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FIBROTARGET

- GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ATHENS

The Greek capital served as the backdrop for the consortium's General Assembly, held on 21-22 March, with the attendance of EFCCA's Head of Communication, Isabella Haaf, whose presence ensured the alignment of this project with patient needs.

IDEA-FAST

- 5TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Horizon 2020 project's GA took place in Desenzano del Garda, on 12-13 March. EFCCA was represented by its CEO, Luisa Avedano, who provided the patient perspective at the event.





has launched the "Voices from the IBD Community" campaign.

miGut-Health

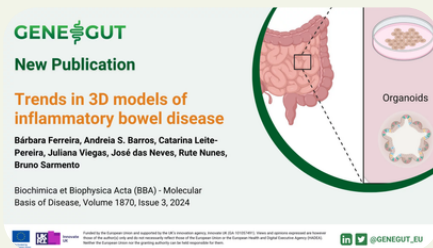
- **NEW CLIP AND PROJECT'S INSIGHTS**

The consortium has created an engaging informational clip and

GENEGUT

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GENEGUT released its first publication on "Trends in 3D models of inflammatory bowel disease" by i3S. The project also launched the 3rd instalment of its explainer video series.



research findings and outlined the action plan for 2024.

GlycanTrigger

- **2ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

On 23-24 April, the consortium held its 2nd GAM in Leiden, where members reported on latest activities and

METHYLOMIC

- **PROJECT UPDATES**

The inaugural issue of the METHYLOMIC Matters podcast, the consortium's first newsletter and a recap from WP5 of the year are among the latest news of the project.



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FIBROTARGET GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On 21-22 March, the consortium held its 2nd GA in Athens. Two intense days, during which the progress of the project to date was presented, as well as the prospects for the next months.

The meeting commenced with a welcome from project coordinators and KU Leuven professors Severine Vermeire and Gianluca Matteoli. A "Speed Meeting" icebreaker activity followed, designed to prepare participants for the day's discussions.

During this first day, EFCCA Head of Communications, Isabella Haaf provided valuable insights into patient preferences for IBD treatment, emphasising the importance of considering the patient perspective in all discussions.

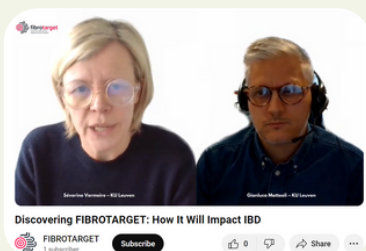
On the final day, the consortium split into three workshop focus areas (pre-clinical, diagnostic/prognostic, and clinical) to foster collaboration across different work groups and address key



challenges and opportunities. Discussions centred on identifying main risks and needs, setting future milestones and exploring communication and dissemination strategies.

With the next months set to be incredibly busy, the consortium is poised to make significant progress in advancing IBD research and treatment. Discover more about the project on the [FIBROTARGET website!](#)

'DISCOVERING FIBROTARGET' VIDEO



FIBROTARGET has launched a YouTube page. In the [first video](#), coordinators Séverine Vermeire and Gianluca Matteoli discuss the project's mission, aims and implications for people with IBD. Viewers will learn about how this project aims to change the status quo in IBD fibrosis and fibrostenosis.



This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe Research & Innovation programme under grant agreement No 101080523.

IDEA-FAST 5TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY



With over 100 participants from 50 partner organisations, the assembly discussed project progress, challenges, and upcoming actions. Work package leaders presented updates and debated collaborative steps forward.

The meeting included a patient Q&A session, allowing about 20 participants to share their perspectives, pose questions and

offer feedback. EFCCA's CEO Luisa Avedano was also present, integrating patient perspectives into the event discussions.

Having recruited over 1100 patients, IDEA-FAST is making significant progress towards its goals, demonstrating a collective commitment to achieving milestones and ensuring lasting impact. Visit the project's [website](#) for further details.



This project has received funding from the Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking under grant agreement No 853981.

miGut-Health PROJECT CLIP

The consortium has released an engaging animated project clip that aims to raise awareness of IBD among the wider public

Through the character of Naomi, the clip shows what it can be like living with IBD, before explaining the key aspects of the research conducted in miGut-Health, demonstrating which way is the consortium striving to enable people with IBD to actively manage their health and self-care, leading to an improved quality of life.



Click on the image to see the video on YouTube. Learn more about the project on the miGut-Health [website](#).

'VOICES FROM THE IBD COMMUNITY' CAMPAIGN

miGut-Health launched a campaign to raise awareness of IBD by giving a voice directly to those living with the condition. Recognising the media's



misrepresentation of IBD, the campaign invited individuals with IBD to share their experiences and highlight what matters most to them.

The campaign, supported by EFCCA, targets scientists, researchers, families and friends of those with IBD, and is based on contributions collected through a brief survey.

You can still participate in the campaign by filling out the [questionnaire](#).



This project has received funding from the European Union and is supported by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI).

GENEGUT: PROJECT UPDATES

A new publication explores trends in 3D models of IBD. Also, the project launched a video that delves into the concept of regional drug delivery

GENEGUT partners at i3S have reviewed the latest developments in 3D models that help understand and study intestinal inflammation. The publication on "Trends in 3D models of inflammatory bowel disease" suggests ways to develop models that more closely mimic IBD. Read more on it [here](#).

GENEGUT

"What is regional delivery?" is the 3rd video of the project's explainer series. Dr. Vincent Jannin and Prof. Brendan Griffin discuss the importance of regional drug delivery in Crohn's disease treatment, different challenges and the GENEGUT's mission to develop innovative capsule technology. Find the video on both GENEGUT's [website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).



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GlycanTrigger GAM

Coordinator Prof. Salomé S. Pinho led two days of intensive discussions about the progress and next steps of the project

The GlycanTrigger project convened its 2nd General Assembly Meeting on 23 and 24 April in Leiden, Netherlands, hosted by Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC). Over 15 consortium members attended.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome from the project coordinator, Salomé Pinho, and Manfred Wuhrer, the Work Package (WP) 1 leader from LUMC. The first day included presentations from representatives of WP1, 3, 4 and 6, who discussed current progress and challenges. On the second day, WP2 and WP5 provided updates on their work, followed by valuable feedback from External Advisory Board Members. Their insights



were crucial in defining the next steps for the project.

Our European Project Officer, Maria Stella De Rocchis, was present to provide updates on EFCCA activities throughout 2023 and to outline plans for the upcoming years, thus ensuring that our efforts remain centred on enhancing outcomes for people living with IBD.

Visit the [GlycanTrigger website](#) to learn more about the project.



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METHYLOMIC: PROJECT UPDATES



The first METHYLOMIC Matters podcast was published on the website. In this inaugural episode, Dr. Anje te Velde and Prof. Wouter de Jonge explored the concept of DNA methylation changes in IBD and their potential as biomarkers for therapy response, among other significant topics. Discover more [here](#).



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The project has released its first 'METHYLOMIC Matters' podcast and also its inaugural newsletter.

The consortium has also released the first issue of a newsletter aimed to keep informed about its most important developments and achievements. You can read it [here](#).

Additionally, the project has released a [recap](#) from Work Package 5 of year 1. Click here to learn more on [METHYLOMIC](#).