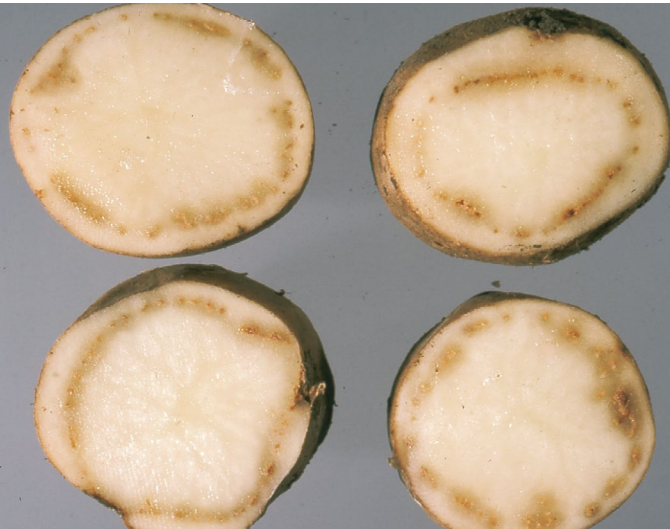




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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Substantial survey efforts are made in the European Union Member States for both *Clavibacter michiganensis* spp. *sepedonicus* (causing potato ring rot) and *Ralstonia solanacearum* (causing potato brown rot).*

*Overall, the situation for ring rot has further improved as the total number of findings in the ware potato production was lower than in the previous seasons. Only seven Member States were affected by the disease, the lowest number since 2001. Ring rot incidence has decreased in seed by approximately 15% compared to 2015. In Poland, where most ring rot in the EU occurs, the situation in both seed and ware potato production has improved and the number of findings has significantly dropped compared to the previous growing period. The situation in Romania, however, has further deteriorated in both seed and ware potatoes.*

*The overall brown rot incidence has slightly decreased in ware potatoes but there were findings in seed after two years without any. Following the first outbreak in 2014 the organism is still present in Poland. Also Portugal, Spain and Hungary need to manage with the continuous findings of the pathogen in ware potatoes. The situation still appears to be positive in Romania with no brown rot detection during the last four growing periods. However, an outbreak in seed potatoes occurred in the Netherlands after four years without any. No substantial changes were observed with regard to the presence of *R. solanacearum* in surface water or hosts other than potato.*

*Continuous efforts in Member States affected by ring rot and brown rot in both seed and ware potatoes are necessary for ultimate eradication of both potato diseases.*

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Member States (MS) are required by Council Directives 93/85/EEC and 98/57/EC to carry out surveys for *Clavibacter michiganensis* spp. *sepedonicus* and *Ralstonia solanacearum* - the bacteria that cause ring rot and brown rot respectively in potatoes. The results of these surveys must be submitted to the Commission annually. The following summary for the 2016/2017 season is based mainly on these reports. All MS have submitted reports which enable a general overview to be produced. A comparison across countries and years is also possible. Notifications of outbreaks submitted in accordance with Article 5(2) of the two Directives and interceptions between MS have been taken into account. With 28 reporting MS and Switzerland (see Section 4), the amount of material is substantial and the focus in this report is on the main aspects only.

The potato production area in 2016 was approximately 1.52 million ha in the 28 EU MS (see Table 1), which is somewhat less than in the preceding year. The seed production area was decreased slightly by 0.12%. Similarly to the last growing periods, about 7% of the total area was seed potatoes. Ware and seed potatoes were produced in all MS, with the exceptions of Malta who produced no seed.

A considerable effort has been made by the MS in carrying out the surveys for both bacteria, based on survey programmes which are prepared and updated every year by individual MS. All production of seed potatoes for marketing is supervised by responsible bodies under the seed potato certification schemes. This is conducted by way of regular field inspections during the vegetation period and around harvesting (including cutting of tuber samples), followed by laboratory analysis of samples. Some MS apply similar controls to part of the farm saved seed production also. The criteria used to select ware potato lots for testing vary amongst countries but mainly include the following: focus on registered or bigger producers, high risk locations or production, source of seed potato used, findings in preceding years. In addition to the programme for laboratory testing, in some MS a significant number of lots were visually inspected and both suspected and randomly chosen tubers were cut to look for symptoms.

Generally, samples of 200 tubers are tested. In some cases like, for example, sampling of high grade seed, the size of sample taken for visual inspection was less than 200 tubers (DE, PL, UK). In many MS, samples taken from potato lots are tested for the presence of both bacteria in parallel. Most MS (BG, HR, CZ, DK, EE, FI, FR, ES, DE, HU, LT, LV, NL, RO, SE, SI, SK), submitted descriptions of their sampling/testing methods confirming that they are using the methods of analysis as prescribed in the annexes to the control directives. In general, modern and sophisticated methods are used (IF, FISH, PCR, *real-time* PCR) as core screening tests, followed by plating methods and bioassay where needed. In the case of water testing, plating methods are used at first followed by complementary tests, if needed.

## 2. RING ROT (*CLAVIBACTER MICHIGANENSIS* SPP. *SEPEDONICUS*)

### 2.1. Survey density 2016/2017

Table 2 shows the total survey activity of testing and visual inspection of various categories of domestic potatoes, while Table 3 shows the amount of testing and inspection carried out on non-domestic potatoes, i.e. potatoes from other MS or from third countries.

Table 6 shows the overall number of tests for latent infection in all MS since 1994. In 2016/2017, the number of samples taken for analysis from their own production in 28 MS was 91,619 of which ca. 70% were seed. In addition to this, 6,677 samples of potatoes from other MS (of which ca. 4,736 samples of Dutch, German, Danish, French and UK seed) or third countries were analysed.

In many MS, numbers of samples analysed were similar to previous years, while in others, a slight or considerable trend to decrease sampling was observed in both seed and ware potatoes. In particular, France and Sweden reduced 20% or more their seed potatoes testing. Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, and Estonia, reduced significantly their ware potatoes testing. Croatia, Portugal and Slovakia decreased their efforts in both seed and ware. By contrast an increase in testing was observed in seed tested in Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and Luxembourg, and of ware potatoes tested in Bulgaria, Spain and Sweden. Lithuania and Poland increased substantially their efforts in both seed and ware.

Table 4 compares the sampling density for latent infection testing applied in MS – using a crude calculation of how many ha of potatoes each sample, on average, represents. From a statistical point of view this is not entirely correct, as the total number of samples needed to detect a certain level of infection (or “guarantee” freedom in the production to a predefined degree) in a country would vary, not only with the total hectareage grown, but also with the size of units (lots, farms) involved. Furthermore, a varying proportion of the total number of samples is used for targeted surveys, i.e. investigation of outbreaks and systematic sampling on farms with outbreaks in preceding years. In countries with many outbreaks, this can constitute a substantial proportion of the sampling. This indicator is also not so relevant for countries where system approaches are in use, e.g. with focus on the most critical points in the production chain or risk involved.

Nevertheless, with the data available, this calculation of sampling density can still be useful for an overall comparison of efforts across MS. These are shown in table 4 grouped into three categories: 1) where ring rot has been more or less established for a while or appeared recently in seed without an apparent, “imported” origin; 2) with only a few, sporadic outbreaks; and 3) where ring rot has never occurred. The average for each group is indicated with the overall EU average at the bottom of the Table. There are substantial variations within the groups.

The average sample density of seed potatoes in the first group was improved further to that of the previous growing period. The Netherlands is dominating the picture with regard to the total number of analysed samples of seed potatoes (34.4% of all seed potato samples analysed in the EU are Dutch), with sampling density of 1.64 ha/sample (slightly improved to that of the previous season at 1.86 ha/sample), and then Germany with sample density 1.5 ha/sample, both countries having densities below the average in the first group (1.38 ha/sample). Sampling more intense than 1 ha/sample was observed for Romania, Poland, Estonia and Hungary. In most MS in this group, the sampling density varied between 1 - 2.5 ha/sample, whilst Spain, Slovakia and Sweden, had lower densities (2.59, 2.55 and 3.04 respectively). Greece had the lowest density with 4.75 ha/sample.

For ware potatoes, the average sampling density (37.2 ha/sample) in the first group was significantly improved to that of the previous growing season (47.6 ha/sample). Four MS, Poland, Lithuania, Bulgaria and Slovakia, are below this density. Poland still dominates the picture as regards the total number of samples tested (some 50%

of all ware potato samples analysed for ring rot in the EU are Polish), with sampling density 21.4 ha/sample significantly increased compared to the previous season (35 ha/sample). Lithuania increased significantly its efforts in ware potatoes (ca. 12.2 ha/sample) when compared to the previous potato growing period (20.1 ha/sample). In Greece, Estonia, Slovakia and Czech Republic, the survey efforts were somewhat lower compared to the previous growing season. Latvia, Romania, Bulgaria, and Finland, remained within their usually applied standards of sampling densities close to or better than 40 ha/sample.

As could be reasonably expected, the average sampling density is in general lower in groups two and three than in group one. The average sampling density in seeds in the second group is similar to that of the previous season whilst it has been substantially increased in ware. No significant changes were observed in either seed or ware potato sampling in the third group.

## 2.2. Detection/outbreaks

Table 6 shows the number of infected lots found in each MS since 1994. In total, seven MS were affected in 2016/2017, which is the lowest number since 2001. None of these MS were recording the pathogen for the first time. An overall 10% decrease was observed in the number of ring rot positives, mainly caused by a substantial decrease of findings in the ware potato production.

No ring rot findings occurred in Estonia, Germany and the Netherlands. Similarly, in Czech Republic and Finland where ring rot has been present for many years, for the first time there were no findings.

Table 5 shows the incidence of ring rot in the MS where it occurred in the 2016 harvest. It is calculated as the number of positive lots as a percentage of samples analysed. The table also indicates the number of outbreaks or positive ring rot cases corresponding to the number of positive lots. Poland still dominates the picture when speaking of ring rot in the EU; some 84% of the contaminated lots were found there. However, a substantial improvement was observed in Poland's ware potato production sector: despite the increased number of ware potato samples by 46% during 2016/2017 the number of positive lots decreased by 14% when compared to the previous growing period. This resulted in a substantial decrease of the overall disease incidence in ware potatoes in Poland (5.4% in 2016/2017 vs. 9.1% in 2015/2016). A similar decrease was also observed in the number of contaminated seed potato lots when compared to the previous season: 8 in total, giving an incidence level of 0.08% (vs. 0.22% in 2015/2016 and 0.1% in 2014/2015).

The overall picture regarding ring rot incidences in seed potatoes for the rest of the EU was the same with that of the previous growing period (0.02% in 2015/2016). However, the ring rot incidence in ware potatoes was slightly increased to 0.93% compared to 0.66% in the previous season.

Eleven positive seed lots were found in Romania with ring rot incidence doubled compared to the previous growing period (0.8% vs. 0.4% vs. in 2015/2016). A significant increase was also observed in positive ware lots resulting in increased ring rot incidence (6.73% vs. 4.48% in 2015/2016 and 6.3% in 2014/2015).

If Romania is excluded from the overall figures together with Poland, there were only 45 lots found contaminated in the 2016/2017 season (of which, one in seeds) and the overall incidence would be 0.35% in ware potatoes (indicating a slight increase compared to the last growing season 0.31%) and 0.002% in seed.

In the Baltic countries, there were no findings of ring rot in seed and, as mentioned above, there was no ring rot in Estonia. However, the situation in Lithuania is challenging mainly due to an increase in the number of findings in ware potatoes giving ring rot incidence level 2.5% (1.9% last season), whilst in Latvia only slight improvement has been observed with 1% incidence (1.2% last season). In some places of production using farm saved seed for many years, there are recurrent ring rot outbreaks.

In the Nordic countries, ring rot was not found in Sweden (for the fifth consecutive year) whilst the disease has been eradicated in Denmark (not found since 2003). As mentioned above, for the first time no ring rot findings occurred in Finland.

After having sporadic outbreaks in both seed and ware potatoes until 2003, Austria found no ring rot for the thirteenth year in a row while keeping its level of sampling stable for both seed and ware potatoes. After the first findings in ware potatoes in 2014 and 2015, the situation in Hungary has improved with no findings in seed and ware potato production this year. Following the ring rot outbreaks in 2012, there have been no new outbreaks in Belgium and the United Kingdom for the fourth year in a row.

There was no ring rot contamination this year in Germany and no findings in seed for the fourth year in a row. There were no findings in seed or ware potatoes in the Netherlands and France in both seed and ware potatoes. Spain had one finding of ring rot in seed and one in ware. One finding occurred in ware potatoes in Slovakia; no findings occurred in seed.

The level of ring rot contamination increased further in Bulgaria as six cases of positive ware potatoes were reported (3 cases in 2015/2016). One positive case of ring rot was also identified in seed. The origin of the infection might be related to the use of non-certified seed and shared machinery. Italy and Greece, including Crete where ring rot outbreaks had occurred previously, did not find the bacterium for the eighth consecutive year; however, in both countries sampling density continues to be low in both seed and ware potatoes.

