

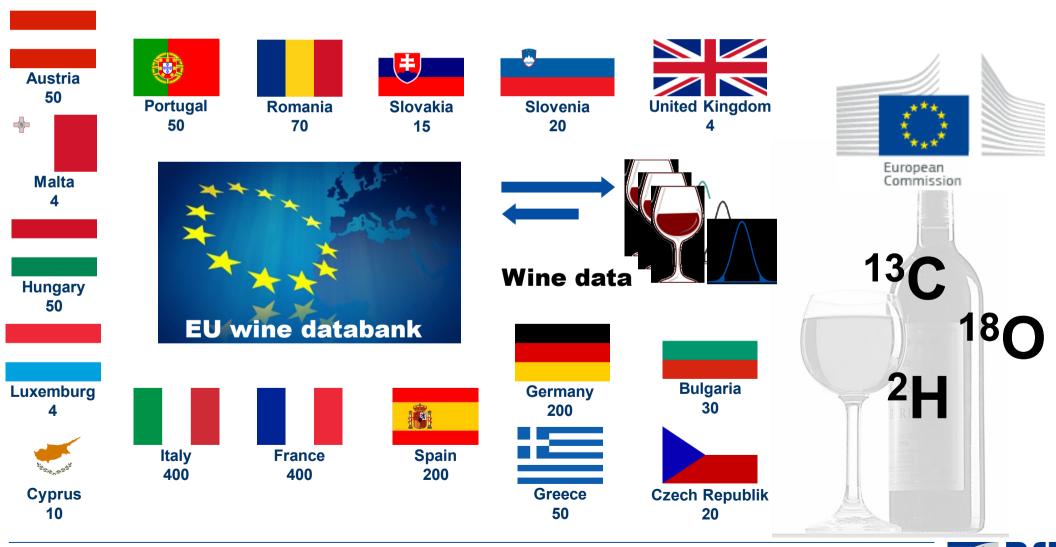
## **EU Wine Databank**

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#### **EU Wine Databank**

- Since 1991: more than 1,500 authentic wines per year → >40,000 samples
- Accessible to authorized users only



#### Legal Background

- Regulation (EC) No 555/2008
  - Chapter III, Articles 87-91



- Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013
  - Art. 89 (5)(a): [...] the establishment of an analytical databank of isotopic data to help detect fraud to be constructed on the basis of samples collected by Member States
- Regulation (EU) No 2018/273
  - Art. 39: The analytical databank of isotopic data has been established at and is managed by ERC-CWS set up within the Joint Research Centre [...]
- Regulation (EU) No 2018/274
  - Art. 27: Samples for the analytical databank
  - Art. 28: Communication of information contained in the analytical databank





#### European Reference Centre for Control in the Wine Sector

- Regulation (EU) 2018/273:
  - Recital 40 & Art. 39: The analytical databank of isotopic data has been established at and is managed by ERC-CWS set up within the Joint Research Centre

#### **Further Tasks**

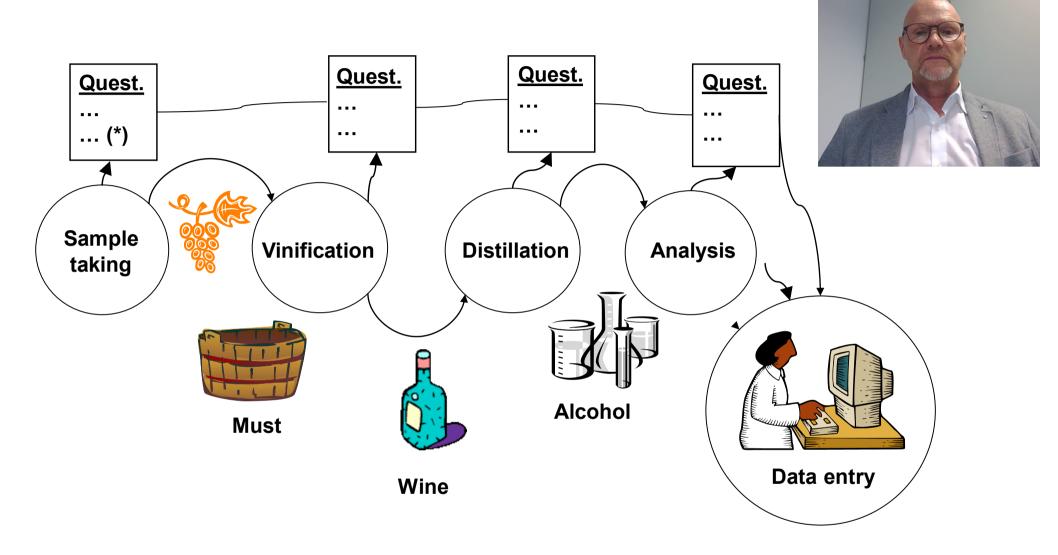
- Managing a network of Member State Designated Laboratories to coordinate and harmonize contributions to the databank
- Checking the quality of isotopic analysis data submitted
- Providing information and technical assistance to MS and the Commission, especially in case of controversies
- Evaluating new analytical methods for detecting fraud related in particular to wine origin and variety ("cépage")







