

## STSM at the University of Copenhagen (7<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August, 2022)

The main purpose of this STSM was to participate in an organized course on the EU Food Law under the supervision of Prof. Helle Tegner Anker at the University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Science, Department of Food and Resource Economics, the only University department in Denmark specializing in food and natural resource economics. The course, coordinated by Prof. Bernd van der Meulen provides a systematic introduction and analysis of the EU food law and its therefore highly recommended for scientists and practitioners active in the field of food safety.

The proposed STSM activities helped me in better understanding how the law affects food safety and the position of interested parties, thus helping to establish an effective connection between science and official authorities at national and European level. Since food law, together with science, serves as the basis for modernizing the current meat safety assurance system, the systematic analysis of the EU food law in the frame of this course helped me to understand the subject matter of food law, but also provided some ideas on possible challenges and opportunities related to the meat safety assurance system. In this context, and taking into account objectives of the RIBMINS network as well as our own scientific research in Croatia, in final written assignment I decided to discuss on the regulation of pathogenic *Yersinia enterocolitica* by the EU food legislation in relation to pork meat. In this way, understanding the legal facts pointed out as very important in justification of scientific evidences when proposing regulation by law.

This STSM was a great way to learn and gain new experiences so I am very grateful to the RIBMINS organization for giving me this opportunity which could contribute to future collaboration and the realization of the main objectives of this Cost Action.



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