Some of the affected MS submitted more detailed information on applying the routine control measures taken as a consequence of findings. They also provided descriptions of measures taken in response to findings or interceptions in order to find the possible source and spread of the disease. Investigations carried out in MS with outbreaks (e.g. Bulgaria, Lithuania, Latvia) allowed either to find or to suspect a reason for infection (as in most cases no definite source of infection could be found). In MS with a high number of findings (e.g. Poland, Romania), finding a possible source of infection was not possible in most cases. This was principally because of mixed seeds of uncertain origins or use of farm saved seeds and lack of preventive hygiene measures in sharing machinery and storage facilities.



### 2.3. Interceptions

As indicated in Table 3, six interceptions of ring rot were reported during the last season, one in seed potatoes from Czech Republic reported by Poland (still under investigation at the time of reporting) and five in ware potatoes. The ware potatoes were from Poland (three notified by Romania with significant delay and one by United Kingdom) and Turkey (one reported by Bulgaria). The visual inspections carried out on marketed potatoes originating from other MS and third countries decreased by 5%. For the same period, laboratory testing increased by 8%. In total, 6,677 samples from potato consignments were examined in the laboratory whilst 7,313 were visually inspected.

### 2.4. Conclusions on ring rot

Survey efforts are still substantial although somewhat uneven across the EU, even when taking into account the phytosanitary situation in various MS. The differences in surveillance efforts between MS were similar to the previous growing season, in particular regarding ware potatoes in all groups. The overall sampling density increased to 51.9 ha/sample (60.5 ha/sample in the previous season). In the case of seed potatoes, most MS took one sample either from one lot or from 25 tonnes, which resulted in an overall average sampling density of 1.72 ha/sample, similar to that observed in the previous season (1.76 ha/sample).

As has been observed over previous years, the situation seems to be under control in countries with a large potato production, including seeds, such as France, United Kingdom, Germany and the Netherlands (all with no findings). Figure 1 shows the overall number of tests in seed potato and samples positive to ring rot in the EU since 2007. Three MS, Poland, Romania and Spain found ring rot in seed in 2016/2017.

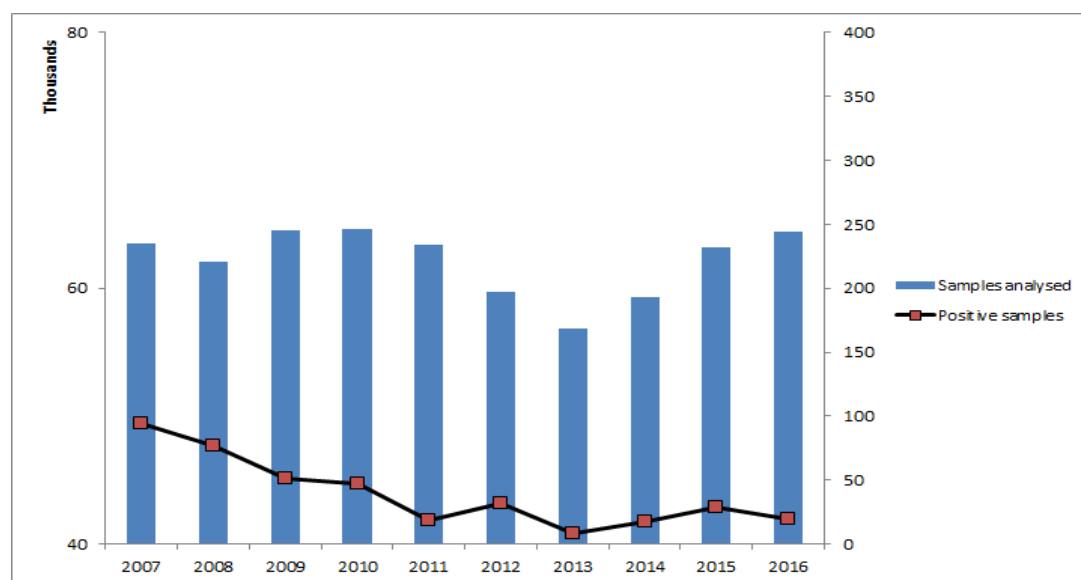


Figure 1. Overall number of tests in seed potato and samples positive to ring rot in the EU since 2007

When consistently applied, the control and precautionary measures prescribed in the control Directive, will eventually bring the disease under control and either eradicate it or reduce the amount of contamination to very low levels. The pathogen has been possibly eradicated from Greece as the current picture continues to be very promising.

Most contamination in the EU is found in Poland, where sampling efforts have significantly increased. Major progress was observed particularly in ware potatoes where ring rot incidence was significantly reduced and Poland has now dropped to the second highest position. However, the overall ring rot incidence is still high for both seed and ware potatoes and additional efforts are necessary. Romania continued its efforts and in seed it achieved a level of sampling and testing similar to that of the previous growing period. However, now it has the highest ring rot incidence within the EU. Figure 2 shows the overall number of tests in ware potato and samples positive to ring rot in the EU since 2007. In most cases, no definite source of the contamination could be identified.

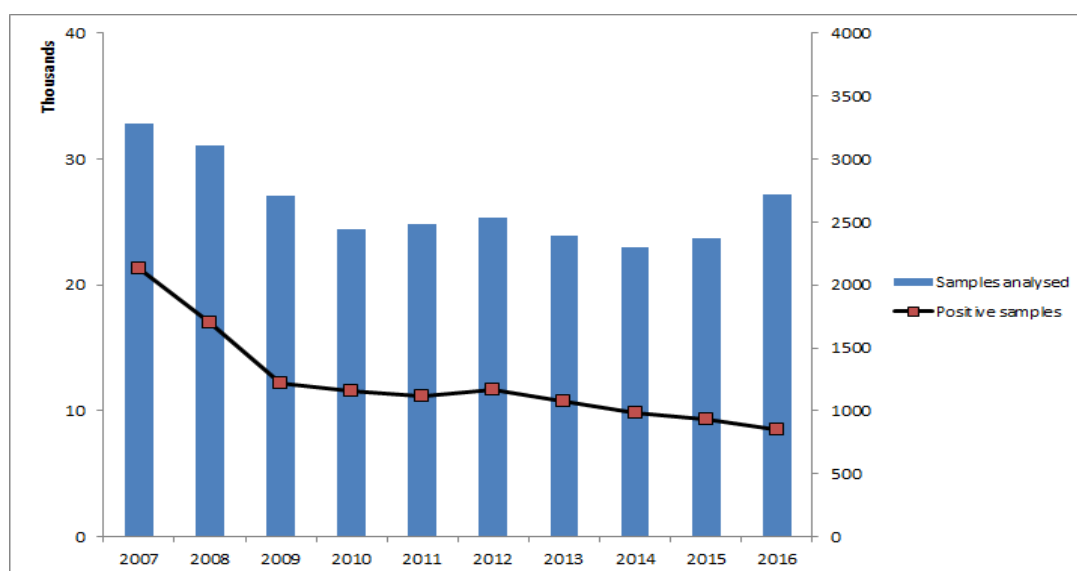


Figure 2. Overall number of tests in ware potato and samples positive to ring rot in the EU since 2007

Taking the EU as a whole, the ring rot incidence dropped in both seed and ware and the situation has improved since the previous growing period. Ring rot was found only in seven MS, the lowest number of affected MS since 2001. In addition, the total number of findings was lower and the overall ring rot incidence decreased further in 2016 (3.17% vs. 4% observed in 2015).

### 3. BROWN ROT (*RALSTONIA SOLANACEARUM*)

#### 3.1. Survey density 2016/2017

Table 7 shows the total survey activity of testing and visual inspection on various categories of domestic potatoes. Table 8 shows the survey activity in water and hosts other than potato and Table 9 shows the amount of testing and inspection carried out on non-domestic potatoes, i.e. potatoes from other MS or from third countries.

#### In potatoes

Table 12 shows the overall number of tests for latent infection in all MS since 1995. In 2016/2017, the numbers of samples taken for analysis from their own production in all MS amounted to 98,341 approximately 64% of which were seed. In addition to this, 6,898 samples of potatoes from other MS (mainly Dutch seed, but also German, Danish and British) or third countries were analysed.

In most MS, the numbers of samples analysed were similar to previous years. In the MS previously affected by brown rot, a significant increase in sampling was observed for seed potatoes in Czech Republic and Hungary and for ware potatoes in Bulgaria, Spain and Sweden. The Netherlands and Poland increased substantially sampling in both seed and ware potatoes. By contrast, France and Spain decreased somewhat their sampling in seed, whilst Belgium, Greece and Slovakia decreased further their sampling for ware. Portugal decreased further its sampling in ware. The Netherlands continue to apply a testing density of one sample of seed potatoes per lot. In case of “high risk profile” (e.g. outbreaks or clonal and/or contact links with contaminated material) and violations (e.g. prohibited use of surface water for irrigation) one sample per 25 tonnes was taken. For ware potatoes the “high risk profile” sampling rate is one sample per 150 tonnes.

The sampling density applied in MS for latent infection testing is calculated as for ring rot and shown in Table 10 where MS are grouped into three categories: 1) where brown rot has been, more or less, established for a while in potatoes, tomatoes or in wild hosts/water; 2) with only few, sporadic outbreaks; and 3) where brown rot has never occurred. The average for each group is indicated with the overall EU average at the bottom of the Table. For seed potatoes, the sampling density in group one is higher compared to the second and third groups. However, substantial variations between MS are observed within all groups. A similar situation is also observed in sampling density of ware potatoes.

Poland applied similar sampling density for seed as that of the previous growing period (0.6 ha/sample vs. 0.7 ha/sample in 2015/2016) and increased the density for ware from 20 ha/sample to 13.8 ha/sample. Bulgaria continued to apply slightly increased sampling densities compared to those of the previous growing period, 1.5 ha/sample for seed and 26.6 ha/sample for ware potatoes. The average sampling density of seed potatoes in this group (1.6 ha/sample) was similar to that of the previous season (1.8 ha / sample). Some of the MS in the first group have higher densities, from 0.5-0.9 ha/sample, whilst Greece, Italy and United Kingdom have significantly lower densities. Hungary, Poland, Portugal and Romania have the highest densities of seed potato testing, followed by Germany and the Netherlands.

In ware potato production, the average sampling density of the MS in group 1 (35.6 ha/sample) increased compared to the previous season (41.8 ha/sample). Poland continued its efforts and still has the highest sampling rates followed by Bulgaria, Slovakia, and the Netherlands. Some improvement in sampling densities of ware potatoes compared to the previous season could be noticed in Spain.

Sampling rates, similar to those of the previous growing season, were applied for seed and ware potatoes in the second and third groups. In the second group the average sampling densities were 2 ha and 113.8 ha / sample for seed and ware potatoes respectively. Sweden continued improving its sampling density in ware potatoes. Ireland after a ninth season without findings has stabilised its surveying efforts. Survey efforts in the third group are also diverse; the average sampling densities were 3.3 ha and 41.3 ha / sample for seed and ware potatoes respectively. Estonia, Cyprus and Lithuania were considerably above the EU average for seed potatoes and Malta and Lithuania for ware.

### **In water and other hosts**

Table 8 shows the survey activity in water and in hosts other than potato. The relevance of such sampling depends on the use of surface water for irrigation or spraying, the risk of flooding, the presence of wild hosts such as *Solanum dulcamara*, the growing of other hosts (e.g. tomato), and previous findings of the bacterium in the area. It is thus difficult from the information supplied to gauge and compare the efforts done in sampling water and other hosts. The geographical distribution of the samples is also essential if all relevant watercourses/production areas are to be covered. In table 8, “general survey” samples cannot be separated from samples taken to investigate outbreaks or delimit an infested watercourse.

The majority of MS conduct the surveys every year, focusing on cultivated and wild hosts. In some MS very little or no survey activity outside potatoes has taken place. An explanation for this is that in some of these countries, irrigation with surface water is uncommon or non-existent. In other MS, testing of water is an essential element in the surveying activity for the bacterium. Thus, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom continue to analyse a high number of water samples, as does Poland where the first findings of *R. solanacearum* in a potato crop occurred in 2014. Most other MS also regularly check their water bodies.

### **3.2. Detection/outbreaks**

#### **Potatoes**

Table 12 shows the number of infected lots found in each Member State since 1995. Five MS found brown rot during 2016/2017 season, the second lowest number of MS since 2000. In the Netherlands the bacterium was found in seed potato lots, whilst Hungary found the contamination in both seed and ware. In Poland, the bacterium occurred for a third season with the same incidence 0.01% in ware potatoes as in 2015/2016. In Portugal, and Spain the pathogen occurred again in ware potato production.

Table 11 shows the incidence of brown rot in these MS. As for ring rot, it is calculated as the number of positive lots as a percentage of samples analysed. The overall incidence in the EU is in general very low, and much lower than for ring rot, with findings in both seed and ware potatoes resulting in ca. 0.055% total EU disease incidence (0.078% in the last growing period).

In general, when compared to the last growing season the situation remained stable for most MS affected except Hungary and the Netherlands where the situation has worsened with significantly increased numbers of findings. In the Netherlands, the specific measures imposing restrictions on harvesting potatoes from flooded fields and the prohibition of irrigation of seed potato crops with surface water are still in place. However, the contamination appears to have been caused after flooding of a shallow seed potato production field by a nearby contaminated waterway. The competent authority raised awareness amongst seed potato producers to avoid growing seed potatoes too close to surface water.

