

STSM at the Aristoteles University (18th August- 8th September 2021)

The main objective of this STSM was to get experience in traditional and molecular methods used in isolation, typing and subtyping *Staphylococcus aureus* (SA) and Methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) to perform Quantitative Microbiological Risk Assessment (QMRA).

The work conducted by Prof. Daniel Sergelidis group was highly relevant to the project I was involved in EFSA, and I thought that this was a great opportunity for me to apply for an STSM.

During my stay at Thessaloniki, I received guidance on the entire workflow process regarding sampling, isolation, typing and subtyping of SA and MRSA.

I also collaborated with Official Veterinary Surgeons from the State Region of Central Macedonia and visited one abattoir to perform sampling from small ruminants' nasal cavities. This trip was incredibly useful for me as I gained experience in performing baseline studies for QMRA.



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