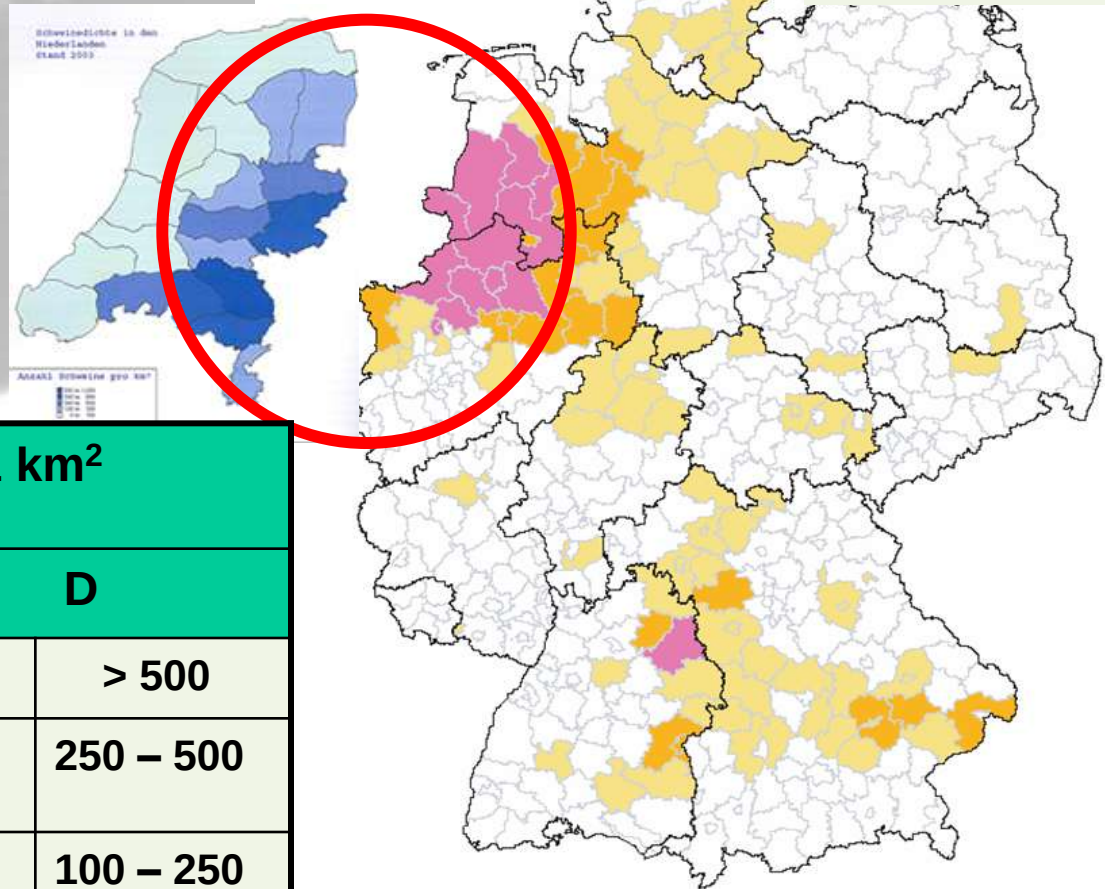


Pig density in the Dutch-German border region

Netherlands

Study region

Germany



Pigs / 100 ha or 1 km ²			
NL		D	
> 500			> 500
300 – 500			250 – 500
100 – 300			100 – 250
0 – 100			0 – 100