After a single finding in 2008, Austria found no outbreaks for the eighth year in a row. Following the ware potato findings of 2009 the bacterium was not found in the United Kingdom or in Sweden for the seventh consecutive year. In Ireland,

intensive sampling of domestically produced potatoes and of all marketed seed potatoes prior to planting did not reveal infection, thus the 2007 findings in this country remain the only ones and the bacterium has been eradicated.

After its first outbreak in 2012 and seven more findings in the last growing period the bacterium was not found during 2016/2017 in Czech Republic, whilst in Slovakia all potato production remains free from brown rot since 2010. In Romania, after three successive growing seasons with recurrent outbreaks (2010-2012), no findings have occurred during the last four growing periods. No brown rot findings occurred during the last growing season in Bulgaria, France, Germany and Greece.

### **Water and other hosts**

Table 8 shows the number of positive samples from water and other hosts apart from potato. As in the previous two surveillance periods the bacterium was found in seven MS either in water or in wild host plants (or both). Of the samples taken from surface water in previously affected regions in Italy and Greece, none was found positive. In Belgium, no positive water samples were detected in the border of and outside the protected areas. In addition, of the 36 samples of *S. dulcamara* examined this year none was found to be positive.

In Germany, as in the previous years, the bacterium was found in surface water showing permanent contamination. Infection was also detected in one sample of *S. dulcamara*. However, the bacterium was not detected in samples of material (waste water, abraded potato peel, potato fluid and sand) discarded from potato processing plants.

In the Netherlands, a total of 111 samples tested positive out of 1,300 samples taken from surface water and in one sample of *S. dulcamara*. *R. solanacearum* was also detected in 79 out of 576 water samples tested in Hungary. Two more positive surface water samples were detected in Portugal; five samples taken from other hosts were negative. In Spain, 46 samples of surface water were found positive; there was also one case of infection in tomato crops. The bacterium was also detected this year in samples taken from waste and surface water in Czech Republic. In United Kingdom the bacterium was detected in six samples taken from surface water.

There were no findings of the bacterium in surface or waste water discarded from potato packers or processing factories in Ireland or in Poland. However, there were six positives in other hosts in Poland. The continued survey of waste and/or surface water in Austria, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, MS where brown rot findings occurred in the past, did not reveal any positive cases.

The bacterium was also found in *S. dulcamara* tested in Czech Republic (three positives). Detailed information has also been provided for testing carried out by the MS in other hosts, including *S. nigrum*, *S. melongena*, *Cucumis* sp., *Citrulus lanatus*, *Cucurbita* sp., *Bidens* sp., *Urtica dioica*, *Pelargonium* and *Capsicum* sp. with no findings.

### **3.3. Interceptions**

Two interceptions of potato consignments with brown rot were notified one from Turkey and one from Egypt.

### 3.4. Conclusions on *R. solanacearum*

Survey efforts are still uneven across the EU, even when taking into account the phytosanitary situation in the various MS. Figure 3 shows the overall number of tests in seed potato and samples positive to brown rot in the EU since 2007.

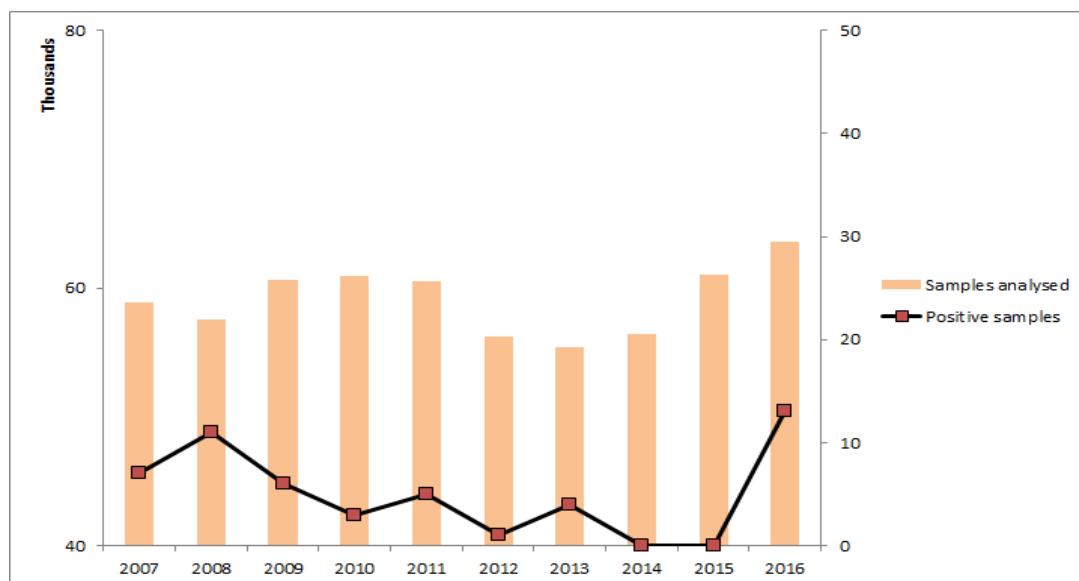


Figure 3. Overall number of tests in seed potato and samples positive to brown rot in the EU since 2007

In the case of seed potatoes, most MS take one sample either from one lot or from 25 tonnes, which resulted in an average sampling density of 1.7 ha/sample in 2016/2017, which is similar to that in the previous season. In the case of ware potatoes, the average sampling density increased somewhat to 40.6 ha/sample (46.5 in the last season). Figure 4 shows the overall number of tests in ware potato and samples positive to brown rot in the EU since 2007.

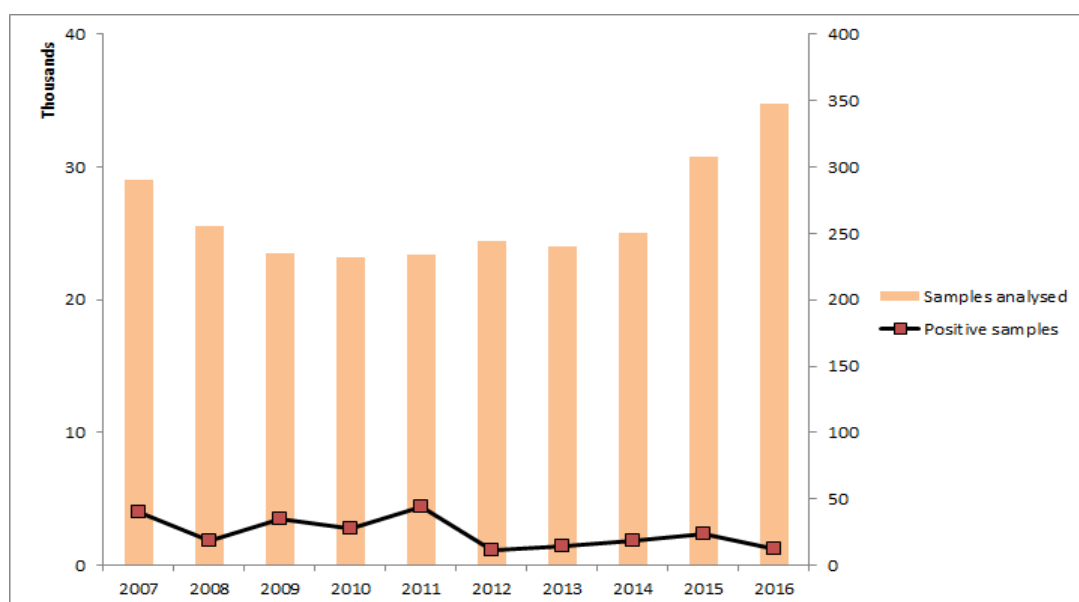


Figure 4. Overall number of tests in ware potato and samples positive to brown rot in the EU since 2007

In Hungary, the situation has deteriorated compared to the last growing season. After four years in a row without findings, the same applies for the Netherlands with brown rot findings in seed potato production. Although in some countries the pathogen is found in surface waters, limited irrigation or strict measures and control

of contaminated watercourses result in reduced risk for contamination of crops. In Spain, there was one outbreak in tomatoes.

Except for Hungary and the Netherlands, it seems that the situation has not worsened in any MS. Findings during the previous growing seasons in Bulgaria, France, Germany and Greece were not repeated this season. Poland, Spain and Portugal still need to manage with continuous findings of the pathogen. It is positive that the pathogen did not appear again in Romania after it was last found in 2012 as well as in Slovakia and Slovenia with last findings respectively in 2010 and 2011.

The overall incidence in potatoes in the EU (0.055%) has further decreased compared to the last two growing seasons (0.078% for 2015/2016 and 0.076% for 2014/2015). However, due to the repetition of findings in the seed potato production sector in MS which have been long-time affected by the disease, the positive trend observed cannot be considered as permanent yet.

#### **4. SITUATION IN SWITZERLAND**

Switzerland submitted survey results for seed potatoes (no data regarding ware potatoes production was received). Some 1,528 ha of seeds, pre-basic, basic and certified, were cultivated in 2016. In total, 153 samples were taken; that gives the sampling density rate some 10 ha per sample (the EU average is less than 2 ha/sample). Samples are tested for the two bacteria in parallel; no positives were found. Both crops and tubers are routinely inspected during the vegetation period and after harvest. There are no data whether or not tests of surface water or of host plants other than potatoes are carried out for the presence of *R. solanacearum*.

In April 2017 Switzerland, following a notification received by the Dutch competent authorities, reported an outbreak of *R. solanacearum* race 1 at two sites with several varieties of *Rosa* cultivated for cut flower production. Eradication measures have been taken and follow-up investigations are in place.

Switzerland also checks consignments of imported potatoes, both seeds and ware. All imported seed lots are checked. During the last season, 143 samples of seeds (from Austria, Belgium, France, Netherlands and Poland) were visually inspected and then laboratory tested for both bacteria. No sample was positive. In addition, 53 samples of ware potatoes from Spain were visually inspected. Again, no infection was found.

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**Table 1: Potato production area in the EU in 2016 (in ha)**

(source: Member States)

| Member State   | Seed              | Ware                | Total               |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Austria        | 1.685,51          | 19.325,24           | 21.010,75           |
| Belgium        | 2.240,66          | 85.790,00           | 88.030,66           |
| Bulgaria       | 182,75            | 11.889,05           | 12.071,80           |
| Croatia        | 20,00             | 9.500,00            | 9.520,00            |
| Cyprus         | 94,51             | 5.000,00            | 5.094,51            |
| Czech Republic | 2.919,00          | 20.496,00           | 23.415,00           |
| Denmark        | 4.589,00          | 39.709,00           | 44.298,00           |
| Estonia        | 235,27            | 5.600,00            | 5.835,27            |
| Finland        | 1.050,00          | 21.000,00           | 22.050,00           |
| France         | 19.096,00         | 155.595,00          | 174.691,00          |
| Germany        | 15.633,00         | 224.325,00          | 239.958,00          |
| Greece         | 190,10            | 21.315,62           | 21.505,72           |
| Hungary        | 211,00            | 18.000,00           | 18.211,00           |
| Ireland        | 253,00            | 8.721,00            | 8.974,00            |
| Italy          | 198,00            | 39.936,00           | 40.134,00           |
| Latvia         | 413,01            | 24.386,88           | 24.799,89           |
| Lithuania      | 157,50            | 13.964,70           | 14.122,20           |
| Luxembourg     | 356,00            | 201,00              | 557,00              |
| Malta          | 0,00              | 701,00              | 701,00              |
| Netherlands    | 36.434,00         | 117.226,00          | 153.660,00          |
| Poland         | 5.979,30          | 287.613,60          | 293.592,90          |
| Portugal       | 11,45             | 24.622,00           | 24.633,45           |
| Romania        | 738,24            | 50.359,00           | 51.097,24           |
| Slovakia       | 441,10            | 5.583,68            | 6.024,78            |
| Slovenia       | 31,72             | 3.147,00            | 3.178,72            |
| Spain          | 2.094,09          | 46.486,06           | 48.580,15           |
| Sweden         | 910,70            | 24.210,00           | 25.120,70           |
| United Kingdom | 14.839,00         | 127.978,60          | 142.817,60          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>111.003,91</b> | <b>1.412.681,43</b> | <b>1.523.685,34</b> |

