

## UNCERTAINTY FROM SAMPLING IN MICROBIOLOGICAL WATER ANALYSIS


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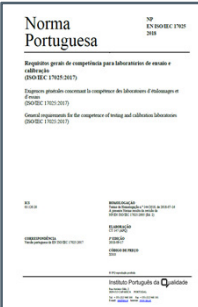
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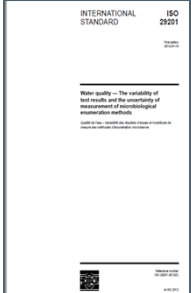
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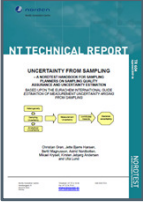
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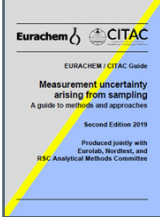
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**7.6 Evaluation of measurement uncertainty**

**7.6.1** Laboratories should identify the contributions **to measurement uncertainty**. When evaluating measurement uncertainty, all contributions that are of significance, **including those arising from sampling**, shall be taken into account using appropriate methods of analysis.

**7.6.3** A laboratory performing testing shall evaluate measurement uncertainty. Where the test method precludes rigorous evaluation of measurement uncertainty, an estimation shall be made based on an understanding of the theoretical principles or practical experience of the performance of the method.

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**7.8.3 Specific requirements for test reports**

**7.8.3.1** In addition to the requirements listed in 7.8.2, test reports shall, where necessary for interpretation of the tests results, include the following:

**c)** where applicable, the measurement uncertainty presented in the same units as that of the measurand or in term relative to the measurand (e.g. percent) when:

- it is relevant to the validity or application of the test results;
- a customer's instructions so requires, or
- the measurement uncertainty affects conformity to a specification limit;

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### 7.8.5 Reporting sampling – specific requirements

When the laboratory is responsible for the sampling activity, in addition to the requirements listed in 7.8.2, reports shall include the following, where necessary for the interpretation of the results:

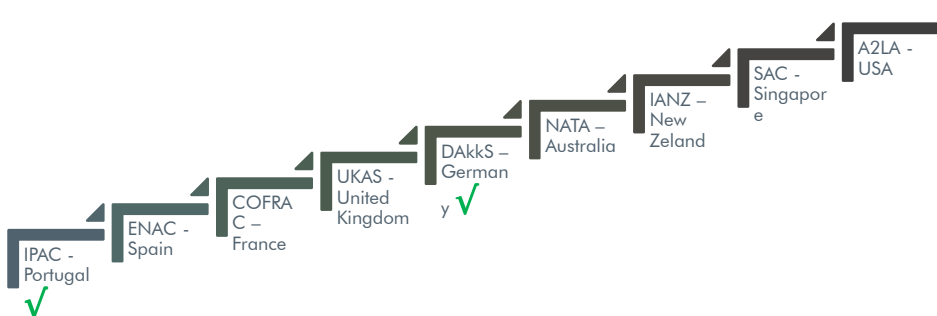
f) information required to evaluate measurement uncertainty for subsequent testing or calibration.

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**4.1 Uncertainty contributions arising from sampling (A)** - Sample taken from the entirety of the test object



Determining the contributions arising from sampling can be particularly complex.

If the contributions arising from sampling cannot be determined, it should be noted that uncertainty arising from sampling has not been determined and therefore was not taken into account within the course of determining the measurement uncertainty.

Frequently, the uncertainty arising from sampling may only be determined by expert opinion, in particular with regard to systematic deviations and due to heterogeneity of the test object. If this is the case, the basis of such assessment must be indicated.

If specific measured values are available, e.g. the results of a number of independent lab values representative for the test object to be sampled which were determined individually, an uncertainty contribution subject to sampling may be estimated.