#### **Processes**

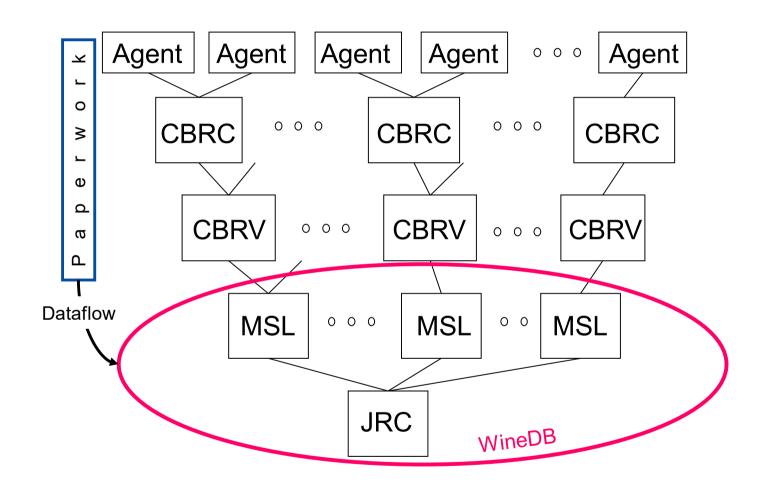


- Data gathered by the agents is written in questionnaires and sent along the processing chain:
  - (\*) Almost 50% of the data is produced during sample collection



#### Processes





Agents of Regional Departments of Competent Bodies Responsible for Collection (CBRCs)

Competent Bodies
Responsible for
Vinification
(CBRVs)

Member State Laboratories (MSLs)

Joint Research Centre (**JRC**)



- Every year a number of samples
   representative of the wine production
   officially collected by the relevant
   national authority
- BfR takes samples in Saxony-Anhalt (Saale-Unstrut)
- For each sample, at least 10 kg of fresh grapes are harvested and vinified under controlled conditions















#### Questionnaire on the collection and vinification of samples

#### Regulation (EC) No 555/2008, Annex XVIII

PART I

- General information
- 1.1. Sample number:
- 1.2. Name and function of the official or authorised person who to
- 1.3. Name and address of the competent body responsible for taki
- 1.4. Name and address of the competent body responsible for vinifi body referred to at 1.3:
- 2. General description of the samples
- 2.1. Origin (country, region):
- 2.2. Year of harvest:
- 2.3. Vine variety:
- 2.4. Colour of the grapes:
- 3. Description of the vineyard
- 3.1. Name and address of person farming the plot:
- 3.2. Location of the plot
  - wine village:
  - locality:
  - cadastral reference:
  - latitude and longitude:
- 3.3. Soil type (e.g. limey, clayey, lime-clay, sandy):





- 1.1. Weight of the sample of grapes, in kg:
- 1.2. Method of pressing:
- 1.3. Volume of must obtained:
- 1.4. Characteristics of the must:
  - sugar concentration expressed in g/l by refractometry:
  - total acidity expressed in g/l of tartaric acid: (optional):
- 1.5. Method of treating the must (e.g. settling, centrifugation):
- 1.6. Yeasting (variety of yeast used). Indicate whether or not there was spontaneous fermentation:
- 1.7. Temperature during fermentation:
- 1.8. Method for determining end of fermentation:
- 1.9. Method of treating the wine (e.g. racking.):
- 1.10. Addition of sulphur dioxide in mg/l:
- 1.11. Analysis of the wine obtained

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- actual alcoholic strength in % vol:

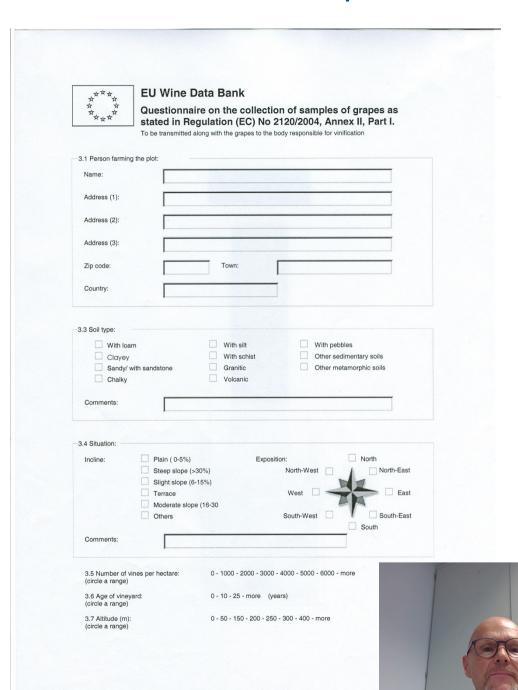




PART II

## Questionnaire on the collection and vinification of samples

	Wine Data Bank
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To be	transmitted along with the grapes to the body responsible for vinification
1. General Information:	
1.1 Sample number (at c	collection):
1.2 Official or authorised	person who took the sample:
Name:	
Function:	
1.3 Competent body	responsible for taking the sample:
Name:	
Address:	
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General description of the     2.3 Vine variety:	sample:
Name:	1
(use list 1) Comments:	
2.4 Colour of the grapes:	☐ Red ☐ White ☐ Grey
3.2 Location of the plot:	
Country:	<b>3</b>
Country:	
3.2.1 - Wine village: (use list 2)	
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- Grapes with stem and stalk are smeshed in a squeezing machine ("Quetschpresse")
- Transfer to press back of the wine press