**Surveys for *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus* on the domestic production, harvest 2016**

| Member State         | Type of potatoes                                 | Hectare          | Number of samples | Density (ha/sample) | Positive lots | Number of samples | Visual checks Symptomatic samples | Comments   |
|----------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Austria              | Seed (pre-basic)                                 | 6,65             | 9                 | 0,74                | 0             | 0                 | 0                                 |  |
|                      | Seed (basic)                                     | 494,84           | 342               | 1,45                | 0             | 304               | 0                                 |  |
|                      | Seed (certified)                                 | 1.184,02         | 851               | 1,39                | 0             | 668               | 0                                 |  |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                              | <b>1.685,51</b>  | <b>1.202</b>      | <b>1,40</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>972</b>        | <b>0</b>                          |  |
|                      | Ware   | 10.950,29        | 75                | 257,67              | 0             | 11                | 0                                 |  |
| <b>Other (TOTAL)</b> | <b>19.325,24</b>                                 | <b>75</b>        | <b>257,67</b>     | <b>0</b>            | <b>14</b>     | <b>0</b>          |                                   |  |
| Belgium              | Breeding material                                |                  | 5                 | 0,00                | 0             | 0                 | 0                                 | All lots inspected & sampled during grading  |
|                      | Seed (pre-basic)                                 | 59,68            | 52                | 1,15                | 0             | 47                | 0                                 | All parcels inspected during growth  |
|                      | Seed (basic)                                     | 1.926,66         | 891               | 2,16                | 0             | 534               | 0                                 | Sampling: pre-basic 10 samples/lot, basic S SE 1 sample/ha                                     |
|                      | Seed (certified)                                 | 254,32           | 134               | 1,90                | 0             | 128               | 0                                 | (max 4 samples/lot), Basic & Certified 1 sample/lot  |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                              | <b>2.240,66</b>  | <b>1.082</b>      | <b>2,07</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>709</b>        | <b>0</b>                          | 1-2 samples/lot  |
|                      | Farm saved seed                                  | 0,00             | 318               |                     | 0             | 166               | 0                                 | 1 sample/lot   |
|                      | Ware/industrial potatoes Targeted surveys (ware) | 85.790,00        | 318               | 134,89              | 0             | 318               | 0                                 |  |
| <b>Other (TOTAL)</b> | <b>85.790,00</b>                                 | <b>636</b>       | <b>134,89</b>     | <b>0</b>            | <b>484</b>    | <b>0</b>          |                                   |  |
| Bulgaria             | Seed (basic)                                     | 3,30             | 9                 | 0,37                | 0             | 9                 | 0                                 |  |
|                      | Seed (certified)                                 | 179,45           | 116               | 1,55                | 0             | 116               | 0                                 |  |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                              | <b>182,75</b>    | <b>125</b>        | <b>1,46</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>125</b>        | <b>0</b>                          |  |
|                      | Ware   | 11.889,05        | 441               | 26,96               | 7             | 441               | 0                                 | Pernik - 4 outbreaks - 67,6 ha. Sliven - 1 outbreak - 0,75 ha. Samokov - 1 outbreak - 0,55 ha. |
|                      | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                             | <b>11.889,05</b> | <b>447</b>        | <b>26,60</b>        | <b>7</b>      | <b>447</b>        | <b>0</b>                          | Additional 6 tuber samples for tracing related lots.   |
| Croatia              | Seed (certified)                                 | 20,00            | 22                | 0,91                | 0             | 17                | 0                                 |  |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                              | <b>20,00</b>     | <b>22</b>         | <b>0,91</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>17</b>         | <b>0</b>                          |  |
|                      | Farm saved seed                                  |                  |                   | #DIV/0!             | 0             |                   | 0                                 |  |
|                      | Ware incl. young pots                            | 9.500,00         | 107               | 88,79               | 0             | 39                | 0                                 |  |
|                      | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                             | <b>9.500,00</b>  | <b>107</b>        | <b>88,79</b>        | <b>0</b>      | <b>39</b>         | <b>0</b>                          |  |
| Cyprus               | Seed (certified)                                 | 94,51            | 104               | 0,91                | 0             | 104               | 0                                 | Two field inspections and one inspection during harvest;                                       |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                              | <b>94,51</b>     | <b>104</b>        | <b>0,91</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>104</b>        | <b>0</b>                          | All seed potato fields are inspected.  |
|                      | Ware   | 5.000,00         | 119               | 42,02               | 0             | 119               | 0                                 | Fields are selected randomly from all potato producing areas.                                  |
|                      | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                             | <b>5.000,00</b>  | <b>119</b>        | <b>42,02</b>        | <b>0</b>      | <b>119</b>        | <b>0</b>                          |  |
|                      | Breeding material                                |                  | 60                | 0,00                | 0             | 14                | 0                                 |  |
| Czech Republic       | Seed (pre-basic)                                 | 0,00             | 0                 | #DIV/0!             | 0             | 0                 | 0                                 |  |
|                      | Seed (basic)                                     | 335,00           | 378               | 0,89                | 0             | 0                 | 0                                 |  |
|                      | Seed (certified)                                 | 2.584,00         | 2.043             | 1,26                | 0             | 25                | 0                                 |  |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                              | <b>2.919,00</b>  | <b>2.481</b>      | <b>1,18</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>39</b>         | <b>0</b>                          |  |
|                      | Ware & Farm saved seed                           | 15.390,00        | 271               | 56,79               | 0             | 427               | 0                                 | Incl. volunteer potatoes   |
|                      | Industrial                                       | 5.106,00         | 166               | 30,76               | 0             | 42                | 0                                 |  |
|                      | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                             | <b>20.496,00</b> | <b>437</b>        | <b>46,90</b>        | <b>0</b>      | <b>469</b>        | <b>0</b>                          |  |
| Denmark              | Seed (pre-basic)                                 | 4.589,00         | 581               | 0,00                | 0             | 0                 | 0                                 |  |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                              | <b>4.589,00</b>  | <b>581</b>        | <b>7,90</b>         | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>                          |  |
|                      | Ware   | 39.709,00        | 358               | 0,00                | 0             | 0                 | 0                                 |  |
|                      | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                             | <b>39.709,00</b> | <b>358</b>        | <b>110,92</b>       | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>                          |  |



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| Member State   | Type of potatoes              | Hectareage       | Number of samples | Laboratory testing<br>Density (ha/sample) | Positive lots | Number of samples | Visual checks<br>Number of samples | Symptomatic samples | Comments   |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Italy  | Seed (certified)              | 198,00           | 30                | 6,60                                      | 0             | 46                | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>198,00</b>    | <b>30</b>         | <b>6,60</b>                               | <b>0</b>      | <b>46</b>         | <b>0</b>                           |                     |  |
|  | Ware                          | 37.059,00        | 177               | 182,56                                    | 0             | 350               | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Industrial                    | 2.877,00         | 26                |   | 0             | 81                | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>          | <b>39.936,00</b> | <b>203</b>        | <b>196,73</b>                             | <b>0</b>      | <b>431</b>        | <b>0</b>                           |                     |  |
| Latvia   | Seed (pre-basic)              | 20,55            | 30                | 0,69                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Seed (basic)                  | 26,75            | 22                | 1,22                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Seed (certified)              | 365,71           | 206               | 1,78                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     | Breeders' material   |
|  | Seed (other)                  | 0,11             | 11                | 0,01                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>413,12</b>    | <b>269</b>        | <b>1,54</b>                               | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>                           |                     |  |
| Lithuania  | Ware                          | 24.386,88        | 439               | 49,07                                     | 2             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Industrial                    |                  | 70                |   | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Other                         |                  | 58                |   | 4             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>          | <b>24.386,88</b> | <b>567</b>        | <b>43,01</b>                              | <b>6</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>                           |                     | Outbreaks of Crms of previous years, where SPPS carries out supervision  |
|  | Seed (pre-basic)              | 0,10             | 8                 | 0,01                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
| Lithuania  | Seed (basic)                  | 0,00             | 0                 | #DIV/0!                                   | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Seed (certified)              | 157,40           | 145               | 1,09                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>157,50</b>    | <b>153</b>        | <b>1,03</b>                               | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>                           |                     |  |
|  | Ware                          | 13.964,70        | 1.145             | 12,20                                     | 29            | 34                | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>          | <b>13.964,70</b> | <b>1.145</b>      | <b>12,20</b>                              | <b>29</b>     | <b>34</b>         | <b>0</b>                           |                     |  |
| Luxembourg   | Seed (pre-basic)              | 21,00            | 49                | 0,43                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Seed (basic)                  | 204,00           | 106               | 1,92                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Seed (certified)              | 131,00           | 34                | 3,85                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>356,00</b>    | <b>189</b>        | <b>1,88</b>                               | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>                           |                     |  |
|  | <b>Ware (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>201,00</b>    | <b>3</b>          | <b>67,00</b>                              | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>                           |                     |  |
| Malta  | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>0,00</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0,00</b>                               | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>                           |                     | 45 samples collected from open field potatoes and 4 from local ware potatoes<br>4 samples collected from local ware potatoes for F1 tests<br>sampling on field and greenhouse tomatoes/water |
|  | Ware                          | 701,00           | 33                | 21,24                                     | 0             | 33                | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Other (Tomatoes/Water)        | 365,00           | 51                | 7,16                                      | 0             | 35                | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>          | <b>701,00</b>    | <b>33</b>         | <b>21,24</b>                              | <b>0</b>      | <b>33</b>         | <b>0</b>                           |                     |  |
|  | Breeding material (+in vitro) |                  | 316               |   | 0             | 316               | 0                                  |                     |  |
| Netherlands  | Seed (pre-basic)              | 9.566,00         | 7.023             | 3,94                                      | 0             | 7023              | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Seed (basic)                  | 19.881,00        | 10.343            |   | 0             | 10343             | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Seed certified                | 6.987,00         | 3.821             | 1,83                                      | 0             | 3821              | 0                                  |                     |  |
|  | Seed other (targeted survey)  |                  | 0                 |   | 0             | 0                 | 0                                  |                     | 4 water samples collected from open water reservoirs   |
|  | Seed (export TC)              |                  | 674               |   | 0             | 674               | 0                                  |                     |  |
| <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>  | <b>36.434,00</b>              | <b>22.177</b>    | <b>1,64</b>       | <b>0</b>                                  | <b>22.177</b> | <b>0</b>          |                                    |                     |  |
| Farm saved seed incl. clone/breed material & material for starch prod. | 1.030,00                      | 497              |                   | 0   | 497           | 0                 |                                    |                     |  |
| Ware   | 73.032,00                     | 678              | 57,27             | 0   | 678           | 0                 |                                    |                     |  |
| Industrial (for starch)  | 43.164,00                     | 819              |                   | 0   | 819           | 0                 |                                    |                     |  |
| Ware other (targeted survey)   |                               | 53               |                   | 0   | 53            | 0                 |                                    |                     |  |
| <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>   | <b>117.226,00</b>             | <b>2.047</b>     | <b>57,27</b>      | <b>0</b>                                  | <b>2.047</b>  | <b>0</b>          |                                    |                     |  |