Trading networks are important for spreading

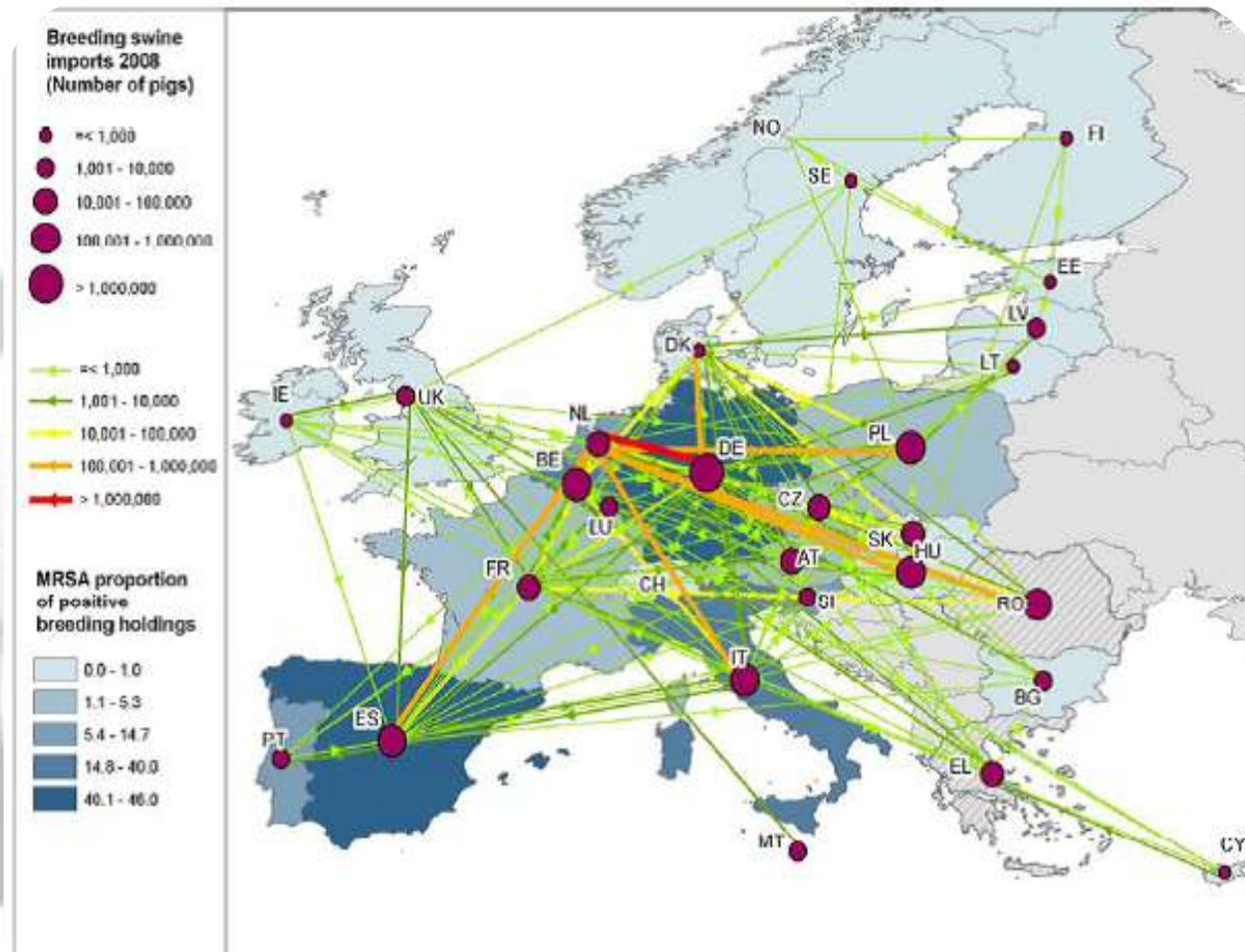


Figure 14: Prevalence of MRSA-positive breeding holdings in 2008 (EFSA, 2009) and within community trades of breeding pigs in 2008^(a) 15

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Case-control study: Risk factors for the acquisition of LA-MRSA

Risk factor	Number of patients				Univariate analysis	Final logistic regression model	
	Case group		Control group		<i>P</i> value ^a	Odds ratio (CI 95%) ^b	<i>P</i> value ^b
	Yes	No	Yes	No			
Residence in a nursing home	0	100	2	98	0.497	NA	NA
Prescribing of antibiotics ^c	35	65	39	61	0.7	NA	NA
Haemodialysis	0	100	2	98	0.3	NA	NA
Male gender	77	23	62	38	0.03	NA	NA
Age 0–2 years	3	97	2	98	1.0	NA	NA
Age 3–18 years	9	91	2	98	0.0588	9.629 (1.374–67.476)	0.023
Age 19–65 years	61	39	60	40	0.885	NA	NA
Age 66–80 years	24	76	33	67	0.159	NA	NA
Age >81 years	3	97	3	97	1.0	NA	NA
Indwelling devices	12	88	28	72	0.008	0.327 (0.105–1.024)	0.055
Hospitalization ^c	46	54	70	30	<0.001	NA	NA
Contact with human MRSA carriers	8	92	13	87	0.356	NA	NA
Chronic need for nursing care	3	97	23	77	<0.001	0.065 (0.008–0.524)	0.010
Skin lesions	5	95	23	77	0.001	0.247 (0.060–1.009)	0.052
Contact with pets	78	22	48	52	<0.001	NA	NA
Contact with horses	19	81	5	95	0.005	2.955 (0.834–10.473)	0.093
Contact with cattle	25	75	3	97	<0.001	8.607 (1.729–42.854)	0.009
Contact with pigs	62	38	6	94	<0.001	20.455 (7.831–64.386)	<0.001
Contact with sheep	2	98	2	98	0.689	NA	NA

