Figure 1: Structural organization of the partners of the National Reference Centers (NRC) project demonstrating their relationship. The Scientific Institute of Public Health (WIV-ISP) receives scientific advice and financial and legal support from respectively the “Medical-Technical Advisory Board (MTAB)” and the “Rijksinstituut voor ziekte- en invaliditeitsverzekering / Institut national d’assurance maladie-invalidité (RIZIV/INAMI)”. The selected NRCs work in close collaboration with other partners to collect appropriate data, samples and reference materials. Data are transferred from the NRC through the WIV-ISP to the ECDC (European Centre for Disease prevention Control) or WHO (World Health Organization).