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| Member State                       | Type of potatoes     | Hectareage        | Number of samples | Laboratory testing<br>Density<br>(ha/sample) | Positive lots | Number of samples | Density<br>(ha/sample) | Visual checks<br>Number of<br>samples | Symptomatic<br>samples | Comments   |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|---------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Poland                             | Variety trials       | 102,70            | 733               | 0,14   | 0             | 73                | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (pre-basic)     | 121,90            | 234               | 0,52   | 0             | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (basic)         | 1.780,10          | 2.984             | 0,60   | 0             | 27                | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (certified)     | 3.974,60          | 5.682             | 0,70   | 8             | 1.017             | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>  | <b>5.979,30</b>   | <b>9.633</b>      | <b>0,62</b>                                  | <b>8</b>      | <b>1.117</b>      | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |
|                                    | Ware                 | 234.950,30        | 7.014             | 33,50  | 659           | 4.903             | 6                      | 6                                     | 6                      | In 8 cases results are still pending following screening test. |
|                                    | Industrial           | 48.380,20         | 5.126             | 9,44   | 31            | 744               | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
| Other (Farm - saved seed potatoes) | 4.283,10             | 1.295             | 3,31              | 34   | 241           | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     |                        |  |
| <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>               | <b>287.613,60</b>    | <b>13.435</b>     | <b>21,41</b>      | <b>724</b>                                   | <b>5.888</b>  | <b>6</b>          | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              |                        |  |
| Portugal                           | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>  | <b>11,45</b>      | <b>13</b>         | <b>0,88</b>                                  | <b>0</b>      | <b>13</b>         | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |
|                                    | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b> | <b>24.622,00</b>  | <b>142</b>        | <b>173,39</b>                                | <b>0</b>      | <b>142</b>        | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |
| Romania                            | Seed (pre-basic)     | 0,45              | 1                 | 0,45   | 0             | 1                 | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (basic)         | 45,88             | 92                | 0,50   | 0             | 92                | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (certified)     | 691,91            | 1.303             | 0,53   | 11            | 1.303             | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>  | <b>738,24</b>     | <b>1.396</b>      | <b>0,53</b>                                  | <b>11</b>     | <b>1.396</b>      | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |
|                                    | Ware                 | 49.428,68         | 1.243             | 39,77  | 84            | 1.347             | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Industrial           | 930,32            | 5                 | 186,06                                       | 0             | 5                 | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b> | <b>50.359,00</b>  | <b>1.248</b>      | <b>40,35</b>                                 | <b>84</b>     | <b>1.352</b>      | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |
| Slovakia                           | Seed (pre-basic)     | 0,00              | 0                 | #DIV/0!                                      | 0             | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (basic)         | 98,94             | 64                | 1,55   | 0             | 64                | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (certified)     | 342,16            | 109               | 3,14   | 0             | 109               | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>  | <b>441,10</b>     | <b>173</b>        | <b>2,55</b>                                  | <b>0</b>      | <b>173</b>        | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |
|                                    | Ware                 | 5.583,68          | 176               | 31,73  | 1             | 370               | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b> | <b>5.583,68</b>   | <b>176</b>        | <b>31,73</b>                                 | <b>1</b>      | <b>370</b>        | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |
|                                    | Seed (pre-basic)     | 1,93              | 8                 | 0,24   | 0             | 29                | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
| Seed (basic)                       | 21,90                | 6                 | 3,65              | 0  | 32            | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     |                        |  |
| Seed (certified)                   | 7,89                 | 6                 | 1,32              | 0  | 11            | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     |                        |  |
| <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                | <b>31,72</b>         | <b>20</b>         | <b>1,59</b>       | <b>0</b>                                     | <b>72</b>     | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              |                        |  |
| Ware                               | 3.147,00             | 60                | 52,45             | 0  | 60            | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     |                        |  |
| <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>               | <b>3.147,00</b>      | <b>60</b>         | <b>52,45</b>      | <b>0</b>                                     | <b>60</b>     | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              |                        |  |
| Spain                              | Seed (pre-basic)     | 78,85             | 18                | 4,38   | 0             | 12                | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (basic)         | 740,34            | 143               | 5,18   | 0             | 131               | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (certified)     | 1.274,90          | 649               | 1,96   | 1             | 464               | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>  | <b>2.094,09</b>   | <b>810</b>        | <b>2,59</b>                                  | <b>1</b>      | <b>607</b>        | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |
|                                    | Ware                 | 46.486,06         | 494               | 94,10  | 1             | 701               | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b> | <b>46.486,06</b>  | <b>494</b>        | <b>94,10</b>                                 | <b>1</b>      | <b>702</b>        | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |
|                                    | Seed (pre-basic)     | 587,70            | 176               | 3,34   | 0             | 160               | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
| Seed (basic)                       | 301,20               | 115               | 2,62              | 0  | 160           | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     |                        |  |
| Seed (certified)                   | 21,80                | 9                 | 2,42              | 0  | 160           | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     |                        |  |
| <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                | <b>910,70</b>        | <b>300</b>        | <b>3,04</b>       | <b>0</b>                                     | <b>480</b>    | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              |                        |  |
| Ware                               | 17.335,00            | 135               | 128,41            | 0  | 2.100         | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     |                        |  |
| Industrial                         | 6.875,00             | 73                | 94,18             | 0  | 0             | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     |                        |  |
| <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>               | <b>24.210,00</b>     | <b>208</b>        | <b>116,39</b>     | <b>0</b>                                     | <b>2.100</b>  | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              |                        |  |
| United Kingdom                     | Seed (pre-basic)     | 111,00            | 185               | 0,60   | 0             | 2                 | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (basic)         | 14.472,00         | 1.622             | 9,08   | 0             | 842               | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Seed (certified)     | 256,00            | 54                | 0  | 0             | 0                 | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>  | <b>14.839,00</b>  | <b>1.861</b>      | <b>7,97</b>                                  | <b>0</b>      | <b>844</b>        | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |
|                                    | Farm saved seed      | 600,00            | 0                 | #DIV/0!                                      | 0             | 32                | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | Ware potatoes        | 127.378,60        | 260               | 0  | 0             | 220               | 0                      | 0                                     | 0                      |  |
|                                    | <b>Other (ware)</b>  | <b>127.978,60</b> | <b>260</b>        | <b>492,23</b>                                | <b>0</b>      | <b>252</b>        | <b>0</b>               | <b>0</b>                              | <b>0</b>               |  |

**TABLE 3: Surveys for *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus* on potato "imports", 2016/2017 season**

| Member State   | Commodity             | Number of Samples | Positives | Number of visual checks | Positives | Remarks  |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| Austria        | Seed potatoes         | 94                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from NL and DE  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 16                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from EG   |
| Belgium        | Seed potatoes         | 587               | 0         | 289                     | 0         | Most from NL, FR and LU  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 231               | 0         | 231                     | 0         | Mainly from DE, FR, NL, and IL   |
| Bulgaria       | Seed potatoes         | 77                | 0         | 100                     | 0         | Mainly from NL and DE  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 53                | 1         | 454                     | 0         | 1 positive from TR, 2 intercepted lots                                   |
| Croatia        | Seed potatoes         | 85                | 0         | 99                      | 0         | Mainly from NL and DE  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 32                | 0         | 104                     | 0         | Mainly from BA, ES, DE, and NL   |
| Cyprus         | Seed potatoes         | 275               | 0         | 275                     | 0         | Mainly from NL   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         |  |
| Czech Republic | Seed potatoes         | 27                | 0         | 22                      | 0         | Mainly from NL and DE  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 54                | 0         | 38                      | 0         | Mainly from FR, PL and EG  |
| Denmark        | Seed potatoes         | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         |  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         |  |
| Estonia        | Seed potatoes         | 6                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From DE, DK, and NL  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 9                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From MA, EG, NL, ES, SE, LT and LV                                       |
| Finland        | Seed potatoes         | 136               | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From DE, DK, NL, and SE  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         |  |
| France         | Seed potatoes         | 163               | 0         | 163                     | 0         | Mainly from NL   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 1                 | 0         | 2                       | 0         | From PL and IL   |
| Germany        | Seed potatoes         | 263               | 0         | 134                     | 0         | Majority from NL and PL  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 25                | 0         | 467                     | 0         | Mainly from EG   |
| Greece         | Seed potatoes         | 296               | 0         | 296                     | 0         | Most from NL   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 302               | 0         | 302                     | 0         | From EG and TR   |
| Hungary        | Seed potatoes         | 54                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Most from NL, FR and DE  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         |  |
| Ireland        | Seed potatoes         | 106               | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from UK, and DE   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 48                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From IL  |
| Italy          | Seed potatoes         | 259               | 0         | 459                     | 0         | Mainly from NL   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 130               | 0         | 2.286                   | 0         | From TN  |
| Latvia         | Seed potatoes         | 78                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from DE and NL  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 23                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from ES, IT, MA and EG  |
| Lithuania      | Seed potatoes         | 19                | 0         | 6                       | 0         | From PL, DE, LV and NL   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 3                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From MA and EG   |
| Luxembourg     | Seed potatoes         | 35                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From CH, D, FR and NL  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 1                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From FR  |
| Malta          | Seed potatoes         | 16                | 0         | 16                      | 0         | Mainly from NL   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 3                 | 0         | 3                       | 0         | From NL  |
| Netherlands    | Seed potatoes         | 246               | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From BE, DK, DE, FR, DE and UK   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 216               | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from DE and BE  |
| Poland         | Seed potatoes         | 183               | 1         | 16                      | 0         | from DE and NL; <b>1 positive accomp. by CZ plant passport</b>           |
|                | Other potatoes        | 139               | 0         | 322                     | 0         | Mainly from CY and EG  |
| Portugal       | Seed potatoes         | 65                | 0         | 65                      | 0         | Mainly from NL and UK  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 28                | 0         | 28                      | 0         | From FR, NL and ES   |
| Romania        | Seed potatoes         | 180               | 0         | 200                     | 0         | Most from NL and DE  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 269               | 3         | 271                     | 0         | Most from EG, <b>3 positives from PL from non-compliant consignments</b> |
| Slovakia       | Seed potatoes         | 26                | 0         | 26                      | 0         | Mainly from DE and NL  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 123               | 0         | 123                     | 0         | Mainly from CZ, FR, and DE   |
| Slovenia       | Seed potatoes         | 12                | 0         | 2                       | 0         | Mainly from NL and DE  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 8                 | 0         | 6                       | 0         | Mainly from FR and IT  |
| Spain          | Seed potatoes         | 415               | 0         | 419                     | 0         | Most from NL and UK  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 103               | 0         | 33                      | 0         | Most from NL, UK and FR  |
| Sweden         | Seed potatoes         | 4                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From DE and UK   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 0                 | 0         | 19                      | 0         | From IL - only visual inspections.                                       |
| United Kingdom | Seed potatoes         | 1.029             | 0         | 27                      | 0         | Most from NL, FR and DE  |
|                | Other potatoes        | 124               | 1         | 7                       | 0         | <b>1 positive from PL</b>  |
| EU             | <b>Seed potatoes</b>  | <b>4.736</b>      | <b>1</b>  | <b>2.614</b>            | <b>0</b>  |  |
|                | <b>Other potatoes</b> | <b>1.941</b>      | <b>5</b>  | <b>4.696</b>            | <b>0</b>  |  |

**TABLE 4: Density of sampling for laboratory testing for *Clavibacter michiganensis* ssp. *sepedonicus* on the domestic potato production, harvest 2016**

| Member State           | Seed potatoes  |                |                                  | Ware potatoes    |                |                                  |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
|                        | Area (ha)      | No. of samples | Sampling density (ha per sample) | Area (ha)        | No. of samples | Sampling density (ha per sample) |
| Poland                 | 5.979          | 9.633          | 0,62                             | 287.614          | 13.435         | 21,41                            |
| Latvia                 | 413            | 269            | 1,54                             | 24.387           | 567            | 43,01                            |
| Lithuania              | 158            | 153            | 1,03                             | 13.965           | 1.145          | 12,20                            |
| Romania                | 738            | 1.396          | 0,53                             | 50.359           | 1.248          | 40,35                            |
| Germany                | 15.633         | 10.406         | 1,50                             | 224.325          | 2.538          | 88,39                            |
| Netherlands            | 36.434         | 22.177         | 1,64                             | 117.226          | 2.047          | 57,27                            |
| Bulgaria               | 183            | 125            | 1,46                             | 11.889           | 447            | 26,60                            |
| Spain                  | 2.094          | 810            | 2,59                             | 46.486           | 494            | 94,10                            |
| Slovakia               | 441            | 173            | 2,55                             | 5.584            | 176            | 31,73                            |
| Estonia                | 235            | 288            | 0,82                             | 5.600            | 145            | 38,62                            |
| Finland                | 1.050          | 470            | 2,23                             | 21.000           | 433            | 48,50                            |
| Sweden                 | 911            | 300            | 3,04                             | 24.210           | 208            | 116,39                           |
| Hungary                | 211            | 225            | 0,94                             | 18.000           | 215            | 83,72                            |
| Greece                 | 190            | 40             | 4,75                             | 21.316           | 421            | 50,63                            |
| Czech Republic         | 2.919          | 2.481          | 1,18                             | 20.496           | 437            | 46,90                            |
| <b>TOTAL - GROUP 1</b> | <b>67.589</b>  | <b>48.946</b>  | <b>1,38</b>                      | <b>892.456</b>   | <b>23.956</b>  | <b>37,25</b>                     |
| Denmark                | 4.589          | 581            | 7,90                             | 39.709           | 358            | 110,92                           |
| United Kingdom         | 14.839         | 1.861          | 7,97                             | 127.979          | 260            | 492,23                           |
| France                 | 19.096         | 10.189         | 1,87                             | 155.595          | 943            | 165,00                           |
| Belgium                | 2.241          | 1.082          | 2,07                             | 85.790           | 636            | 134,89                           |
| Austria                | 1.686          | 1.202          | 1,40                             | 19.325           | 75             | 257,67                           |
| Cyprus                 | 95             | 104            | 0,91                             | 5.000            | 119            | 42,02                            |
| Italy                  | 198            | 30             | 6,60                             | 39.936           | 203            | 196,73                           |
| <b>TOTAL - GROUP 2</b> | <b>42.743</b>  | <b>15.049</b>  | <b>2,84</b>                      | <b>473.334</b>   | <b>2.594</b>   | <b>182,47</b>                    |
| Croatia                | 20             | 22             | 0,91                             | 9.500            | 107            | 88,79                            |
| Malta                  | 0              | 0              |                                  | 701              | 33             | 21,24                            |
| Slovenia               | 32             | 20             | 1,59                             | 3.147            | 60             | 52,45                            |
| Ireland                | 253            | 175            | 1,45                             | 8.721            | 310            | 28,13                            |
| Luxembourg             | 356            | 189            | 1,88                             | 201              | 3              |                                  |
| Portugal               | 11             | 13             | 0,88                             | 24.622           | 142            | 173,39                           |
| <b>TOTAL - GROUP 3</b> | <b>672</b>     | <b>419</b>     | <b>1,60</b>                      | <b>46.892</b>    | <b>655</b>     | <b>71,59</b>                     |
| <b>TOTAL EU</b>        | <b>111.004</b> | <b>64.414</b>  | <b>1,72</b>                      | <b>1.412.681</b> | <b>27.205</b>  | <b>51,93</b>                     |