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**7 Presentation of measurement uncertainty**

The measurement uncertainty's presentation must provide an overview of the following information:

- the method used to determine the measurement uncertainty,
- the used coverage factor k or the underlying coverage interval,
- the domains included in the assessment (e.g. with or without sampling) and
- possibly present legal, normative or otherwise mandatory basics for the determination of measurement uncertainty

*Example for expression of the measured value and expanded measurement uncertainty, with the contribution of sampling being disregarded:*

*Iron: 1.78 mg/kg ± 0.10 mg/kg (k = 2)\**

\*: The expanded measurement uncertainty does not include sampling.  
 Measured value and measurement uncertainty must be stated with the same unit and the same number of decimals.

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## TEST REPORT WITH ACCREDITED SAMPLING ACTIVITY

**Accredited test results**

- Present the uncertainty for both activities (measure) or
- Present uncertainty of separated activities (sampling + analysis).

**No accredited test results**

- Present the uncertainty for sampling
- Present the uncertainty for both activities (measure) or separate (sampling + analysis) but it must be noted that the uncertainty of analysis or measure are outside the scope of accreditation

**No test results are reported**

- Present the uncertainty for sampling

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**No accredited test results**

- It must be noted that those activities are outside the scope of accreditation

**No test results are reported**

- It must be noted that sampling activity is outside the scope of accreditation

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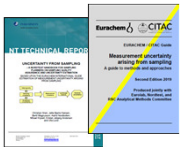
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## UNCERTAINTY FROM SAMPLING IN MICROBIOLOGICAL WATER ANALYSIS



→ **Pre-analytical sampling** variance at the source is **outside** the scope of this International Standard, but needs to be addressed in sampling designs and monitoring programs.


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**2 Scope and field of application**

**2.4** Although the general principles of this Guide apply, **it does not specifically discuss microbiological sampling.**

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## What is a sample?

**Sample:** A portion of material selected from a larger quantity of material.

**Representative sample:** sample resulting from a sampling plan that can be expected to reflect adequately the properties of interest in the parent population.

**Primary sample:** the collection of one or more increments or units initially taken from a population.


**Sub-sample:** Selected part of a sample.

**Laboratory sample:** sample or sub-sample sent to or received by the laboratory.

**Test sample:** sample, prepared from the laboratory sample, from which the test portions are removed for testing or for analysis.

**Test portion:** quantity of material, of proper size for measurement of the concentration or other property of interest, removed from the test sample.

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## About Sampling.....


**Sampling target:** portion of material, at a particular time, that the sample is intended to represent.

1. *The sampling target should be defined prior to designing the sampling plan.*
2. *The sampling target may be defined by Regulations (e.g. lot size).*
3. *If the properties and characteristics (e.g. chemical composition) of the certain area or period are of interest and must be known then it can be considered a sampling target.*

**Sampling plan:** predetermined procedure for the selection, withdrawal, preservation, transportation and preparation of the portions to be removed from a population as a sample.

**Sampling procedure (or protocol):** operational requirements and/or instructions relating to the use of a particular sampling plan (i.e., the instructions for the implementation of the plan).

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## Terms relating to sampling quality

**Replicate (duplicate) sample:** One of the two (or more\*) samples or sub-samples obtained separately at the same time by the same sampling procedure or subsampling procedure.  
 \*for replicate sample  
*Note: Each duplicate sample is obtained from a separate 'sampling point' within the 'sampling location'.*


**Sampling precision:** the part of the total measurement precision attributable to the sampling.


**Sampling bias:** the part of the total measurement bias attributable to the sampling.

**Sampling uncertainty:** the part of the total measurement uncertainty attributable to the sampling

**Random sampling:** Sampling where a sample of n sampling units is taken from a population in such a way that all the possible combinations of n sampling units have a particular probability of being taken.

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**1.2.3** Unlike the assumption that is often made for estimates of uncertainty for an analytical method, an estimate for one sampling protocol for one batch of material should not be assumed as automatically applicable to any subsequent batch of material.

For example, depending on the **sampling target**, the degree of **heterogeneity** (i.e. inhomogeneity) may have changed substantially.

There will be a need, therefore, for routine monitoring of key parameters of sampling quality to examine and update estimates of uncertainty for subsequent batches.

