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**JRC-Breast Cancer Services project, update current state**

The project is as before in a state of suspension. It was foreseen that the project would come alive again after the 2018 summer holidays, however this did not materialize.

A complex of causes is responsible for the further delay:

1. The JRC project lead ( mrs. Donata Lerda) suffered an accident early 2018, and as a result she stepped down from her position in the project. Only recently a successor was named, ( mrs. Annett Janusch-Roi). So far no face to face contact has taken place, we did see however some renewed activity on the “Guidelines” side this month.
2. JRC has come to the conclusion that the QA-scheme needs an owner that also can be held responsible for its contents in the future. As the QA scheme is intended to be a private scheme it is not befitting a formal EC institution to act as the owner of the scheme. There fore JRC is contemplating the best way forward in this respect.
3. JRC has experienced strong opinions against a mandatory role for ISO 15189 for especially the field of Pathology in the ISO/IEC 17065 based Quality Assurance scheme for Breast cancer Services. Although JRC accepts and understands the logic from an EA perspective , it now seems to block the way forward.

Points 2 and 3 have prompted Elke Anklam, Director at JRC for Health, Consumer and Reference Materials.of JRC to approach the EA-chair directly on this issue, a contact which took place last July and during which she explained the hurdles that JRC experience.

The Chair gave some further clarification, we have to assume JRC is working on how to proceed from here.