**TABLE 5: Incidence of ring rot in Member States where it occurred in the 2016 harvest**

| <u>Member State</u>            | <u>Type</u> | <u>Total no. of samples</u> | <u>No. of positive lots</u> | <u>No. of Rr cases</u> | <u>Incidence seed</u> | <u>Incidence ware</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Bulgaria</b>                | seed        | 125                         | 0                           | 0                      | 0,000%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 447                         | 7                           | 6                      |                       | 1,566%                |
| <b>Latvia</b>                  | seed        | 269                         | 0                           | 0                      | 0,000%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 567                         | 6                           | 6                      |                       | 1,058%                |
| <b>Lithuania</b>               | seed        | 153                         | 0                           | 0                      | 0,000%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 1.145                       | 29                          | 25                     |                       | 2,533%                |
| <b>Poland</b>                  | seed        | 9.633                       | 8                           | 0                      | 0,083%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 13.435                      | 724                         | 724                    |                       | 5,389%                |
| <b>Romania</b>                 | seed        | 1.396                       | 11                          | 8                      | 0,788%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 1.248                       | 84                          | 77                     |                       | 6,731%                |
| <b>Slovakia</b>                | seed        | 173                         | 0                           | 0                      | 0,000%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 176                         | 1                           | 1                      |                       | 0,568%                |
| <b>Spain</b>                   | seed        | 810                         | 1                           | 1                      | 0,123%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 494                         | 1                           | 1                      |                       | 0,202%                |
| <b>TOTAL EU-ring rot</b>       | seed        | 47.796                      | 20                          | 9                      | 0,042%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 22.833                      | 852                         | 840                    |                       | 3,731%                |
| <b>TOTAL EU28</b>              | seed        | 64.414                      | 20                          | 9                      | 0,031%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 27.205                      | 852                         | 840                    |                       | 3,132%                |
| <b>TOTAL EU27 (-PL)</b>        | seed        | 54.781                      | 12                          | 9                      | 0,022%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 13.770                      | 128                         | 116                    |                       | 0,930%                |
| <b>TOTAL EU26 (-PL&amp;RO)</b> | seed        | 53.385                      | 1                           | 1                      | 0,002%                |                       |
|                                | ware        | 12.522                      | 44                          | 39                     |                       | 0,351%                |







**Table 7**  
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| Member State  | Type of potatoes                                    | Hectareage   | no. of samples                                      | density (ha/sample)                 | no. positive lots             | tuber samples   | no. positive                    | crop inspections               | no. positive              | Comments   |
|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Estonia</b>  | Seed (pre-basic)                                    | 3.04   | 7   | 0.43                                | 0                             | 0   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | Seed (basic)  | 6.38   | 11  | 0.58                                | 0                             | 0   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | Seed (certified)                                    | 225.85   | 270   | 0.84                                | 0                             | 0   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                                 | <b>235.27</b>  | <b>288</b>  | <b>0.82</b>                         | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>                  |  |
|   | Ware potatoes                                       | 5.600,00   | 145   | 38,62                               | 0                             | 0   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                                | <b>5.600,00</b>  | <b>145</b>  | <b>38,62</b>                        | <b>0</b>                      | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>                  |  |
| <b>Finland</b>  | Seed (pre-basic)                                    | 225,00   | 98  | 2,30                                | 0                             | 278   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | Seed (basic)  | 438,00   | 163   | 2,69                                | 0                             | 237   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | Seed (certified)                                    | 368,00   | 198   | 1,86                                | 0                             | 199   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | Other seed  | 19,00  | 11  | 1,73                                | 0                             | 0   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                                 | <b>1.050,00</b>  | <b>470</b>  | <b>2,23</b>                         | <b>0</b>                      | <b>714</b>  | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>                  |  |
|   | Ware<br>Industrial<br><b>Other (TOTAL)</b>          | 15.500,00<br>5.500,00<br><b>21.000,00</b>                            | 347<br>86<br><b>433</b>                             | 44,67<br>35,23<br><b>48,50</b>      | 0<br>0<br><b>0</b>            | 0<br>0<br><b>0</b>                                    | 0<br>0<br><b>0</b>              | 0<br>0<br><b>0</b>             | 0<br>0<br><b>0</b>        |  |
| <b>France</b>   | Seed (pre-basic)                                    | 3.521,00   | 3.760   | 0,94                                | 0                             | 3.334   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | Seed (basic)  | 11.781,00  | 5.136   | 2,29                                | 0                             | 4.407   | 0                               | 29.000                         | 0                         |  |
|   | Seed (certified)                                    | 3.794,00   | 1.293   | 2,93                                | 0                             | 1.256   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                                 | <b>19.096,00</b>   | <b>10.189</b>                                       | <b>1,87</b>                         | <b>0</b>                      | <b>8.997</b>  | <b>0</b>                        | <b>29.000</b>                  | <b>0</b>                  |  |
|   | Ware potatoes<br>Industrial<br><b>Other (TOTAL)</b> | 133.220,00<br>22.375,00<br><b>155.595,00</b>                         | 943<br><b>943</b>                                   | 141,27<br><b>165,00</b>             | 0<br><b>0</b>                 | 0<br><b>0</b>   | 0<br><b>0</b>                   | 0<br><b>0</b>                  | 0<br><b>0</b>             |  |
|   | <b>Germany</b>                                      | Breeding material  | 0,00  | 907                                 | 0,00                          | 0   | 808                             | 0                              | 297                       | 0  |
| Seed (pre-basic)  |   | 1.010,00   | 1.617   | 0,62                                | 0                             | 1.617   | 0                               | 4.287                          | 0                         |  |
| Seed (basic)  |   | 5.361,00   | 3.023   | 1,77                                | 0                             | 2.865   | 0                               | 4.848                          | 0                         |  |
| Seed (certified)  |   | 9.262,00   | 4.512   | 2,05                                | 0                             | 4.753   | 0                               | 5.927                          | 0                         |  |
| Seed (samples from trade -DE)   |   | 0,00   | 347   | 0,00                                | 0                             | 346   | 0                               | 85                             | 0                         |  |
| <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b><br>Farm saved seed (own prod.)<br>Ware/industrial potatoes<br>Other<br><b>Other (TOTAL)</b> |   | <b>15.633,00</b><br>0,00<br>224.309,00<br>16,00<br><b>224.325,00</b> | <b>10.406</b><br>298<br>2.226<br>14<br><b>2.538</b> | <b>1,50</b><br>0,00<br><b>88,39</b> | <b>0</b><br>0<br><b>0</b>     | <b>10.389</b><br>298<br>46.294<br>14<br><b>46.606</b> | <b>0</b><br>0<br><b>0</b>       | <b>15.444</b><br>0<br><b>0</b> | <b>0</b><br>0<br><b>0</b> | <b>0</b><br>0<br><b>0</b>  |
| <b>Greece</b>   | Seed (certified)                                    | 190,10   | 40  | 4,75                                | 0                             | 40  | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                                 | <b>190,10</b>  | <b>40</b>   | <b>4,75</b>                         | <b>0</b>                      | <b>40</b>   | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                       | <b>0</b>                  |  |
|   | Ware outside Crete                                  | 19.335,62  | 227   | 85,18                               | 0                             | 230   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | Ware, Crete<br>Industrial<br><b>Other (TOTAL)</b>   | 1.990,00<br><b>21.315,62</b>   | 182<br><b>421</b>                                   | 10,88<br><b>50,63</b>               | 0<br><b>0</b>                 | 182<br><b>424</b>                                     | 0<br><b>0</b>                   | 0<br><b>0</b>                  | 0<br><b>0</b>             | 2 visual inspections of fields during growing season<br>62 lots of 227 used as farm saved seed.<br><br>Visual inspections of 182 fields. |
|   | Seed (pre-basic)                                    | 23,00  | 39  | 0,59                                | 0                             | 0   | 0                               | 11                             | 0                         |  |
|   | Seed (basic)  | 70,00  | 66  | 1,06                                | 0                             | 0   | 0                               | 56                             | 0                         |  |
| Seed (certified)  | 104,00  | 95   | 1,09  | 1                                   | 0                             | 0   | 45                              | 0                              |                           |  |
| Seed (breeding stock)   | 14,00   | 25   | 0,56  | 4                                   | 0                             | 0   | 38                              | 0                              |                           |  |
| <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b><br>Ware<br><b>Other (TOTAL)</b>   | <b>211,00</b><br>18.000,00<br><b>18.000,00</b>      | <b>225</b><br>215<br><b>215</b>                                      | <b>0,94</b><br>83,72<br><b>83,72</b>                | <b>5</b><br>7<br><b>7</b>           | <b>0</b><br>218<br><b>218</b> | <b>0</b><br>0<br><b>0</b>                             | <b>150</b><br>324<br><b>324</b> | <b>0</b><br>0<br><b>0</b>      | <b>0</b><br><b>0</b>      |  |
| <b>Ireland</b>  | Seed (pre-basic)                                    | 0,00   |   | #DIV/0!                             | 0                             | 0   | 0                               | 0                              | 0                         |  |
|   | Seed (basic)  | 253,00   | 175   | 1,45                                | 0                             | 800   | 0                               | 3                              | 0                         |  |
|   | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                                 | <b>253,00</b>  | <b>175,00</b>                                       | <b>1,45</b>                         | <b>0</b>                      | <b>800</b>  | <b>0</b>                        | <b>3</b>                       | <b>0</b>                  |  |
|   | Ware<br><b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                        | 8.721,00<br><b>8.721,00</b>  | 310<br><b>310</b>                                   | 28,13<br><b>28,13</b>               | 0<br><b>0</b>                 | 250<br><b>250</b>                                     | 0<br><b>0</b>                   | 0<br><b>0</b>                  | 0<br><b>0</b>             |  |

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| Member State         | Type of potatoes              | Hectareage       | no. of samples | density (ha/sample) | no. positive lots | tuber samples | no. positive | crop inspections | no. positive  | Comments  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|---|---|
| Italy                | Seed (certified)              | 198,00           | 30             | 6,60                | 0                 | 39            | 0            | 251              | 0   |   |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>198,00</b>    | <b>30</b>      | <b>6,60</b>         | <b>0</b>          | <b>39</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>251</b>       | <b>0</b>  |   |
|                      | Ware                          | 37.059,00        | 194            | 164,71              | 0                 | 383           | 0            | 705              | 0   |   |
|                      | Industrial                    | 2.877,00         | 31             |                     | 0                 | 81            | 0            | 126              | 0   |   |
|                      | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>          | <b>39.936,00</b> | <b>225</b>     | <b>177,49</b>       | <b>0</b>          | <b>464</b>    | <b>0</b>     | <b>831</b>       | <b>0</b>  |   |
| Latvia               | Seed (pre-basic)              | 20,55            | 30             | 0,69                | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (basic)                  | 26,75            | 22             | 1,22                | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (certified)              | 365,71           | 206            | 1,78                | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (other)                  | 0,11             | 60             | 0,00                | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   | Breeders material   |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>413,12</b>    | <b>318</b>     | <b>1,30</b>         | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>  |   |
| Lithuania            | Ware potatoes                 | 24.386,88        | 439            | 47,91               | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | Industrial                    |                  | 70             |                     | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | Other                         |                  | 58             |                     | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   | Outbreaks of CMS of previous years  |
|                      | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>          | <b>24.386,88</b> | <b>567</b>     | <b>43,01</b>        | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>  |   |
|                      | Seed (pre-basic)              | 0,10             | 8              | 0,01                | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
| Lithuania            | Seed (basic)                  | 0,00             | 0              | #DIV/0!             | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (certified)              | 157,40           | 145            | 1,09                | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 3                | 0   |   |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>157,50</b>    | <b>153</b>     | <b>1,03</b>         | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>3</b>         | <b>0</b>  |   |
|                      | Ware potatoes                 | 13.964,70        | 1.145          | 12,20               | 0                 | 34            | 0            | 29               | 0   |   |
|                      | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>          | <b>13.964,70</b> | <b>1.145</b>   | <b>12,20</b>        | <b>0</b>          | <b>34</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>29</b>        | <b>0</b>  |   |
| Luxembourg           | Seed (pre-basic)              | 21,00            | 49             | 0,43                | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 111              | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (basic)                  | 204,00           | 106            | 1,92                | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 324              | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (certified)              | 131,00           | 34             | 3,85                | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 165              | 0   |   |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>356,00</b>    | <b>189</b>     | <b>1,88</b>         | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>600</b>       | <b>0</b>  |   |
|                      | Ware                          | 201,00           | 3              | 67,00               | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 3                | 0   |   |
| Malta                | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>          | <b>201,00</b>    | <b>3</b>       | <b>67,00</b>        | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>  |   |
|                      | Seed (certified)              | 0,00             | 0              | #DIV/0!             | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>0,00</b>      | <b>0</b>       | <b>#DIV/0!</b>      | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>  | 29 samples from open field potatoes, 1 from local ware potatoes and 1 ware potatoes from the EU                   |
|                      | Ware potatoes                 | 701,00           | 31             | 22,61               | 0                 | 31            | 0            | 29               | 0   |   |
|                      | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>          | <b>701,00</b>    | <b>31</b>      | <b>22,61</b>        | <b>0</b>          | <b>31</b>     | <b>0</b>     | <b>29</b>        | <b>0</b>  |   |
| Netherlands          | Breeding material (+in-vitro) |                  | 316            |                     | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (pre-basic)              | 9.566,00         | 7.023          | 1,67                | 0                 | 7.023         | 0            | 0                | 0   | Findings related to one single source. Grower in 2015 whereby part of a field suffered from flooding in a summer. |
|                      | Seed (basic)                  | 19.881,00        | 10.343         |                     | 2                 | 10.343        | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (certified)              | 6.987,00         | 3.821          | 1,83                | 0                 | 3.821         | 0            | 0                | 0   | Positive lots with direct clonal links with the 2 findings in basic seed potatoes                                 |
|                      | Seed other (targeted survey)  |                  | 1.115          |                     | 6                 | 1.115         |              |                  |   |   |
|                      | Seed (export TC)              |                  | 674            |                     |                   |               |              |                  |   |   |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>36.434,00</b> | <b>23.292</b>  | <b>1,56</b>         | <b>8</b>          | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>         | <b>0</b>  |   |
|                      | FSS+material for starch       | 1.030,00         | 497            |                     | 0                 | 497           | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | Ware                          | 73.032,00        | 678            | 58,79               | 0                 | 678           | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
|                      | Industrial for starch         | 43.164,00        | 819            |                     | 0                 | 819           | 0            | 0                | 0   |   |
| <b>Other (TOTAL)</b> | <b>117.226,00</b>             | <b>1.994</b>     | <b>58,79</b>   | <b>0</b>            | <b>1.994</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>         |   |   |
| Poland               | Variety trials                | 102,70           | 744            | 0,14                | 0                 | 73            | 0            | 44               | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (pre-basic)              | 121,90           | 234            | 0,52                | 0                 | 0             | 0            | 28               | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (basic)                  | 1.780,10         | 2.984          | 0,60                | 0                 | 27            | 0            | 194              | 0   |   |
|                      | Seed (certified)              | 3.974,60         | 5.682          | 0,70                | 0                 | 1.017         | 0            | 1.602            | 0   |   |
|                      | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>           | <b>5.979,30</b>  | <b>9.644</b>   | <b>0,62</b>         | <b>0</b>          | <b>1.117</b>  | <b>0</b>     | <b>1.868</b>     | <b>0</b>  |   |
| Ware                 | 234.950,30                    | 8.248            | 28,49          | 1                   | 4.896             | 0             | 1.779        | 0                | Positives originate from farms already in quarantine since 2015 |   |
| Farm saved seed      | 4.283,10                      | 1.295            | 3,31           | 0                   | 241               | 0             | 213          | 0                |   |   |
| Industrial           | 48.380,20                     | 11.271           | 4,29           | 1                   | 669               | 0             | 614          | 0                |   |   |
| <b>Other (TOTAL)</b> | <b>287.613,60</b>             | <b>20.814</b>    | <b>13,82</b>   | <b>2</b>            | <b>5.806</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>2.606</b> | <b>0</b>         |   |   |