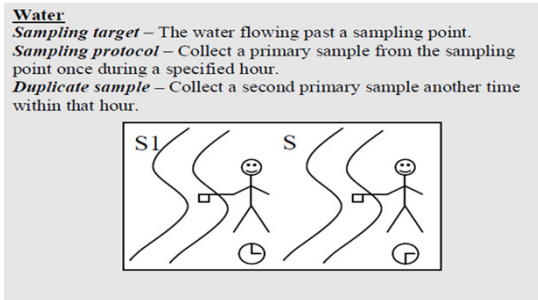
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## Duplicate Method

For sampling water the main source of heterogeneity and consequent uncertainty will usually be in the temporal domain. The duplicate sample can therefore be taken after a suitable interval, but at the same location, so as to also reflect the effect of ambiguity in the sampling protocol



The Duplicate Method is usually applied by using a balanced design. Random duplicate primary samples are taken at 10% ( $n \geq 8$ ) of sampling targets. The minimum of eight duplicate samples is to ensure that the resultant uncertainty estimates are reasonably

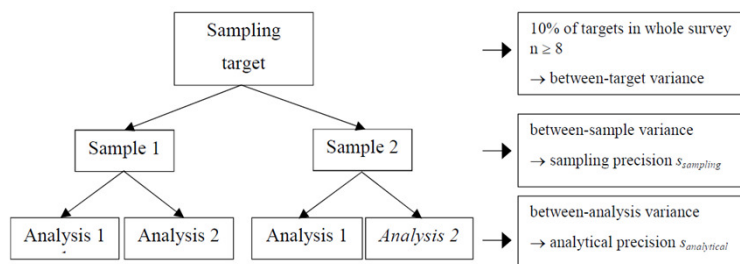
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## Empirical Approach / Experimental / Top-down

Figure 2: A balanced design




Balanced experimental design for empirical estimation of uncertainty (i.e. two-stage nested design), using the 'duplicate method'. Removal of *Analysis 2* on Sample 2 would result in the more cost-effective unbalanced design [Fig D2(b)], discussed in Note 2 above.

The empirical approach uses repeated sampling and analysis, under various conditions, to quantify the effects caused by factors such as the heterogeneity of the analyte in the sampling target and variations in the application of one or more sampling protocols, to quantify uncertainty (and usually some of its component parts).


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Worked example 


Measurand				Uncertainty estimation		
Analyte/ Technique	Unit	Sector / Matrix	Sampling procedure	Purpose	Design	Statistics
Coliforme bacteria / Membrane Filtration - ISO 9308- 1:2014	ufc/100 mL	Microbiology / well water	Tap Water - ISO 19458:20 06 - Water quality — Sampling for microbiological analysis	Uncertainty – total measurement, sampling and analytical	Empirical - duplicate method	<b>Robust ANOVA</b> and <b>New approach based</b> <b>on double split design/ range statistics and</b> <b>ISO 29201</b> (both on ufc values)

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Coliform bacteria in a well water 

- 1) Sampling and analyses were performed by an accredited (ISO/IEC 17025) Portuguese Laboratory using accredited methods subject to the required quality assurance and analytical quality control.
- 2) Natural contaminated well water.
- 3) Ten duplicated samples C1 and C2 were taken on 10 different days.
- 4) Each sample C1 and C2 were test in the Laboratory in parallel ( C1.1 / C1.2 ; C2.1 / C2.2 ) different operator, the same batch of consumable, the same incubator.
- 5) The replicate data were treated using the range method.
- 6) For comparison, uncertainty estimates were calculated by analysis of variance Robust ANOVA (RANOVA) using ROBAN and a new approach based on double split design and range statistics and ISO 29201

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## Coliform bacteria in a well water

Sample n.º	Date	C1		C2	
		C1.1	C1.2	C2.1	C2.2
1	29/05/2019	51	63	41	45
2	03/06/2019	28	26	37	30
3	04/06/2019	23	33	41	30
4	11/06/2019	5	18	13	18
5	12/06/2019	17	17	14	18
6	17/06/2019	39	68	39	67
7	18/06/2019	53	62	42	46
8	19/06/2019	29	27	17	19
9	24/06/2019	24	36	41	32
10	25/06/2019	54	61	44	48