- Fermentation in 15 L fermenting
   balloons, addition of dry yeast (0.3 g per 1L must)
- 7 10 days at room temperature
- Determination of the sugar content (should be < 2 g/L), subsequent storage for 3 days in cold-storage room



- Decantation of wine from yeast rub
- Addition of potassium disulphite (200 mg per L)
- Cold storage for 10 14 days
- Filtration and bottling (layering over with N<sub>2</sub>)







#### Member State Designated Laboratories



- Each year, they are responsible for **collecting samples**, **analysing** them using standard methods, **reporting the results** to the reference wine databank
- In Germany: BfR, LGL Bavaria and LUA Rhineland-Pfalz
- Accredited laboratories (ISO 17025)
- Participate at Proficiency testings organised by Eurofins

Proficiency Testing provides an objective means of assessing and documenting the reliability of the data produced by a laboratory, demonstrating competence to the customers and to the accreditation bodies.

 JRC is organising complementary proficiency testing for challenging samples (e.g. in 2017, sulphited grape must)



#### **Analysis Report**

#### ANNEX XIX

#### ANALYSIS REPORT

Wine and wine product samples analysed by an isotopic method referred to in Article 31 of Regulation (EC) No 479/2008, to be entered in the JRC isotope databank

- I. GENERAL INFORMATION
  - 1. Country:
  - 2. Sample number:
  - 3. Year:
- Regulation (EC) No 555/2008, Annex XIX
  - General Information: Country, Year, Vine Variety, Type of Wine,...
  - Methods and Results
  - Wine: Alcoholic Strength (% vol), reducing sugars (g/l),...
  - Details of Distillation
  - $(D/H)_{I}$ ,  $(D/H)_{II}$ , R,  $\delta^{18}O$  [%],  $\delta^{13}C$  [%],...



## **Analysis Report**

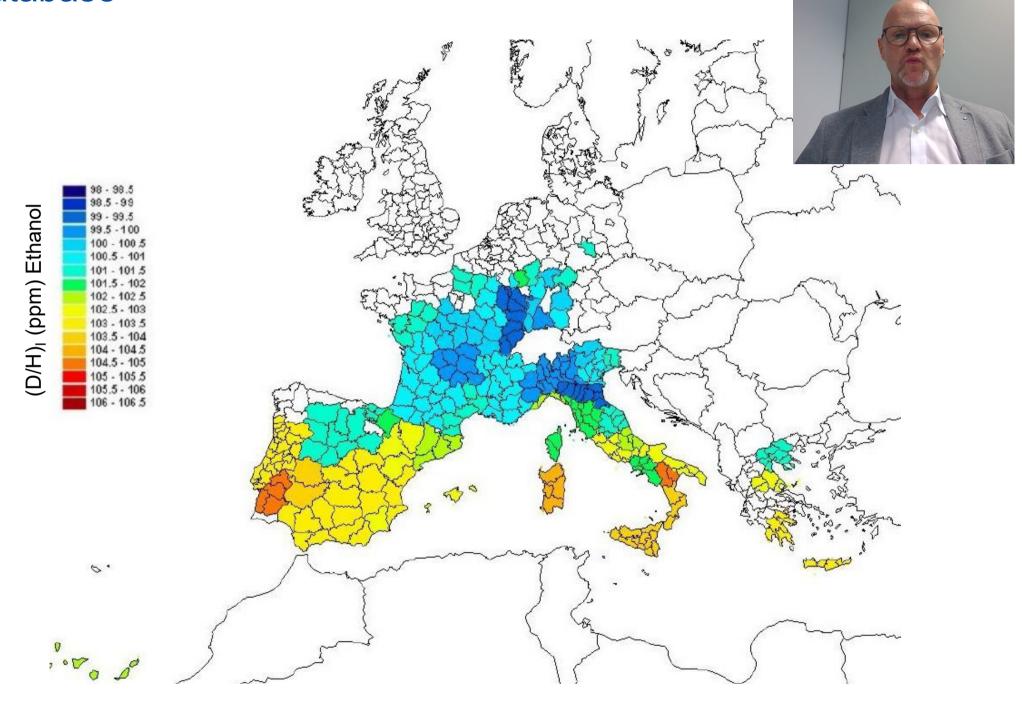
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## Database





# Guidelines, Minimum Requirements for the Use of EU Wine Databank in Case of a Suspected Wine

- 1. Data from traceability: as much information as possible on the suspected wine sample
- 2. "Enough" representative reference samples as close as possible to the wine sample
- 3. Computing of mean value, standard deviation, and confidence limit as a function of number of samples
- 4. If not "enough" representative samples: selection of a set of samples with properties as close as possible
- 5. Meteorological data, discussion with other experts







# Thank you for your attention

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