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| <u>Member State</u>   | <u>Type of potatoes</u>               | <u>Hectareage</u> | <u>Laboratory testing</u> |                            | <u>Visual inspections</u> |                      | <u>Comments</u>                 |                         |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
|                       |                                       |                   | <u>no. of samples</u>     | <u>density (ha/sample)</u> | <u>no. positive lots</u>  | <u>tuber samples</u> | <u>no. positive inspections</u> | <u>crop inspections</u> | <u>no. positive</u> |
| <b>Portugal</b>       | Seed (certified)                      | 11,45             | 13                        | 0,88                       | 0                         | 13                   | 0                               | 52                      | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                   | <b>11,45</b>      | <b>13</b>                 | <b>0,88</b>                | <b>0</b>                  | <b>13</b>            | <b>0</b>                        | <b>52</b>               | <b>0</b>            |
|                       | Ware                                  | 24.622,00         | 142                       | 173,39                     | 1                         | 142                  | 0                               | 244                     | 0                   |
|                       | Industrial                            | 0,00              | 0                         | #DIV/0!                    | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                  | <b>24.622,00</b>  | <b>142</b>                | <b>173,39</b>              | <b>1</b>                  | <b>142</b>           | <b>0</b>                        | <b>244</b>              | <b>0</b>            |
| <b>Romania</b>        | Seed (pre-basic)                      | 0,45              | 1                         | 0,45                       | 0                         | 1                    | 0                               | 1                       | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (basic)                          | 45,88             | 92                        | 0,50                       | 0                         | 92                   | 0                               | 17                      | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (certified)                      | 691,91            | 1.303                     | 0,53                       | 0                         | 1.303                | 0                               | 246                     | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                   | <b>738,24</b>     | <b>1.396</b>              | <b>0,53</b>                | <b>0</b>                  | <b>1.396</b>         | <b>0</b>                        | <b>264</b>              | <b>0</b>            |
|                       | Ware                                  | 49.428,68         | 1.243                     | 39,77                      | 0                         | 1.347                | 0                               | 1.347                   | 0                   |
|                       | Industrial                            | 930,32            | 5                         | 186,06                     | 0                         | 5                    | 0                               | 5                       | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                  | <b>50.359,00</b>  | <b>1.248</b>              | <b>40,35</b>               | <b>0</b>                  | <b>1.352</b>         | <b>0</b>                        | <b>1.352</b>            | <b>0</b>            |
| <b>Slovakia</b>       | Breeding material                     |                   |                           | #VALUE!                    | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (pre-basic)                      | 0,00              | 0                         | #DIV/0!                    | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (basic)                          | 98,94             | 64                        | 1,55                       | 0                         | 64                   | 0                               | 106                     | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (certified)                      | 342,16            | 109                       | 3,14                       | 0                         | 109                  | 0                               | 198                     | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                   | <b>441,10</b>     | <b>173</b>                | <b>2,55</b>                | <b>0</b>                  | <b>173</b>           | <b>0</b>                        | <b>304</b>              | <b>0</b>            |
|                       | Ware potatoes                         | 5.583,68          | 176                       | 31,73                      | 0                         | 370                  | 0                               | 206                     | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                  | <b>5.583,68</b>   | <b>176</b>                | <b>31,73</b>               | <b>0</b>                  | <b>370</b>           | <b>0</b>                        | <b>206</b>              | <b>0</b>            |
|                       | Seed (pre-basic)                      | 1,93              | 8                         | 0,24                       | 0                         | 29                   | 0                               | 58                      | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (basic)                          | 21,90             | 6                         | 3,65                       | 0                         | 32                   | 0                               | 64                      | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (certified)                      | 7,89              | 6                         | 1,32                       | 0                         | 11                   | 0                               | 22                      | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                   | <b>31,72</b>      | <b>20</b>                 | <b>1,59</b>                | <b>0</b>                  | <b>72</b>            | <b>0</b>                        | <b>144</b>              | <b>0</b>            |
| Ware potatoes         | 3.147,00                              | 60                | 52,45                     | 0                          | 60                        | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       |                     |
| Other                 |                                       | 0                 | #DIV/0!                   | 0                          | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                  | <b>3.147,00</b>   | <b>60</b>                 | <b>52,45</b>               | <b>0</b>                  | <b>60</b>            | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>            |
| <b>Spain</b>          | Seed (pre-basic)                      | 78,85             | 15                        | 5,26                       | 0                         | 12                   | 0                               | 70                      | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (basic)                          | 740,34            | 143                       | 5,18                       | 0                         | 131                  | 0                               | 819                     | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (certified)                      | 1.274,90          | 649                       | 1,96                       | 0                         | 464                  | 0                               | 1.553                   | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                   | <b>2.094,09</b>   | <b>807</b>                | <b>2,59</b>                | <b>0</b>                  | <b>607</b>           | <b>0</b>                        | <b>2.442</b>            | <b>0</b>            |
|                       | Ware (inc. farm cons. & potato waste) | 46.486,06         | 496                       | 93,72                      | 2                         | 692                  | 0                               | 800                     | 0                   |
|                       | Industrial                            | 0,00              | 0                         |                            | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                  | <b>46.486,06</b>  | <b>496</b>                | <b>93,72</b>               | <b>2</b>                  | <b>692</b>           | <b>0</b>                        | <b>800</b>              | <b>0</b>            |
|                       | Seed (pre-basic)                      | 587,70            | 176                       | 3,34                       | 0                         | 160                  | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (basic)                          | 301,20            | 115                       | 2,62                       | 0                         | 160                  | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (certified)                      | 21,80             | 9                         | 2,42                       | 0                         | 160                  | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                   | <b>910,70</b>     | <b>300</b>                | <b>3,04</b>                | <b>0</b>                  | <b>480</b>           | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>            |
| Ware                  | 17.335,00                             | 208               | 116,39                    | 0                          | 2.100                     | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       |                     |
| Industrial            | 6.875,00                              | 208               | 116,39                    | 0                          | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       |                     |
|                       | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                  | <b>24.210,00</b>  | <b>208</b>                | <b>116,39</b>              | <b>0</b>                  | <b>2.100</b>         | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>            |
| <b>United Kingdom</b> | Seed (pre-basic)                      | 111,00            | 185                       | 0,60                       | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (basic)                          | 14.472,00         | 1.622                     | 8,92                       | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | Seed (certified)                      | 256,00            | 54                        |                            | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Seed (TOTAL)</b>                   | <b>14.839,00</b>  | <b>1.861</b>              | <b>7,97</b>                | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>            |
|                       | Farm saved seed                       | 600,00            | 0                         |                            | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | Ware potatoes                         | 127.378,60        | 260                       | #DIV/0!                    | 0                         | 0                    | 0                               | 0                       | 0                   |
|                       | <b>Other (TOTAL)</b>                  | <b>127.978,60</b> | <b>260</b>                | <b>492,23</b>              | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>             | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>                | <b>0</b>            |

Both positives in the province of Jaen, one of the fields irrigated with contaminated water

TABLE 8: Surveys for *Ralstonia solanacearum* in water and non-potato hosts in 2016

| Member State    | Waste water/soil (processing) |              |                | Water sampling |              |              | Other hosts  |                 |                      | Tomatoes or other hosts |              |              |   | Comments |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|----------|
|                 | no. of samples                | no. positive | no. of samples | Surface water  |              | no. samples  | no. positive | no. inspections | no. plants inspected | no. lab. tests          | no. positive | no. positive | no. positive  |          |
|                 |                               |              |                | no. of samples | no. positive |              |              |                 |                      |                         |              |              |   |          |
| Austria         | 0                             | 0            | 9              | 0              | 0            | 6            | 0            | 32              | 80,725               | 14                      | 0            | 0            | Other hosts - different host plants including tomatoes intended for production. Water samples from rivers   |          |
| Belgium         | 48                            | 0            | 425            | 0              | 0            | 36           | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            | Other hosts: <i>Solanum dulcamara</i> in rivers outside P.A.  |          |
| Bulgaria        | 4                             | 0            | 27             | 0              | 0            | 9            | 0            | 44              | 29,207               | 1                       | 0            | 0            | Other hosts: <i>Solanum nigrum</i>  |          |
| Croatia         | 0                             | 0            | 12             | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 37              | 0                    | 28                      | 0            | 0            |   |          |
| Cyprus          | 0                             | 0            | 0              | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            |   |          |
| Czech Republic  | 30                            | 2            | 144            | 18             | 3            | 184          | 3            | 3               | 0                    | 1                       | 0            | 0            | Other hosts: <i>S. dulcamara</i> (3 positive), <i>Urtica dioica</i> , <i>Bidens</i> spp., <i>Mentha</i> spp   |          |
| Denmark         | 0                             | 0            | 0              | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            | Irrigation has no significance in Denmark   |          |
| Estonia         | 0                             | 0            | 0              | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            | Irrigation has no significance in Estonia   |          |
| Finland         | 0                             | 0            | 0              | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            | Irrigation has no significance in Finland   |          |
| France          | 0                             | 0            | 269            | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            |   |          |
| Germany         | 79                            | 0            | 69             | 9              | 1            | 208          | 1            | 1               | 100                  | 0                       | 0            | 0            | Hosts include: <i>S. dulcamara</i> (24, 1 positive), <i>Pelargonium</i> (56), Tomato plants (41), Others (87)   |          |
| Greece          | 0                             | 0            | 6              | 0              | 0            | 68           | 0            | 51              | 1,392,707            | 169                     | 0            | 0            | 6 surface water (river) samples from Preveza  |          |
| Hungary         | 0                             | 0            | 576            | 79             | 0            | 65           | 0            | 34              | 12                   | 2                       | 0            | 0            | 52 <i>Rosa</i> , 13 <i>S. dulcamara</i> , all negative  |          |
| Ireland         | 23                            | 0            | 0              | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            |   |          |
| Italy           | 0                             | 0            | 61             | 0              | 0            | 93           | 0            | 215             | 3,061,862 + ND       | 179                     | 0            | 0            | <i>Capsicum annuum</i> , <i>Sol. melongena</i> , <i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> for processing, <i>Cucumis</i> sp., <i>Citrullus lanatus</i> , <i>Cucurbita</i> |          |
| Latvia          | 0                             | 0            | 26             | 0              | 0            | 26           | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            | Other hosts: <i>S. dulcamara</i> (19) and <i>S. nigrum</i> (7)  |          |
| Lithuania       | 0                             | 0            | 30             | 0              | 0            | 3            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            | Other hosts: <i>S. dulcamara</i> from the riverside   |          |
| Luxembourg      | 0                             | 0            | 0              | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            |   |          |
| Malta           | 0                             | 0            | 4              | 0              | 0            | 28           | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 22                      | 0            | 0            | Tomatoes: 15 samples from open field tomato crops and 13 samples collected from greenhouses.  |          |
| Netherlands     | 0                             | 0            | 1,300          | 111            | 1            | 3            | 1            | 0               | 0                    | 100                     | 0            | 0            | Other hosts: <i>S. dulcamara</i> , 1 positive   |          |
| Poland          | 3,418                         | 0            | 1,010          | 0              | 6            | 283          | 6            | 394             | 49,036,346           | 1                       | 0            | 0            |   |          |
| Portugal        | 0                             | 0            | 10             | 2              | 0            | 5            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            | Samples of <i>Rosa</i> taken in green houses subject to eradication measures; 2 positive samples in irrigation water.   |          |
| Romania         | 0                             | 0            | 1              | 0              | 0            | 1            | 0            | 110             | 201,2500             | 1                       | 0            | 0            | Other hosts: <i>Solanum dulcamara</i>   |          |
| Slovakia        | 0                             | 0            | 37             | 0              | 0            | 5            | 0            | 10              | 13                   | 1                       | 0            | 0            | Other hosts: <i>Solanum dulcamara</i>   |          |
| Slovenia        | 0                             | 0            | 14             | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 189             | 2,240,000            | 0                       | 0            | 0            |   |          |
| Spain           | 0                             | 0            | 124            | 46             | 0            | 16           | 0            | 157             | 21,090,904           | 1,185                   | 1            | 1            | Positive in a greenhouse in the province of Almeria   |          |
| Sweden          | 0                             | 0            | 0              | 0              | 0            | 0            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            | Irrigation has no significance in Sweden  |          |
| United Kingdom  | 15                            | 0            | 541            | 6              | 0            | 8            | 0            | 0               | 0                    | 0                       | 0            | 0            | Other hosts: <i>Solanum dulcamara</i> ; 6 <i>Rs</i> found at 2 locations along Sixteen Foot drain   |          |
| <b>TOTAL EU</b> | <b>3,617</b>                  | <b>2</b>     | <b>4,695</b>   | <b>271</b>     | <b>11</b>    | <b>1,047</b> | <b>11</b>    | <b>1,277</b>    |                      | <b>1,704</b>            | <b>1</b>     | <b>1</b>     |   |          |