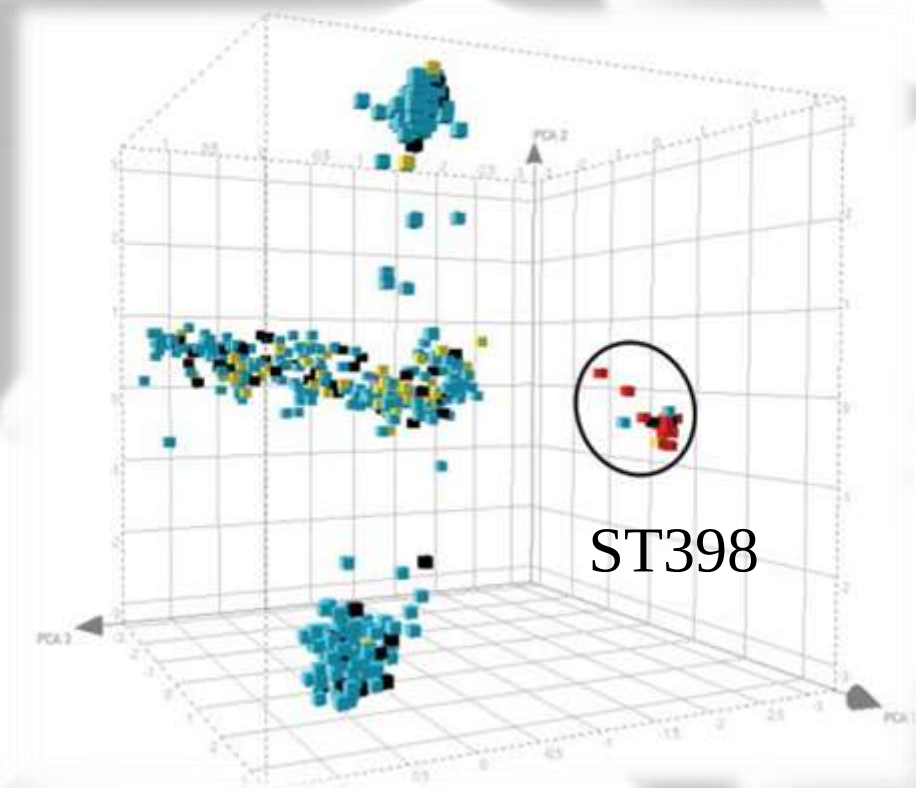
NA not available

^a *P* value resulting from univariate (Chi-square or Fisher Exact test) analysis; all factors with *P* < 0.2 were included in the initial regression model

^b Odds ratio (95% confidence interval, CI) and *P* value of variables included in the final logistic regression model

^c During the previous 6 months

AFLP-analysis of clinical MSSA/MRSA-isolates



Blue, carriage isolates (n = 829);
black, bacteremia isolates (n = 146);
yellow, animal isolates (n =77);
red, ST398 MRSA isolates (n = 46);
pink, reference strains (Mu50/N315).

Other reservoirs for MRSA?



- MRSA in horses, cattle
- MRSA in cats and dogs
- MRSA in rabbits
- MRSA in rats

Walther et al. Berl Munch Tierarztl Wochenschr 2006

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MRSA is not the same as MRSA

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PVL –negative (2 exceptions in SE, NL)
Livestock-associated (LA)-MRSA



t044, t019, t131, t376, t639, t237, t1199, t1201, t1206, t1200, t008, t437, t216, t005, t310, t1276, t355, t595, t311, t1277, t450, t019, t021, t318, t1273, t914, t202, t128, t125, t558, t175, t1274, t1272

PVL –positive
Community-acquired (CA)-MRSA

Community-MRSA



Hospital-acquired (HA)-MRSA

t003, t032, t008, t002, t037, t044, t001, t004, t015, t024, t084, t012, t045, t091, t127, t437, t067, t041, t019, t005, t030, t021, t038, t065, t026, t018, t022, t172

Hospital-MRSA

Extended MRSA-Epidemiology



Conclusions

1. **MRSA** spread **different** from **MSSA**
2. Resistances diffuse locally und regionally across the border
Transmission of **HA-MRSA** via health care networks
of **LA-MRSA** via production ways
of **CA-MRSA** via social networks
3. MRSA-prevention needs to be implemented at the critical points
4. **Preventive Microbiology**, infection control and antibiotic stewardship is the **future**
5. Molecular typing is of **epidemiological** and **clinical** interest
6. Collaboration between human medicine and veterinary medicine necessary (One-health)

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