- Measurements of the number of colonies (ufc/100mL) of Coliform bacteria in ten duplicated samples.
- The duplicate samples are labelled C1 and C2. Likewise, duplicate analyses are labelled C1.1/ C1.2 and C2.1 and C2.2

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## Output of Classical and Robust ANOVA

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			Colheita C1		Colheita C2	
Data	Matriz	Analista	C1.1	C1.2	C2.1	C2.2
29/mai	AN	SG/FR	51	63	41	45
03/jun	AN	SG/FR	28	26	37	30
04/jun	AN	SG/FR	23	33	41	30
11/jun	AN	SG/FR	5	18	13	18
12/jun	AN	SG/FR	17	17	14	18
17/jun	AN	SG/FR	39	68	39	67
18/jun	AN	SG/SM	53	62	42	46
19/jun	AN	SG/SM	29	27	17	19
24/jun	AN	SG/SM	24	36	41	32
25/jun	AN	SG/SM	54	61	44	48

### Classical ANOVA

Mean	35,4			No. Targets	10
Total Sdev	16,807				
	<u>Btn Target</u>	<u>Sampling</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Measure</u>	
Standard deviation	14,518	2,2638	8,1609	8,4691	
% of total variance	74,61	1,81	23,58	25,39	
Expanded relative uncertainty (95%)	12,79	46,11	47,85		
Uncertainty Factor (95%)	1,0501	1,7358	1,7395		

### Robust ANOVA

Mean	35,4				
Total Sdev	18,535				
	<u>Btn Target</u>	<u>Sampling</u>	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Measure</u>	
Standard deviation	16,454	5,0886	6,8504	8,5336	
% of total variance	78,80	7,54	13,66	21,20	
Expanded relative uncertainty (95%)	28,75	38,70	48,21		

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ISO 29201:2012 Water Quality – The variability of test results and uncertainty of measurement of microbiological enumeration methods

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Water quality – The variability of  
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Qualité de l'eau – Variabilité des résultats d'essais et incertitude de  
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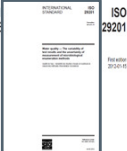
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## IMPORTANT NOTES

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ISO 29201:2012 Water Quality – The variability of test results and uncertainty of measurement of microbiological enumeration methods



### Expression and use of measurement uncertainty


When working according to this International Standard, the laboratory should be able to obtain an estimate of the operational uncertainty,  $u_o$ , for **every relevant method and sample type combination** under intralaboratory reproducibility (intermediate precision) conditions.


### Combined uncertainty of measurement of a test result

When requested by customers or accreditors, an estimate of the **combined uncertainty of measurement** of a **test result** is constructed from the **test result**,  $n_z$ , and the **relative operational uncertainty**,  $u_o \text{ rel}$ .

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### ISO 29201:2012 Water Quality – The variability of test results and uncertainty of measurement of microbiological enumeration methods





Intrinsic variability due to particle distribution	$u^2_g$	0.0068
Relative Intrinsic variability due to particle distribution	$U^2_{d,rel}$	0.0359 ( $u^2_g \times 5,3019$ ) conversion to natural logarithmic scale
Intrinsic uncertainty	$u_g$	0.0822
Relative Intrinsic uncertainty	$U_{d,rel}$	8.94%
Operational variability	$u^2_o$	0.0153
Relative Operational variability	$U^2_{o,rel}$	0.0811 ( $u^2_o \times 5,3019$ ) conversion to natural logarithmic scale
Operational uncertainty	$u_o$	0.1237
Relative Operational uncertainty	$U_{o,rel}$	28.5%

Calculating the combined uncertainty of a new test result  $u_c(y)$ :

**Test Result > 10 ufc**

Resultado (n <sub>c</sub> )	$u_{c(ig)} = \sqrt{\frac{0,1886}{n_c} + u_o^2}$
Ex: 25	0,1511

