

NEW EUROPEAN MICROBIOME CENTRES CONSORTIUM HELPS ENSURE BETTER COLLABORATION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN MICROBIOME

Brussels, February 29th, 2024 - The **European Microbiome Centres Consortium (EMCC)**, a network of institutions working to ensure coherence and collaboration among leading experts in the field of human microbiome, launched today during the final conference of the EU-funded project Human Microbiome Action.

In the past years, several links between changes in the human microbiome and various diseases have been observed, but clear connections are yet unknown. The European Microbiome Centres Consortium, launched through the EU-funded Human Microbiome Action project, aims to unlock these connections and starts a new phase of European research and innovation in the field.

"The EMCC is committed to promoting and harmonizing standards for microbiome research, ensuring robust and reliable methodologies and practices across the research community. We aim to promote regulatory frameworks in Europe, advocating for the acknowledgement of scientific consensus and requirements in the field of microbiome research. This will foster innovative translational developments, potentially transforming preventive nutrition and healthcare." - Joël Doré, scientific coordinator of the Human Microbiome Action project, and member of INRAE, one of the five founding partners.

The EMCC is launched by five founding partners across Europe: EMBL (European Molecular Biology Laboratory), UCC (University College Cork), University of Trento, UCPH (University of Copenhagen) and INRAE (Institut National de Recherche pour l'agriculture, l'alimentation et l'environnement). Their aim after the conference will be to open it to broaden the networks to Europe-wide members who wish to contribute to this topic.

In addition to its scientific mission, the EMCC is committed to raising awareness and educating the general public and healthcare professionals about the importance of the human microbiome in health and disease.

The conference

To learn more about the EMCC and the human microbiome, we invite you to the conference "[Navigating Policies Safeguarding Public Health, and Charting Future Frontiers](#)" which will be held on **February 29th, 2024 both online and at Les Ateliers des Tanneurs in Brussels**. Distinguished speakers include Dirk Hadrich (EU Commission – DG Research and Innovation), Pascale Vonaesch (Microbiota Vault initiative), Joël Doré and Emmanuelle Maguin (INRAE), Dirk Haller (Technical University of Munich), Céline Druart (Pharmabiotic Research Institute), Paul Ross (APC Microbiome Ireland).

Find the [agenda link here](#) and the [online registration](#) (contact us if you plan to attend in person).



Human Microbiome Action

[Human Microbiome Action](#) is an EU-funded Horizon 2020 project aimed at creating coherence and harmony in the way human microbiome research is and will be performed. The project has lasted for 3 years (2021-2024) and has been coordinated by France's National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE).

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