



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTÉ
WELTGESUNDHEITSORGANISATION
ВСЕМИРНАЯ ОРГАНИЗАЦИЯ ЗДРАВООХРАНЕНИЯ

REGIONAL OFFICE FOR EUROPE
BUREAU RÉGIONAL DE L'EUROPE
REGIONALBÜRO FÜR EUROPA
ЕВРОПЕЙСКОЕ РЕГИОНАЛЬНОЕ БЮРО

Head office:

UN City, Marmorvej 51,
DK-2100 Copenhagen Ø, Denmark
Tel.: +45 45 33 70 00; Fax: +45 45 33 70 01
Email: contact@euro.who.int
Website: <http://www.euro.who.int>

Date: 25 November 2021

Mr Arunas Dulkys
Minister of Health
Ministry of Health
Vilniaus g. 33
Lithuania

Our reference:	Your reference:
Notre référence:	Votre référence:
Unser Zeichen:	Ihr Zeichen:
См. наш номер:	На Ваш номер:

Dear Sir,

As part of the annual accreditation procedure, the National Measles/Rubella Laboratory of your country was reviewed during the second and third quarters of 2021 by the WHO Regional Office for Europe.

Based on the results of this review, I am pleased to inform you that the National Laboratory is fully accredited as a WHO Measles/Rubella National Laboratory for 2022. Enclosed are the scope of the accreditation and the recommendations of the review for your information.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the WHO European Region has experienced a drastic and unprecedented decrease in the number of measles cases reported by the Member States. The risk of measles resurgence in the Region is real. It is crucial to sustain high quality measles and rubella surveillance including rapid and quality epidemiological and laboratory investigation and use of available molecular tools for case confirmation and outbreak characterization.

The implementation of the European Immunization Agenda 2030 (EIA2030), adopted by the 71st Regional Committee for Europe in September 2021, will provide us the framework to enhance comprehensive surveillance of vaccine-preventable diseases including measles and rubella elimination and strengthen immunization delivery and monitoring systems thereby contributing to primary health care and universal health coverage.

I take this opportunity to thank you personally for your ongoing support to measles and rubella elimination and congratulate the staff of the National Measles/Rubella Laboratory on the successful accreditation.

Yours very truly,

Dr Hans Henri P. Kluge
Regional Director

Copy for information to:

Ms Radvilė Jakaitienė, Adviser, Strategic Planning and Management Division, Ministry of Health, Vilniaus g. 16, LT-01506 Vilnius, Lithuania

Mr Donatas Tamulaitis, Ministre-conseiller, Chargé d'affaires a.i., Permanent Mission of Lithuania to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, Chemin Louis-Dunant 15, CH-1202 Geneva, Switzerland

H.E. Ms Gintė Bernadeta Damušis, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania, Bernstorffsvej 214, 2920 Charlottenlund, Denmark

Ms Ingrida Zurlyte, Head of WHO Office, WHO Country Office, Lithuania, Didžioji gatvė 22, LT-01128 Vilnius, Lithuania