Combined uncertainty of test result  $u_c(y)$  **35%**  
Expanded Combined uncertainty of test result  $u_{c(e)}$  **70%**

**Test Result < 10 ufc**

Resultado (n <sub>c</sub> )	$u_{c(ig)} = \sqrt{\frac{0,1886}{n_c}}$
Ex: 8	0,1535

Combined uncertainty of test result  $u_c(y)$  **35%**  
Expanded Combined uncertainty of test result  $u_{c(e)}$  **71%**


**LOW COUNTS**  
Note: When one component dominates the combined uncertainty, it is possible to omit the smaller component. This is particularly advantageous for situations in which the operational variability is the insignificant component. Then the intrinsic variability can be considered representative of the combined uncertainty. No experimental work is required.

Combined uncertainty of confirmed colony counts:

Total number of presumed target colonies counted (n <sub>c</sub> )	25
Total number of presumed target colonies isolated for confirmation (n <sub>i</sub> )	10
Number of colonies confirmed (n <sub>c</sub> )	5
$u_{c(e)} = \sqrt{\frac{0,1886}{n_c} + \frac{1}{n_i} + \frac{u_o^2}{n_c \cdot n_i}}$	0,4702
Relative Combined uncertainty of test result $u_{c(e)}$	47%
Expanded Relative Combined uncertainty of test result $u_{c(e)}$	94%

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### New approach based on double split design and range statistics and ISO 2920:2012



Analytical														Measurement (Sampling+Analytical)								
Sample C1							Sample C2							Reproducibility Variability ( $u^2_r$ )	$u^2_d$	$u^2_o$						
C1.1	C1.2	Log C1.1	Log C1.2	R	Média C1.1/C1.2	$u^2_d$	$u^2_o$	C2.1	C2.2	Log C2.1	Log C2.2	R	Média C2.1/C2.2	$u^2_d$	$u^2_o$	(Max LogC1.1;LogC1.2;LogC2.1;LogC2.2)/Min LogC1.1;LogC1.2;LogC2.1;LogC2.2)/2						
51	63	1,707570	1,799341	0,004211	57,00	0,003309	0,000902	41	45	1,612784	1,653213	0,000817	43,00	0,004386	-0,003569	0,017402	0,003772	0,013630				
28	26	1,447158	1,414973	0,000518	27,00	0,006985	-0,006467	37	30	1,568202	1,477121	0,004148	33,50	0,005630	-0,001482	0,011739	0,006235	0,005505				
23	33	1,361728	1,518514	0,012291	28,00	0,006736	0,005555	41	30	1,612784	1,477121	0,009202	35,50	0,005313	0,003889	0,031515	0,005940	0,025574				
5	18	0,698970	1,255273	0,154736	11,50	0,016400	0,138336	13	18	1,113943	1,255273	0,009987	15,50	0,012168	-0,002181	0,154736	0,019700	0,140766				
17	17	1,230449	1,230449	0,000000	17,00	0,011094	-0,011094	14	18	1,146128	1,255273	0,005956	16,00	0,011788	-0,005831	0,005956	0,011430	-0,005474				
39	68	1,591065	1,832509	0,029148	53,50	0,003525	0,025622	39	67	1,591065	1,826075	0,027615	53,00	0,003558	0,024056	0,029148	0,003542	0,025606				
53	62	1,724276	1,792392	0,002320	57,50	0,003280	-0,000960	42	46	1,623249	1,662758	0,000780	44,00	0,004286	-0,003506	0,014305	0,003716	0,010588				
29	27	1,462398	1,431364	0,000482	28,00	0,006736	-0,006254	17	19	1,230449	1,278754	0,001167	18,00	0,010478	-0,009311	0,026900	0,008200	0,018700				
24	36	1,380211	1,556303	0,015504	30,00	0,006287	0,009217	41	32	1,612784	1,505150	0,005793	36,50	0,005167	0,000625	0,027045	0,005672	0,021373				
54	61	1,732394	1,785330	0,001401	57,50	0,003280	-0,001879	44	48	1,643453	1,681241	0,000714	46,00	0,004100	-0,003386	0,010065	0,003644	0,006420				
AVERAGE							AVERAGE							AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE						
0,022061							36,700000							0,006763	0,015298	0,006618	34,100000	0,006687	-0,000069	0,032881	0,006612	0,026269

