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The head of Quarantine Service Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation (MALR), Dr. Ali Soliman, visited Italy from 28th to 30th July, within the SPIIE project for the first time.

Dr. Soliman and Dr. Di Terlizzi – the coordinator of SPIIE project – visited the Regional Phytosanitary Services of Friuli Venezia Giulia to verify controls on incoming potatoes and vegetables at the sea Port of Trieste and to visit the laboratories of Pozzuolo (TS). Moreover they met the responsible of the Port Authority to verify the customs' controls.

On 30th of July the first meeting of an **Institutional Table** took place in Bari among the head of Central Phytosanitary Services, Dr. Desantis, the Head of Phytosanitary Service Apulia Region, Dr. Guario, the representative of Ministry of Health Dr. Monteleone, the representative of Apulia Region - Mediterranean Department Dr. Bruno and IAM-B team. It was a relevant event also because for the first time the head of the two National Phytosanitary Services, met directly and were talking face to face, also if they were in touch since long time through mail and e-mail. The aim of the meeting was to define a road map for the activation and the harmonization of shared procedures for sanitary and phytosanitary control of fruit and vegetables at the entry points.

Italian Health Ministry and Agricultural Ministry was willing to support the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation in harmonization of fruits and vegetables controls at the exit points and in accreditation of laboratory analysis for sanitary, phytosanitary and toxicological controls.



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At the end of the meeting, the table proposed a meeting among all *stakeholders*, involving the *Commercial Office of Egyptian Embassy in Rome*.

A mission of involved Italian Ministries and Regional Phytosanitary Services of Friuli Venezia Giulia was planned for next months in order to *select laboratories of analysis that could be accredited* and to close the informatics platform realized by project (Service Centre) that will be tested during the next potatoes' campaign.