**TABLE 9: Surveys for *Ralstonia solanacearum* on potato "imports", 2016/2017 season**

| Member State   | Commodity             | Number of samples | Positives | Number of visual checks | Positives | Remarks                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|---|
| Austria        | Seed potatoes         | 94                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from NL and DE                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 16                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from EG                            |
| Belgium        | Seed potatoes         | 587               | 0         | 289                     | 0         | Most from NL, FR and LU                   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 231               | 0         | 231                     | 0         | Mainly from DE, FR, NL, and IL            |
| Bulgaria       | Seed potatoes         | 77                | 0         | 100                     | 0         | Mainly from NL and DE                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 53                | 1         | 454                     | 0         | Mainly from TR: one positive lot          |
| Croatia        | Seed potatoes         | 85                | 0         | 99                      | 0         | Mainly from NL and DE                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 46                | 0         | 280                     | 0         | Mainly from EG and BA                     |
| Cyprus         | Seed potatoes         | 275               | 0         | 275                     | 0         | Mainly from NL and DE                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         |   |
| Czech Republic | Seed potatoes         | 130               | 0         | 22                      | 0         | Mainly from DE and NL                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 54                | 0         | 38                      | 0         | Mainly from DE, FR, PL and EG             |
| Denmark        | Seed potatoes         | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         |   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         |   |
| Estonia        | Seed potatoes         | 6                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from DE                            |
|                | Other potatoes        | 9                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from LV                            |
| Finland        | Seed potatoes         | 136               | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From DE, NL, DK, and SE                   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         |   |
| France         | Seed potatoes         | 163               | 0         | 163                     | 0         | Mainly from NL                            |
|                | Other potatoes        | 1                 | 0         | 3                       | 0         | From PL and IL                            |
| Germany        | Seed potatoes         | 263               | 0         | 134                     | 0         | Mainly from NL                            |
|                | Other potatoes        | 92                | 0         | 811                     | 0         | Mainly from EG                            |
| Greece         | Seed potatoes         | 296               | 0         | 296                     | 0         | Most from NL                              |
|                | Other potatoes        | 302               | 0         | 302                     | 0         | From EG                                   |
| Hungary        | Seed potatoes         | 54                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Most from NL and DE                       |
|                | Other potatoes        | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from PL                            |
| Ireland        | Seed potatoes         | 106               | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from UK and DE                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 48                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From IL and PL                            |
| Italy          | Seed potatoes         | 254               | 0         | 450                     | 0         | Mainly from NL                            |
|                | Other potatoes        | 130               | 0         | 2.286                   | 0         | From EG, IL and TN                        |
| Latvia         | Seed potatoes         | 78                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from DE and NL                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 23                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From various MS                           |
| Lithuania      | Seed potatoes         | 19                | 0         | 6                       | 0         | From various MS                           |
|                | Other potatoes        | 3                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From MA and EG                            |
| Luxembourg     | Seed potatoes         | 35                | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From CH, D, FR and NL                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 1                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         | From FR                                   |
| Malta          | Seed potatoes         | 16                | 0         | 16                      | 0         | Mainly from NL                            |
|                | Other potatoes        | 3                 | 0         | 3                       | 0         | From NL                                   |
| Netherlands    | Seed potatoes         | 246               | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from BE, DK, DE, FR and UK         |
|                | Other potatoes        | 216               | 0         | 0                       | 0         | Mainly from BE, DE, FR, and PL            |
| Poland         | Seed potatoes         | 183               | 0         | 16                      | 0         | Mainly from DE and NL                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 139               | 1         | 322                     | 0         | From various MS; includes EG (1 positive) |
| Portugal       | Seed potatoes         | 65                | 0         | 65                      | 0         | Mainly from NL and UK                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 28                | 0         | 28                      | 0         | From FR and ES                            |
| Romania        | Seed potatoes         | 180               | 0         | 200                     | 0         | Most from NL and DE                       |
|                | Other potatoes        | 269               | 0         | 271                     | 0         | Most from EG and RS                       |
| Slovakia       | Seed potatoes         | 26                | 0         | 26                      | 0         | Mainly from NL and DE                     |
|                | Other potatoes        | 123               | 0         | 123                     | 0         | Mainly from CZ, FR, DE and NL             |
| Slovenia       | Seed potatoes         | 12                | 0         | 2                       | 0         | Mainly from NL                            |
|                | Other potatoes        | 54                | 0         | 126                     | 0         | Mainly from EG                            |
| Spain          | Seed potatoes         | 415               | 0         | 419                     | 0         | Most from NL and UK                       |
|                | Other potatoes        | 103               | 0         | 33                      | 0         | Most from NL , UK and FR                  |
| Sweden         | Seed potatoes         | 0                 | 0         | 0                       | 0         |   |
|                | Other potatoes        | 0                 | 0         | 19                      | 0         |   |
| United Kingdom | Seed potatoes         | 1.029             | 0         | 27                      | 0         | Most from NL and FR                       |
|                | Other potatoes        | 124               | 0         | 7                       | 0         | Mainly from FR, ES, EG, and IL            |
| <b>EU</b>      | <b>Seed potatoes</b>  | <b>4.830</b>      | <b>0</b>  | <b>2.605</b>            | <b>0</b>  |   |
|                | <b>Other potatoes</b> | <b>2.068</b>      | <b>2</b>  | <b>5.337</b>            | <b>0</b>  |   |

**TABLE 10: Density of sampling for laboratory testing for *Ralstonia solanacearum* on the domestic potato production, harvest 2016**

| Member State           | Seed potatoes  |                |                                  | Ware potatoes    |                |                                  |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
|                        | Area (ha)      | No. of samples | Sampling density (ha per sample) | Area (ha)        | No. of samples | Sampling density (ha per sample) |
| Bulgaria               | 183            | 125            | 1,5                              | 11.889           | 447            | 26,6                             |
| Netherlands            | 36.434         | 23.292         | 1,6                              | 117.226          | 1.994          | 58,8                             |
| Germany                | 15.633         | 10.406         | 1,5                              | 224.325          | 2.538          | 88,4                             |
| Spain                  | 2.094          | 807            | 2,6                              | 46.486           | 496            | 93,7                             |
| Hungary                | 211            | 225            | 0,9                              | 18.000           | 215            | 83,7                             |
| Poland                 | 5.979          | 9.644          | 0,6                              | 287.614          | 20.814         | 13,8                             |
| Portugal               | 11             | 13             | 0,9                              | 24.622           | 142            | 173,4                            |
| Romania                | 738            | 1.396          | 0,5                              | 50.359           | 1.248          | 40,4                             |
| Slovakia               | 441            | 173            | 2,5                              | 5.584            | 176            | 31,7                             |
| Greece                 | 190            | 40             | 4,8                              | 21.316           | 421            | 50,6                             |
| Italy                  | 198            | 30             | 6,6                              | 39.936           | 225            | 177,5                            |
| Belgium                | 2.241          | 1.082          | 2,1                              | 85.790           | 848            | 101,2                            |
| United Kingdom         | 14.839         | 1.861          | 8,0                              | 127.979          | 260            | 492,2                            |
| <b>TOTAL - GROUP 1</b> | <b>79.193</b>  | <b>49.094</b>  | <b>1,6</b>                       | <b>1.061.125</b> | <b>29.824</b>  | <b>35,6</b>                      |
|                        |                |                |                                  |                  |                |                                  |
| Austria                | 1.686          | 1.202          | 1,4                              | 19.325           | 75             | 257,7                            |
| Czech Republic         | 2.919          | 469            | 6,2                              | 20.496           | 439            | 46,7                             |
| France                 | 19.096         | 10.189         | 1,9                              | 155.595          | 943            | 165,0                            |
| Ireland                | 253            | 175            | 1,4                              | 8.721            | 310            | 28,1                             |
| Slovenia               | 32             | 20             | 1,6                              | 3.147            | 60             | 52,5                             |
| Sweden                 | 911            | 300            | 3,0                              | 24.210           | 208            | 116,4                            |
| <b>TOTAL - GROUP 2</b> | <b>24.896</b>  | <b>12.355</b>  | <b>2,0</b>                       | <b>231.494</b>   | <b>2.035</b>   | <b>113,8</b>                     |
|                        |                |                |                                  |                  |                |                                  |
| Croatia                | 20             | 22             | 0,9                              | 9.500            | 107            | 88,8                             |
| Cyprus                 | 95             | 104            | 0,9                              | 5.000            | 119            | 42,0                             |
| Denmark                | 4.589          | 581            | 7,9                              | 39.709           | 358            | 110,9                            |
| Estonia                | 235            | 288            | 0,8                              | 5.600            | 145            | 38,6                             |
| Finland                | 1.050          | 470            | 2,2                              | 21.000           | 433            | 48,5                             |
| Latvia                 | 413            | 318            | 1,3                              | 24.387           | 567            | 43,0                             |
| Lithuania              | 158            | 153            | 1,0                              | 13.965           | 1.145          | 12,2                             |
| Luxembourg             | 356            | 189            | 1,9                              | 201              | 3              |                                  |
| Malta                  | 0              | 0              |                                  | 701              | 31             | 22,6                             |
| <b>TOTAL - GROUP 3</b> | <b>6.915</b>   | <b>2.125</b>   | <b>3,3</b>                       | <b>120.063</b>   | <b>2.908</b>   | <b>41,3</b>                      |
|                        |                |                |                                  |                  |                |                                  |
| <b>EU</b>              | <b>111.004</b> | <b>63.574</b>  | <b>1,7</b>                       | <b>1.412.681</b> | <b>34.767</b>  | <b>40,6</b>                      |



**TABLE 11: Incidence of brown rot in Member States where it occurred in the 2016 harvest**

| <b>Member State</b>       |      | <b>Total no. of samples</b> | <b>No. of positive lots</b> | <b>No. of Br cases</b> | <b>Incidence seed</b> | <b>Incidence ware</b> |
|---------------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Hungary</b>            | seed | 225                         | 5                           | 2                      | 2,222%                |                       |
|                           | ware | 215                         | 7                           | 2                      |                       | 3,256%                |
| <b>Netherlands</b>        | seed | 23.292                      | 8                           | 1                      | 0,034%                |                       |
|                           | ware | 1.994                       | 0                           | 0                      |                       | 0,000%                |
| <b>Poland</b>             | seed | 9.644                       | 0                           | 0                      | 0,000%                |                       |
|                           | ware | 20.814                      | 2                           | 2                      |                       | 0,010%                |
| <b>Portugal</b>           | seed | 13                          | 0                           | 0                      | 0,000%                |                       |
|                           | ware | 142                         | 1                           | 1                      |                       | 0,704%                |
| <b>Spain</b>              | seed | 807                         | 0                           | 0                      | 0,000%                |                       |
|                           | ware | 496                         | 2                           | 2                      |                       | 0,403%                |
| <b>TOTAL EU-brown rot</b> | seed | 33.981                      | 13                          | 3                      | 0,038%                |                       |
|                           | ware | 23.661                      | 12                          | 7                      |                       | 0,051%                |
| <b>TOTAL EU28</b>         | seed | 63.574                      | 13                          | 3                      | 0,020%                |                       |
|                           | ware | 34.767                      | 12                          | 7                      |                       | 0,035%                |



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