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New approach based on double split design and range statistics and ISO 2920:2012



Analytical														Measurement (Sampling+Analytical)																														
Sample C 1							Sample C 2							Reproducibility Variability (u <sup>2</sup> <sub>r</sub> )	u <sup>2</sup> d	u <sup>2</sup> o																												
C1.1	C1.2	Log C1.1	Log C1.2	R	Mé dia C1.1/C1.2	u <sup>2</sup> d	u <sup>2</sup> o	C2.1	C2.2	Log C2.1	Log C2.2	R	Mé dia C2.1/C2.2	u <sup>2</sup> d	u <sup>2</sup> o	LogC1.1-LogC1.2+LogC2.1-LogC2.2 LogC1.1-LogC1.2+LogC2.1-LogC2.2																												
22	32	1,7014	1,7014	0,0000	32,00	0,0000	0,0000	22	32	1,7014	1,7014	0,0000	32,00	0,0000	0,0000		0,0000																											
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Sample n <sup>*</sup>	Date	Results				Reproducibility Variance (u <sup>2</sup> <sub>r</sub> )	Intrinsic Variance (u <sup>2</sup> <sub>i</sub> )	Operacional Variance (u <sup>2</sup> <sub>o</sub> )	
		n <sub>1t</sub>	n <sub>2t</sub>	Lg n <sub>1t</sub>	Lg n <sub>2t</sub>				
1	29/05/2019	63	41	1,7993	1,6128	0,0174	52,00000	0,0036	0,0138
2	03/06/2019	37	26	1,5682	1,4150	0,0117	31,50000	0,0060	0,0058
3	04/06/2019	41	23	1,6128	1,3617	0,0375	32,00000	0,0059	0,0256
4	11/06/2019	18	5	1,2553	0,6950	0,1547	11,50000	0,0164	0,1383
5	13/06/2019	18	14	1,2553	1,1461	0,0060	16,00000	0,0118	-0,0058
6	17/06/2019	68	39	1,8325	1,5911	0,0291	53,50000	0,0035	0,0256
7	18/06/2019	62	42	1,7924	1,6232	0,0143	52,00000	0,0036	0,0107
8	19/06/2019	29	17	1,4624	1,2304	0,0269	23,00000	0,0082	0,0187
9	24/06/2019	41	24	1,6128	1,3802	0,0270	32,50000	0,0058	0,0212
10	29/06/2019	61	44	1,7853	1,6435	0,0101	52,50000	0,0036	0,0085
						0,0329		0,0068	0,0260


37,2%

Intrinsic variability due to particle distribution	u <sup>2</sup> <sub>d</sub>	0,0068
Relative intrinsic variability due to particle distribution	u <sup>2</sup> <sub>d,rel</sub>	0,0363 (u <sup>2</sup> <sub>d</sub> *5,3019) conversion to natural logarithmic scale
Intrinsic uncertainty	u <sub>d</sub>	0,0827
Relative Intrinsic uncertainty	u <sub>d,rel</sub>	19,05%
Operational variability	u <sup>2</sup> <sub>o</sub>	0,0260
Relative Operational variability	u <sup>2</sup> <sub>o,rel</sub>	0,1380 (u <sup>2</sup> <sub>o</sub> *5,3019) conversion to natural logarithmic scale
Operational uncertainty	u <sub>o</sub>	0,1614
Relative Operational uncertainty	u <sub>o,rel</sub>	37,2%

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**And Now?!**




**Sampling Uncertainty Working Group (Eurachem)** - prepare guidance for the evaluation of uncertainties arising from the process of sampling applicable to all microbiological measurements ( water and food) that require the taking of a sample.

**Accreditation Bodies** - assessing peer policies together while the scientific community lacks a validated model for estimating uncertainty from sampling in microbiological measurements (water and food).

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